



BAKRID



TIME

DATES

September

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

2 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

(Legend/History/Myth)

Bakrid, also known as Eid-al-Adha or Sacrifice Feast commemorates the act of submission of Hazrat Ibrahim to God's command. It honours the dedication and willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ismail on being asked by God. On seeing his commitment, God intervened and provided a male goat instead for sacrifice. During the festival, Muslims usually sacrifice a sheep as a symbolic representation of the act by Ibrahim. The meat from the sacrificed animal is divided into three parts. The family retains one third of the share; another third is given to relatives, friends and neighbors; and the remaining third is given to the poor and needy. The festival is thus a celebration of the spirit of sacrifice and a reminder of the unity and brotherhood that Islam propagates. Bakrid falls in the Islamic calendar month of Dhu'l-Hijjah and coincides with the tenth day of the month.





EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Fasting
Eid prayers
Bakrid Feast

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The three-day highly revered Muslim festival is marked by special prayers (*Dua*) for peace and prosperity, serving of delicious food to friends and the poor and needy, and exchanging of wishes and gifts with dear ones. Prayers are offered by thousands in mosques. Animal sacrifice (usually of sheep or goat) is performed duly in tune with the religious laws. Part of the meat is given away to the poor. Islamic leaders deliver religious discourses during the festival. The Eid-al-Adha congregational prayers are offered on the 10th of Dhu'l-Hijjah. It consists of two *Rakats* (units) with seven *Takbirs* in the first *Rakat* and five *Takbirs* in the second *Rakat*.

