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PARTY ALL NIGHT!

It's obvious that the glamour world is home to red carpets and parties. And the stars, just like the rest of us, simply need an excuse to throw a party! Any excuse will do, really. From launching a new movie or music album to celebrating the success of these things to birthdays and anniversaries, there are countless reasons to arrange for some merrymaking. In the last couple of years or so, sehri parties have become a new trend. And there have been several. And of course Star Showbiz has been present in some of them. Gaan Bangla's sehri party was one such event we attended.

In this issue, we look back on the glitz and glamour of that star-studded sehri party and at the same time, the spirit of togetherness that such a party can bring among the guests.

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Sehri had always been a sleepy and sluggish affair. As the alarm goes off, we used to get up and drag ourselves to the dining table. Going out to have sehri was deemed unnecessary back in those days.

But going out for sehri has become extremely popular in the last few years. The roads are empty, allowing for a fantastic opportunity to go for a drive. People started flocking to Old Dhaka, and soon enough, restaurants in newer parts of the town had caught on, with queues and crowds around them.

Soon enough, throwing sehri parties started becoming a trend. We'd like to believe that it perhaps began casually enough: a few friends meeting up for a sleepover at home during Ramadan and going to eat out for sehri. Then soon, perhaps, it made sense to have a proper sehri party. When you invite guests over for iftar, they may complain about the horrible traffic or how they wouldn't be able to make it because of work or other engage-

ments. For sehri, such excuses are out of question. And if not anything else, it's just a new craze – added to already existing one about actually going out in order to have sehri, that is.

STARS SHINE IN THE NIGHT: GAAN BANGLA'S SEHRI

Needless to say, this was a star-studded one. Obviously, there were many renowned artists from the music industry. But the guest list was not limited to that stratum: there were models and many other stars present.

Ayub Bachchu appeared in his signature black attire. The talented singer Armeen Musa came in flaunting a beautiful sari, looking as gorgeous as she always does. Tahsan, who had robbed the hearts of countless fans with his magical voice and his suave looks, also graced the occasion. The long list of guests included many others, and indeed the place was flooded with celebrities, from seniors to the seasoned to the relatively new.

The party started around 10pm and lasted till dawn. The stars were always ready to meet up with their friends or colleagues in the industry. Therefore, even after a hectic day, they had attended the party - being as dazzling and cheerful as always. With great food and glowing conversations regarding music and movies and just about anything under the sun, the sehri party had indeed done what any party should strive to do: bring in people and cut them loose!

And the party organised by Gaan Bangla did just that, and the spirit of togetherness was indeed very much evident.

STAR SHOWBIZ TO ARRANGE MEET-UPS

Ramadan is now over; and so are the sehri parties. But we will never run out of excuses to have get-togethers. Star Showbiz is happy to announce that it will, in the near future, organise such events. The guest-lists would surely be exclusive, but

they would reflect a wide range of segments.

Exchanging information, experiences and opinions is important. Therefore, the guests would include people from various segments of show business, from musicians to actors to makers. After all, it is important that different people from different industries that make up the glamour world understand each other well. It is only then we could expect such industries and artistry – be it music, modelling, television or cinema – to prosper. And there would be members from the general audience too. For example, with so many Eid programmes that had been aired, the artists themselves could gauge the reaction and receive feedback directly from the audience through such a discussion. It will be a monthly affair.

Till then, keep up the spirit of unity and joy that we so relished in sehris and iftars and of course, in the Eid.

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