

Eid holidays: School, madrasa students set for 16-23 day break from May 22

Schools and technical institutions are expected to reopen on June 7, while madrasas are likely to resume classes on June 14

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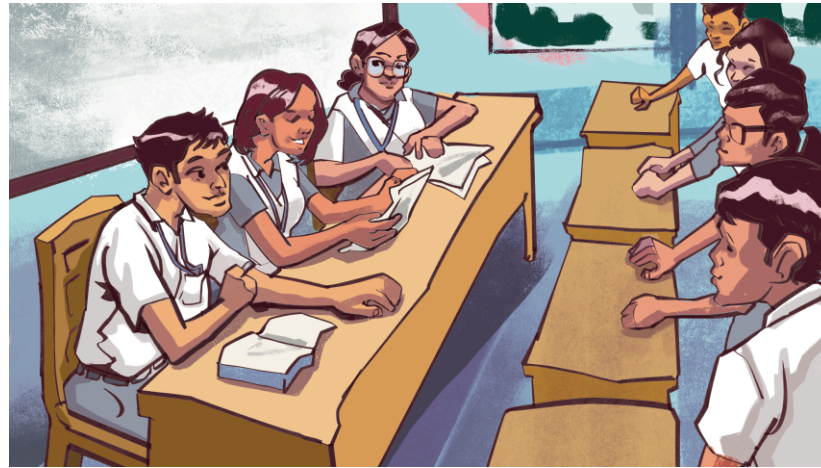


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Students of primary, secondary and technical institutions, as well as madrasas, are set to get a break of around 16 to 23 days, including weekends and the Eid-ul-Azha holidays.

Government primary schools, government and private secondary and lower-secondary schools, and institutions running curricula affiliated with the Technical Education Board will remain closed for 16 days -- from May 22 to June 6.



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Madrasa students will get a longer break of 23 days, from May 22 to June 13.



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The calculation is based on revised calendars issued on February 18 for government primary schools, secondary and lower-secondary schools, and technical institutions, while the madrasa figures are based on the existing holiday list issued in January.

Under the revised calendars, government primary schools, government and private secondary and lower-secondary schools, and institutions running curricula affiliated with the Bangladesh Technical Education Board will officially remain closed from May 24 to June 4 for Eid-ul-Azha and summer vacation.

As May 22 and 23 fall on Friday and Saturday respectively, the last working day before the break for these institutions will be May 21.

Although the official holiday will end on June 4, a Thursday, these institutions are expected to reopen on June 7, as June 5 and 6 are also weekly holidays.

This means students of primary, secondary, lower-secondary and technical institutions will remain out of class for 16 days.

For the country's three government Alia madrasas and private independent Ebtedayee, Dakhil, Alim, Fazil and Kamil madrasas, the holiday list issued on January 19 fixed the Eid-ul-Azha and summer vacation from May 24 to June 11.

As May 22 and 23 are weekly holidays, madrasa students will also begin their break from May 22. Although the official madrasa vacation will end on June 11, classes are expected to resume on June 14, as June 12 and 13 are Friday and Saturday respectively.

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