

Shab-e-Barat tonight

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Online Desk: The holy Shab-e-Barat, the night of fortune, will be observed throughout the country tonight (Tuesday) with due religious fervour and devotion. Muslims consider Shab-e-Barat as one of the three most sacred nights and believe that on this night Almighty Allah decides the fate of all human beings fixing their 'rizq' (livelihood) for the next year. The Muslim devotees would spend the night at mosques and homes offering prayers, reciting from the holy Quran and seeking blessings to Allah for long life, peace, progress and happiness for themselves, their families, relatives and friends as well nation and the Muslim Ummah.

On the night, the devotees across the country would visit graves and pray for their beloved ones seeking their eternal peace. Many people will also visit Mazars and shrines all over the country. Many families will prepare traditional foods like handmade rice-bread, beef and halua (a kind of dessert made usually from semolina, carrot, chickpea or papaya) both in rural and urban areas across the country. The day after tomorrow (Wednesday) will be a public holiday on the occasion of the holy Shab-e-Barat.

A good number of Muslims will observe fast on the following day. They will distribute food and sweets among the neighbours and the poor. Besides, food and money will be distributed among the destitute people on the occasion. On this occasion, Islamic Foundation (IF) has chalked out programmes at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in Dhaka. The IF will hold waz (religious sermons) and doa-mahfils at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque tomorrow.

Besides, religious sermons highlighting the significance of Shab-e-Barat will be delivered at various mosques after Maghrib prayers alongside holding while special munajat after Esha prayers tomorrow in the country. Bangladesh Television, Bangladesh Betar, and private television channels and radio stations will air special programmes on the occasion while newspapers will publish special supplements highlighting the significance of the night.