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# JOYFUL JUBILATIONS

## Eid memories that evoke emotions

For every individual, any festival is woven with memories—of childhood excitement, family gatherings, and moments that quietly shape our lives.

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For several figures from Bangladesh's entertainment industry, these memories range from joyful to bittersweet, revealing how the spirit of Eid evolves over time while always remaining deeply rooted in family and togetherness.

TANZIKA AMIN

Childhood Eids remain the most cherished memories for most people. Tanzika Amin shares, "The excitement of buying a new dress and hiding it so no one could see it before Eid, just to keep its exclusivity, felt truly special. Back then, Eidi ranged from three to ten taka, and when we added everything together, it

members celebrates it together."

DOLA RAHMAN

Festivals carry layers of emotions — joy, nostalgia, and sometimes a quiet touch of melancholy. For singer Dola Rahman, Eid memories reflect all of these.

"Last year's Eid was really special for me professionally because my song *Chand Mama* became a party anthem, and it still lingers with people. But another Eid has a more personal place in my heart. While I was doing my BAR in the UK, I spent two Eids away from my family for the first time. Being far from home felt a little empty, but celebrating with the Bangalee community there made it special. We shared meals, laughed so much, and even got our foreign friends to wear salwar kameez — that memory is still so sweet and unique to me."

This year, Dola is thrilled to return home to her hometown, Netrokona in Mymensingh, to celebrate Eid surrounded by family — a feeling she has deeply missed.

SARIKA SABAH

Sarika Sabah fondly recalls an Eid whose memories still live in her heart. "My uncles and cousins live abroad, but there was one Eid when we were all together — it was when my grandfather passed away. I don't really remember the year, as I was very young, but the memory of our entire family being united feels so fresh. It was the first time we were all together during a festival."

She also reminisces about celebrating Eid in Rangpur. "We loved *chand raat* — the night before Eid. We would feast together, have so much fun on the rooftops, and all the cousins would stay over. It always felt like a little picnic."

KHAIRUL BASAR

Basar has one bittersweet memory of Eid that made him realise many things about life, while also bringing him joy.

"It was around 2000. I was quite young, and our family's financial condition at that time was not very good. My elder brother bought some Eid groceries with the money he earned from giving tuitions, and he also bought a panjabi for me. Since our sister was too young to understand anything, he bought the gift only for me. At that time, I was really happy. However, as I grew up, it gave me a lot of realisations about life, and even now, thinking about it brings tears to my eyes."

would become nearly a hundred taka."

With that money, she mentioned that they could buy cold drinks in glass bottles, which cost only six or seven taka—those moments were pure joy. "Many of those Eids came during winter, and even on chilly mornings, we would take early baths and wear our new clothes with excitement. Later in the day, cousins would buy colourful plastic sunglasses from nearby shops. Eid has always meant family for me, and even today our big family of nearly 70



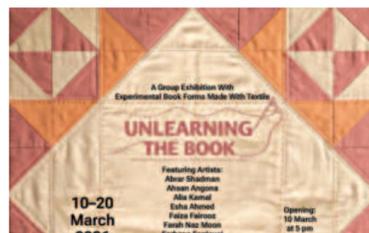
OUT AND ABOUT IN DHAKA



**Musical Evening: 'Swarashree'**  
March 14 | 8 pm-10 pm  
Satori Academy of Arts, Banani



**'The Handloom Tradition of Bangladesh'**  
March 8-16 | 12 pm - 8 pm  
Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi



**'Unlearning the Book'**  
March 10-20 | 11 am-8 pm  
Alliance Française de Dhaka, Gulshan

### TRENDY STREAMS

Netflix  
One Piece: Into The Grand Line



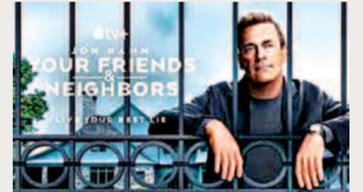
Prime Video  
Young Sherlock



HBO Max  
Rooster



Apple TV  
Your Friends & Neighbors



Hoichoi  
Bonolota Express



### STYLE STATEMENT

## Yerin Ha

*Bridgerton's* Season 4 actress, Yerin Ha, is proving she's a fashion force to be reckoned with. At the recent SAG-AFTRA Awards, she turned heads in a dramatic white feathered top paired with a sleek, high-waisted black skirt. The airy texture of the feathers contrasts beautifully with the skirt's fitted silhouette, creating a perfect balance of drama and structure. The classic black-and-white palette adds an extra layer of timeless sophistication, making the ensemble both striking and elegant.



### TV TALKIES

## A romance under the spotlight

*Love Story: John F. Kennedy Jr. & Carolyn Bessette* revisits one of America's most captivating public romances — the relationship between John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy. Blending archival footage with intimate recollections, the film explores the magnetic charm, intense media scrutiny, and vulnerability that defined their life together.

Rather than leaning purely on nostalgia, the documentary reflects on the burden of legacy and the price of living under relentless public fascination. Their story unfolds as both fairytale and cautionary tale.



### WHAT'S PLAYING

## 'American Girl' by HARRY STYLES

Harry Styles' *American Girl* continues the singer's exploration of classic pop-rock influences. Built around bright guitar riffs and an easy mid-tempo rhythm, the track carries the breezy feel of 1970s soft rock, a sound Styles has increasingly embraced in recent years.

Since its release, the song has attracted millions of streams across major platforms, quickly finding space on global pop playlists. Fans have responded to its relaxed tone and melodic simplicity, helping it gain steady traction online.

Musically, *American Girl* reflects Styles' preference for vintage textures and straightforward songwriting. The



result is a track that leans into warmth and familiarity, maintaining the retro-inspired direction that has shaped much of his recent work.