



Takeaways

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This week, Hari Raya Aidilfitri began with midweek reunions, celebrations, and commiseration.

With the ongoing siege in Gaza, Muslims in Singapore are certainly taking to the holiday—for a good reason—with a largely muted reception.

With gratitude for the people around us and grief for the ones we've lost, the start of Eid in 2024 is one of contemplation. There's also the minutiae in between house visits and nightly feasts—the cleaning of houses, the deliberation over festive outfits, the sweat and tears over cooking the perfect dish.

What is left, after everything settles into quietness, is simply life as we know it. So, as the weekend approaches, we'll be taking some time to appreciate the comforts and stillness we can get amidst the chaos. We hope you find some, too!

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In a Sombre Eid



For Muslims celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri, their Singaporean love affair with food returns with hearty feasts after a month of fasting.

But one can't help but reckon with the reality of privilege while millions of fellow Muslims in Gaza teeter on the edge of starvation.

**Navigating Food, Guilt and Hope
This Eid**

In the Wee Hours



During Ramadan, the annual observance involves sahur, the pre-dawn meal Muslims partake in before beginning their daily fast till sundown.

Here's a glimpse into some of the sahur delights they cherish.

**In Pictures:
What Singapore Muslims Eat For
'Sahur' During Ramadhan**

In the Workz



More than a decade ago, Hazrin's first brush with art was designing a poster of Islamic art on Photoshop. Today, his company, HazWorkz, is producing murals and outdoor installations for mosques.

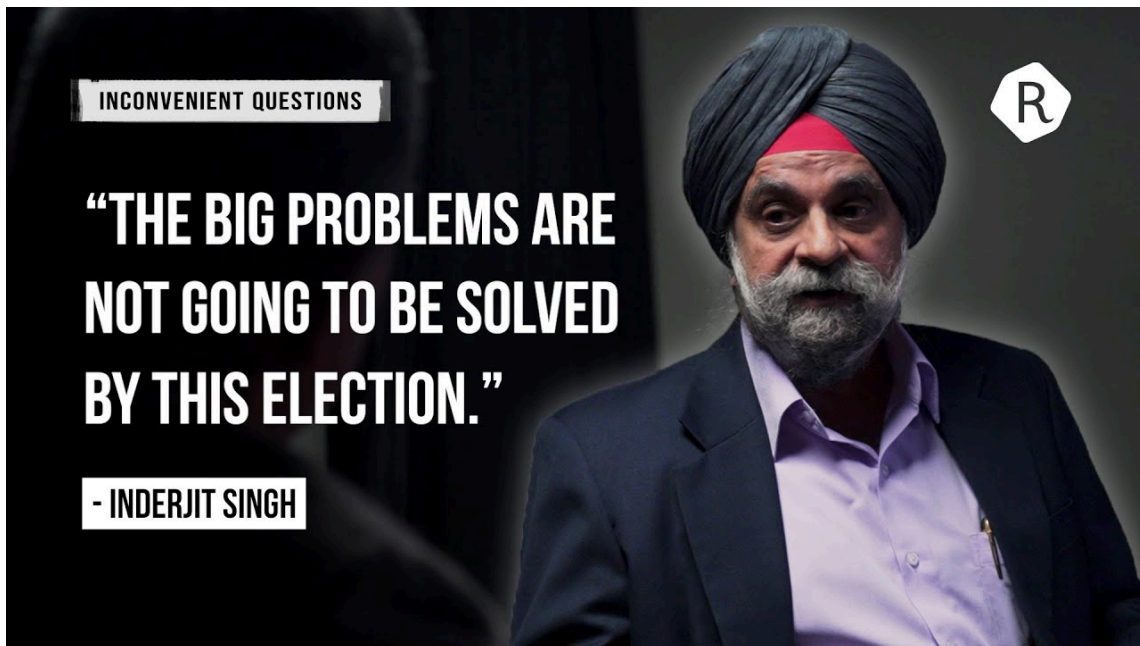
We find out his secret to success and learn about Islamic art in the process.

How One Instagram DM Started This Man's Islamic Art Business

Short Grains, or *piping-hot topics by the spoonful.*

- Singapore's economy has beaten expectations in quarter-on-quarter growth at 2.7%, even if it's the slowest growth the country has seen in a year. (via *The Straits Times*)
- It seems trespassing into concerts may soon become commonplace if they continue to be hot-ticket items: a 23-year-old Cameroonian man was caught forging a VIP ticket to see Bruno Mars at the National Stadium. (via *CNA*)
- Starhub recently introduced a new 'unskippable' advertisement feature on its set-top cable boxes. Its customers have not been happy. (via *CNA*)

- Facing sluggish sales numbers, Apple is looking to rev up the release of its M4 chip-powered line of products with the help of AI. (via *SCMP*)
 - After weeks of activists sounding the alarm, the US has confirmed that aid has yet to reach Gaza, warning of a famine amidst the ongoing charges of genocide. (via *The Guardian*)
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In our first episode of *Inconvenient Questions*, we sit down with former PAP MP Inderjit Singh to unpack his honest thoughts on the political landscape and the ruling party ahead of this year's GE season.

Inconvenient Questions is a collaboration between Strategic Moves and RICE Media.

**An Ex-Politician on
Today's Political Landscape
Inconvenient Questions Ep 1**

We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

- Music instrument giant Swee Lee will [launch its Clarke Quay outlet this Saturday](#) with a party filled with live music, giveaways, and one-day-only deals.
- Halloween comes early this month. Starting today, Sing'theatre launches its run of performances adapting the classic off-Broadway delight [Little Shop of Horrors](#).
- EDM maverick ZHU is set to perform tonight at Zouk Singapore. [Tickets are still available](#)—that is, in case you were looking for an excuse to spend your Friday night out late.
- Food and fun in the name of sustainability is happening in the city at [Maxwell Farmers Market](#). Pets are welcome; reusable bags are encouraged for your purchases.
- Luxury nightclub Marquee Singapore is celebrating its [fifth anniversary](#) this weekend, culminating with a music performance by K-pop star Chung Ha.

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