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Naming Islamic Holidays in Bangladesh

English translation:

I am Irene Parveen Rani. I am from Kushtia. I live in Dhaka...Dhaka... in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and I study at the College of Development Alternative (CODA). I will talk about our religious festivals. Our main... our main religious festivals are *Eid-ul-Fitr* and *Eid-ul-Azha*. *Eid-ul-Fitr*... we celebrate *Eid-ul-Fitr* after completing observance of the ...thirty days of Ramadan. And, at this time ...many of us go to our homes, and celebrate *Eid*...*Eid* with [our families]. And, on this day, the men wake up in the morning and go to the mosque to pray, and women... the men go to pray after a breakfast of *semai-ruti*,¹ and women... women stay home and do their work, and then everyone goes out together in the evening. And we spend the day enjoying ourselves. [As for] *Eid-ul-Azha*... and [one of] our other religious festivals is *Eid-ul-Azha*. On this occasion... on this occasion, a cow... an animal is sacrificed for Allah's pleasure. An animal is sacrificed... and we have a lot of fun [on this day]. Besides this, we have Shab-e-miraj [and] Shab-e-barat. At this time we cook *halwa-ruti*² for Allah's pleasure, and distribute it among the poor and our relatives.

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¹ A sweet vermicelli preparation, eaten with homemade bread.

² A confection made mainly out of semolina, sugar, water and fat, served with homemade bread.