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Arafat Mohsin Nidhi and Raba Khan.

Together in prayers, together in festivities

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The upcoming Eid will be a great reprieve for everyone, especially couples in Showbiz, who have trouble getting to spend prolonged amounts of time together, due to their busy schedule. We spoke to some of the most renowned young couples in the industry for their plans.

Since tying the knot, Mostafizur Noor Imran and Nazia Haque Orsha, they have been a constant source of strength and comfort for each other. Their connection began during a film shoot and blossomed naturally during the pandemic, growing stronger through every challenge.

For them, Ramadan brings cherished moments of togetherness. Nazia shares that they recently enjoyed iftar side by side at home. She prepared simple, comforting dishes—chickpeas, *piyaju*, noodles, *beguni*, and *sharbot*. "Just homely food," she says warmly. "He likes all kinds of cooking and never criticises anyone's food."

Their approach to Eid is refreshingly spontaneous. They rarely plan far in advance, preferring to let celebrations unfold naturally. When it comes to gifts, Noor believes in thoughtfulness over extravagance. "She pays attention to small details," he says. "I think she would choose something practical and meaningful." For Nazia, he prefers selecting something elegant and personal. "Gifts should feel intimate and considered—not just expensive."

This Eid, however, carries a touch of melancholy for Nazia, as it will be her first without her mother. With new responsibilities resting on her shoulders, she is still deciding whether to spend the holiday in Dhaka or with her sisters. Despite the emotional weight, family remains her greatest priority.

Arafat Mohsin Nidhi and Raba Khan also found love through work. Their story began while collaborating on a music video, eventually leading to marriage in 2025. Together, they co-founded Merge Creative, a production house dedicated to developing original content and fiction projects.

Balancing creativity and companionship,



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Xefer Rahman and Rafsan Sabab.

the couple navigates demanding schedules with care. "So far, we've managed to have iftar together two or three times," Raba explains. "Soon our work will pick up, so we try to ensure at least the first few iftars are shared."

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Food is another expression of love in their home. Nidhi proudly praises Raba's tuna curry, beef dishes, and her signature green curry chicken. This Eid will be especially meaningful as they celebrate both family time and their first anniversary. "We're planning a small family trip, maybe abroad," Nidhi shares. "Last year, our biggest plan was our wedding right after Eid. This year, we want to slow down and

enjoy." Their shared love for family keeps them grounded—whenever work pauses, they head home.

From friends to life partners, Xefer Rahman and Rafsan Sabab's wedding brought together a vibrant circle of celebrities celebrating their reunion. This marks their first Eid together as a married couple.

Throughout Ramadan, they have focused on balancing work with togetherness. "We've been fortunate to share most of our iftars," Rafsan says. Preparing the table and organising the meal together have become part of their ritual. But the most meaningful moments, they agree, are the days spent breaking fast with their parents.

"It's always wholesome to meet both our families and share quality time," Xefer adds. For Eid, family remains at the heart of their plans. Shopping will begin with gifts for parents and loved ones. "We start by visiting our parents' homes," Rafsan explains. "That's what truly adds colour to our celebrations."

Travel is another shared passion. While this Eid will be dedicated to family and close friends, Xefer looks forward to exploring new countries together in the future. For them, love is rooted in both adventure and family bonds.

Partho Sheikh and Samiha Rahman's story is one of reconnection. After losing contact in 2017, they reunited in 2022 and rediscovered their bond. Years later, they are now celebrating their first Eid as husband and wife.

Despite busy schedules, they have kept Ramadan intimate. Most of their iftars have been spent at each other's homes rather than outside. "We haven't taken a day off to go out for iftar or seheri together yet," Partho shares.

This Eid feels special. "She's already looking at panjabis for me," he smiles. "After marriage, the element of surprise changes. Now it's about choosing things together." The couple is also planning a post-Eid getaway. "We're thinking of going to Thailand, or maybe another nearby country, about a week after Eid," he reveals.

For Partho and Samiha, this Eid represents new beginnings—blending traditions, planning travels, and building a life shaped by second chances.

TRENDY STREAMS

Netflix
Bridgerton



Prime Video
Young Sherlock



Hulu
The Secret Agent



HBO Max
DTF: St. Louis



Chorki
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OUT AND ABOUT IN DHAKA

Amar Ekushey Boi Mela
Feb 26- March 15 | 11 am- 9 pm
Bangla Academy



Screening: **Le Procès du chien (Dog on Trial)**
March 9 | 2 pm onwards
Alliance Française de Dhaka,
Dhanmondi



Play: **Art**
March 13 | 3:30 pm onwards
Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA



‘Risk It All’ by Bruno Mars

Bruno Mars returns with Risk It All, a smooth pop-soul track built around piano, steady percussion and his unmistakable vocal control. The song centres on devotion and the willingness to sacrifice everything for love, themes Mars has often explored across his catalogue. Since its release, Risk It All has drawn millions of

streams on Spotify and secured spots on major global pop playlists. The track has also seen steady pickup on radio, extending Mars' long run of commercially successful singles. Musically, the song stays close to the formula that has defined much of Mars' work: classic soul-pop structures paired with contemporary production.

TV TALKIES

‘THE ART OF SARAH’

The Art of Sarah is a South Korean thriller on Netflix. It tells the story of Sarah Kim, a stylish businesswoman with many secrets. One day, a dead body linked to her is found, and detective Park Mu-gyeong starts investigating. He discovers Sarah has lived multiple identities and hidden her past. The series shows lies, ambition, and identity in a suspenseful way. Since its release, *The Art of Sarah* has attracted viewers worldwide and is now gaining attention in Bangladesh.



STYLE STATEMENT

Alexandra Saint Mleux



For her Monaco wedding to Charles Leclerc, Alexandra Saint Mleux embraced timeless romance in a couture gown by Paolo Sebastian. Crafted from delicate French Chantilly lace, the elegant fishtail silhouette hugged the body before flowing into a soft train. Scalloped detailing framed the neckline, while floral appliqué and subtle butterfly motifs added texture across the fabric. Sheer off-shoulder sleeves lent the dress an ethereal softness.

Saint Mleux also added a personal touch, embroidering the couple's initials and wedding date into the gown—transforming the already dreamy creation into a deeply sentimental bridal statement.