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You can be the Good Guy this Eid

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Eid gets the crazy out of people, and with all the frenzy surrounding Eid ul-Adha, some people go crazy on a level that messes up the day for other people. Here's your guide to avoid that by being a good guy on Qurbani Eid – a list of don'ts.

Don't take selfies with your animal
The person who first had the idea to put cameras on the front of a camera probably didn't think that one day, this is how it'd be used. There's always the risk of overdoing it with selfies; you can only take so many pictures of your own face from a disturbingly close distance. Add a cow to that fray, and that's the definition of overdoing it. If you want to share a picture of your animal with your friends on social media, take an actual picture of it, selfies are pointless because to the human eye, most animals of the same species have the same face.

Cow fashion shows/pageants... just no
In the endeavour of coming up with something new, people have a tendency to absolutely lose the plot sometimes. Eid ul-Adha is celebrated in the spirit of sacrifice, and what a fashion show has to do with sacrifice is beyond understanding. Yes, the organisers must have had to sacrifice their sanity to have come up with this idea and go through with it, and the unfortunate people who had to attend this fashion show probably sacrificed a lot more, including but not limited to peace of mind.

Don't speak ill of other people's animals

Once again, think of the spirit of sacrifice. If someone has found an animal they liked and brought it home, you'd be way out of line telling them it's not good enough. People hate hearing the words "Why is it so small" in whatever

context, but more so when you're talking about the animal they've chosen for sacrifice. Whether or not an animal was overpriced, or looks good and healthy, or comes from a noble house of cows is really no one's business other than the person who bought it.

Don't put up sacrificial videos
The slaughter of an animal is a gruesome affair, and many people don't have the stomach for it, understandably so. On the morning of Eid, these people try to distract themselves by looking at social media to see what their friends are up to. Imagine you're one of them and scrolling down your news feed, a video appears of a cow being put down with the thumbnail conveniently paused at the bloodiest of moment in the video. With Facebook making live videos available recently, I predict a live animal sacrifice epidemic on the morning of Eid on social media.

Be nice to the unfortunate
One of the beautiful things about Eid is that it makes people of different social classes interact with each other. When you're working with the people who sort out the meat or you're giving out one third of it to the less fortunate, you get to see them from up close, if you choose to do so. It doesn't hurt to be nice to these people but every year you'll see someone screaming at them and calling them names because of causing trouble that was most probably not caused by them in the first place. Don't be that person. Be nice to them for the sake of Eid, if nothing else. That alone could have a huge influence on someone's day.

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Things you can accomplish this Eid

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There's very little to be excited over during Eid-ul-Adha in the city except for the empty roads and not having to get up early. Despite this, the boredom is inevitable; there's too much blood and too little to do. Can you get past the overpowering smell of dung and bleach and actually do something productive?

Learn Your Cuts

Even though we can't contain our love for meat, we rarely learn the cuts. Cuts determine a lot of thing - the purpose, the cooking style and even the cooking time. This Eid presents to you the best time to master this because you've the whole animal to choose from and you have experts right within your reach. If the butcher isn't complying, consult that relative we all have who knows everything about meat. The perks? You can finally learn which chunk to steal so you can make that steak you've been craving.

Learn How to Cook

If you've learnt the cuts, you might as well level up and learn what to do with them. Do a little Google search, or if you're lazy, hit up Tasty's YouTube

channel to find something that you'd like to make. (Pro tip: read reviews before you decide on a recipe, and if you're new to cooking, videos will aid you in visualizing how to go about the process). If you're looking forward to making something elaborate, you might have to go shopping beforehand.

Not in the mood to cook by yourself? You can always hound whoever is cooking and learn for yourself how "Ammu'r haater gorur mangsho" is made.

Do Some Gardening

Can't deal with the dung situation? Use it as fertilizer. It'll be out of your sight and you'll be thanking yourself in Spring when all your plants look big and healthy. Grab some gloves and gardening tools, lift out a bit of the soil and place the fertilizer in the soil around the roots. Make sure to neatly cover up on the surface so that your efforts don't go in vain.

Lastly, if you're doing absolutely nothing, lend a hand around the house. While this Eid might be dull, it's still really hectic and there's always a lot of work. Share the spirit of sacrifice and give up some of your relaxation time so your loved ones have it a bit easier.

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