

Tomorrow Is Eid

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Thank God, atleast this year Idd comes at Pay-day time..... we don't worry about small things like the aftermath of a Months budget blown on Idd shopping. That too is a chronic problem with which we have learnt to live courageously.

Each year when Idd comes around on the buoyant waves of the childrens enthusiasm, my husband and I try our mathematical genius on the budget. You know what can happen to a budget, when there are added taxes to pay, higher cl-

othing bills, bigger food bills, exorbitant t taxi fares, all this and Idd too.

This year we felt we would not be able to juggle the budget, so we decided to hold a family conference. We feel that children must learn to face difficulties and shoulder responsibilities. Yes, that's right, lets see how the children react to a cut-back on the Idd budget. Lets treat them like adults — after all they are teenaged! let's ask them to help sort out this problem.


We explained to them the result of the high prices in everything and its effect on our budget etc. etc. "Well, kids what shall we do this year?" "I know Abba" said our eldest. "Lets spend the day at the beach, we'll have a lovely time, we won't have to see anyone or serve anyone and the girls can stop worrying for their Idd joras! Everyone will think we are out visiting".

"Shame on you..... is that the Muslim hospitality you know of" rebuked our daughter. "What you have spent on your Crimplene trouser, can buy all the snacks we need to serve our visitors".

"If I had got the Crimplene trouser for Idd, the Tailor would have probably given it to me by Bakra-Idd. This was my birthday present and it was only the delay of the tailor that it happens to be coming in time for Idd!

"But, Mother we still have to get Rahiman mai her jora,

On the cover this week are Shehla and Danish, the two children of Sarwar Peshimam, Sun's Associate Editor and advice columnist. While Shehla readily obliged the photographer Abdul Wahid with her smile, Danish, despite his mother's pleading, decided to convey a different mood. However, we all wish our readers a very happy Eid.

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