

HOROSCOPES



ARIES
(MAR. 21- APRIL 20)

Real estate investments will payoff. Don't involve yourself in the emotional problems of those you work with. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



TAURUS
(APR. 21- MAY 21)

If you're in the mood, go out and socialise, or get involved in sports activities. Avoid getting trapped in internal disputes. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Take care of any pressing health problems. Do something special for them. Your nerves are frazzled. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Tell it like it is. Professional duties might be pressing. Control those desires to cast your fate to the wind. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



LEO
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Feeling under the weather may be a result of overindulgence. Get friends to help you with the preparations. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



VIRGO
(AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)

Self-improvement projects will payoff in more ways than one. Tempers will mount if you are too pushy at work. Get busy. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



LIBRA
(SEPT. 24 -OCT. 23)

You can look around for the right place. Travel will be exciting. You can have an enjoyable time if you socialise with friends. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



SCORPIO
(OCT. 24 -NOV. 21)

Your own small business on the side sounds pretty lucrative. Avoid conflicts. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22 -DEC. 21)

You can learn from those who have had similar experiences. You can learn a great deal if you listen to those who are older. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22 -JAN. 20)

Residential moves will be in your best interest. You can make new friends if you get involved in group activities. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



AQUARIUS
(JAN. 21 -FEB. 19)

Pleasure trips will ease the tension. Try to spend time with those having similar interests. Go to the top if you're being harassed. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



PISCES
(FEB. 20 -MARCH. 20)

Use your ingenuity to manipulate things to get what you want. Someone you live with will be impossible. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SHOP SPECIAL

A Qurbani milestone for Bangladesh

Unlike many other Muslim-majority countries of the world, Bangladesh lags behind on the cattle-logistics of Eid-ul-Adha. The streets, filled with cows and goats, become unclean and inconvenient. Post-Qurbani, the foul smell and gore take days – even weeks – to go away entirely. Why can we not have proper abattoirs like many other countries do?

The wait is over. For the first time in Bangladesh, Bengal Meat has introduced an Eid-ul-Adha service, where you can buy cows and the rest (from caring for the cattle to slaughtering to butchering) is their headache. If the hassles of going to the 'haat', looking after the cattle, slaughtering it and cleaning the premises seem a headache,



Bengal Meat's Qurbani service is for you.

HOW IT WORKS

Visit www.products.bengalmeat.com/qurbani. The website is a user-friendly one with a simple layout. Click on the 'Choose your Cattle' tab to visit the virtual haat. You can filter through price range (which starts from Tk 50000) and live weight. Check for the availability status and other relevant information. Click on the picture of the cows for bigger view. Alternatively, you can buy a cow from elsewhere and send it to the slaughterhouse. However, Bengal Meat will not accept Indian and Nepali cows.

When you are satisfied, it's time to purchase. You cannot do that online, though. There are four outlets of Bengal Meat in

Dhaka – located at Gulshan, Uttara, Dhanmondi and Wari. You will have to go to an outlet and tell them which cow you would like to purchase and provide the name(s) of people making the sacrifice. Hurry! You cannot buy cows on the last five days before Eid. The meat will then be delivered to your home.

THE TRANSACTION

At this point, you will pay for the cow plus Tk17000 as service charge. You can deduct the cost of hide (fixed at Tk1700) from the payment. And voila! You have just outsourced your hassles so that you can relax during Eid whilst keeping your premises clean and safe from germs and other health concerns.



WHY TRUST BENGAL MEAT?

The organisation has built a strong reputation over years of business – amongst consumers and many top restaurants. It is also the first abattoir in South Asia to be certified with ISO22000:2005. Bengal Meat's state of the art facility in Pabna will monitor, will maintain and scrutinise cattle – from livestock to the time it reaches your home – ensuring that the animal does not have any disease that could affect human beings upon consumption and that no contamination takes place while handling the meat.

For Muslims, the meat must be halal, be it Eid-ul-Adha or any other time of year.

Bengal Meat's produce has been certified by Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh. Bengal Meat says that the Qurbani services will be executed under the monitoring of a representative from Islamic Foundation, ensuring that the entire process is done in a halal way.

A DETERRENT?

Take note that meat will be delivered on the third day of Eid. Therefore, if you opt for this service, make sure you are fine with waiting for two days before you can eat your Qurbani meat.

WAY TO THE FUTURE

It is high time that we wake up to the unhygienic and unprofessional practices that



take place during Eid-ul-Adha. If your complaint was the unavailability or inadequacy of a state of the art abattoir, Bengal Meat has solved that.

Of course, it will take some time before the current culture is replaced with the safer and healthier one. But this change has been started by Bengal Meat this year. Wayne Gaskell, Director, Technical & Industry, Bengal Meat concluded, "This country is gradually changing for the better. In the future, more slaughter houses will perhaps come up. And hence, people will start realising the benefits of doing Qurbani through proper abattoirs."

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