

CONSUMPTION

Eid, religiously marked by unity, family, and togetherness, has for many, lost its true meaning and the sheen of the occasion has been replaced by crazy discounts and rampant consumerism. Restaurants boasting of all-you-can-eat iftaar offers are plastered all over social media on one side and photos of crowds of tired, fasting shoppers clamouring for some floor space to wait for the Maghrib adhan. It seems that the number of people out on the streets of Dhaka doubles overnight after the 10th or so day of Ramadan.

On the other hand, while I can sit here criticising consumption and talking about how the family and togetherness factors seem to have vanished, business is booming. This is a time for shopkeepers and workers to earn a lot in commissions for their own families. Perhaps some people don't care about festivities as much anymore, but making more money means they can take care of their families and that's what Eid means to me.

- Talat Ahmed, Sub-editor, SHOUT



APP REVIEW



Not-Scrabble, with Acquaintances 2

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In an age where people are increasingly moving away from board games, I would call myself a scrabble dealer. I've had to resort to strangers online, which is never a good decision, except in the case of Words with Friends.

Words with Friends 2 is a competitive word game app. The game provides various different modes to choose from. There's the Smart Match, where you play against others, choosing between Fast Play- a smaller board with a 24hr time limit per word, or Classic- regular-sized board, 10 day time limit. Then there's Solo Challenge, which has limited edition difficulty labelled bots

that you have to outscore in 5 moves, and Practice mode which lets you play a classic match against a regular bot.

The game includes power-ups such as Swap without passing, Screen Radar-check where you can play words, and Hindsight- see what the best word to play would have been after each move. You earn badges for every Solo Challenge you complete, and there are long-running Events that also reward you with chests full of power-ups and coins.

Everything on the game needs internet, except Practice mode, which is also not a great way to pass time, unless your patience game is extra strong, since that bot takes two whole minutes per move.

MIXTAPE

CLOTHES

PANIC! AT THE DISCO
Emperor's New Clothes



RINI

My Favourite Clothes



ANOUSHKA SHANKAR

Flight



RANU MUKHERJEE

Lal Jhuti Kakatua



POND

Sunlight Cardigan



DAVID GILMOUR

The Girl in the Yellow Dress

THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

ARIES

Stop eating gummy worms, try real ones instead.



TAURUS

Cups can be good presents too.



GEMINI

Blue is your colour as long as you can eat it.



CANCER

The last samurai was someone famous.



LEO

Wear scarves but don't wear two of them at the same time.



VIRGO

Always add basic page numbering to your reports.



LIBRA

Rosemary is a good person. You should send her a friend request.



SCORPIO

Tigers know when to stop growling.



SAGITTARIUS

If you like tea, make sure you buy some for your mom as well.



CAPRICORN

Orange is the colour of happiness but yellow is too.



AQUARIUS

If you have bushy eyebrows, you are really lucky.



PISCES

Peas in a pod can be unique too.

