

**English translation:**

Three months after this *Eid* (*Eid-ul-Fitr*), there is another *Eid* known as *Eid-ul-Azha*. Before this *Eid*, temporary market places known as *haat* are set up all over Bangladesh, because, on this *Eid*, people sacrifice animals, usually cows or goats. In some places people also sacrifice camels. There are always a lot of people crowding these *haats* as people go to buy their sacrificial animals. The malls are also decorated with lights to celebrate *Eid*. Everyone goes shopping again to buy new clothes for themselves and to give to the poor. The people, who buy the cows or goats, bring them home and feed them. Then, on the morning of *Eid*.... Before this *Eid*, *hajj*<sup>1</sup> takes place and many Muslims from Bangladesh go there. Then some people watch the live telecast of the *hajj* on television. On the day of *Eid*, all the local butchers come to the houses and they undertake the sacrificing of the animal, in the name of Allah. In the morning everyone goes to say their prayers and then they sacrifice the animal. The meat is divided into three parts: one part divided among the poor, one part is given to relatives and one part is kept for their own use. Then everyone sits together and enjoys their meals; they go out to visit relatives, and some people even go out for vacations. After this *Eid*, the roads become dirty because of the sacrifice. The hides of the animals are donated to local *madrasahs* (Islamic schools) or they are sold. These are either recycled or tanneries use them for leather production. Even on this *Eid*, people go for vacations, because in Bangladesh it is mainly during the two *Eids* that people get time off work.

**About CultureTalk:** CultureTalk is produced by the Five College Center for the Study of World Languages and housed on the LangMedia Website. The project provides students of language and culture with samples of people talking about their lives in the languages they use everyday. The participants in CultureTalk interviews and discussions are of many different ages and walks of life. They are free to express themselves as they wish. The ideas and opinions presented here are those of the participants. Inclusion in CultureTalk does not represent endorsement of these ideas or opinions by the Five College Center for the Study of World Languages, Five Colleges, Incorporated, or any of its member institutions: Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

© 2003-2009 Five College Center for the Study of World Languages and Five Colleges, Incorporated

---

<sup>1</sup> *hajj* is the pilgrimage to Mecca that is compulsory for all Muslims to make at least once in their lifetime, if financial situations permit them to do so.