



On one hand, lifestyle is a glimpse in to a world filled with glamour and oodles of style, a

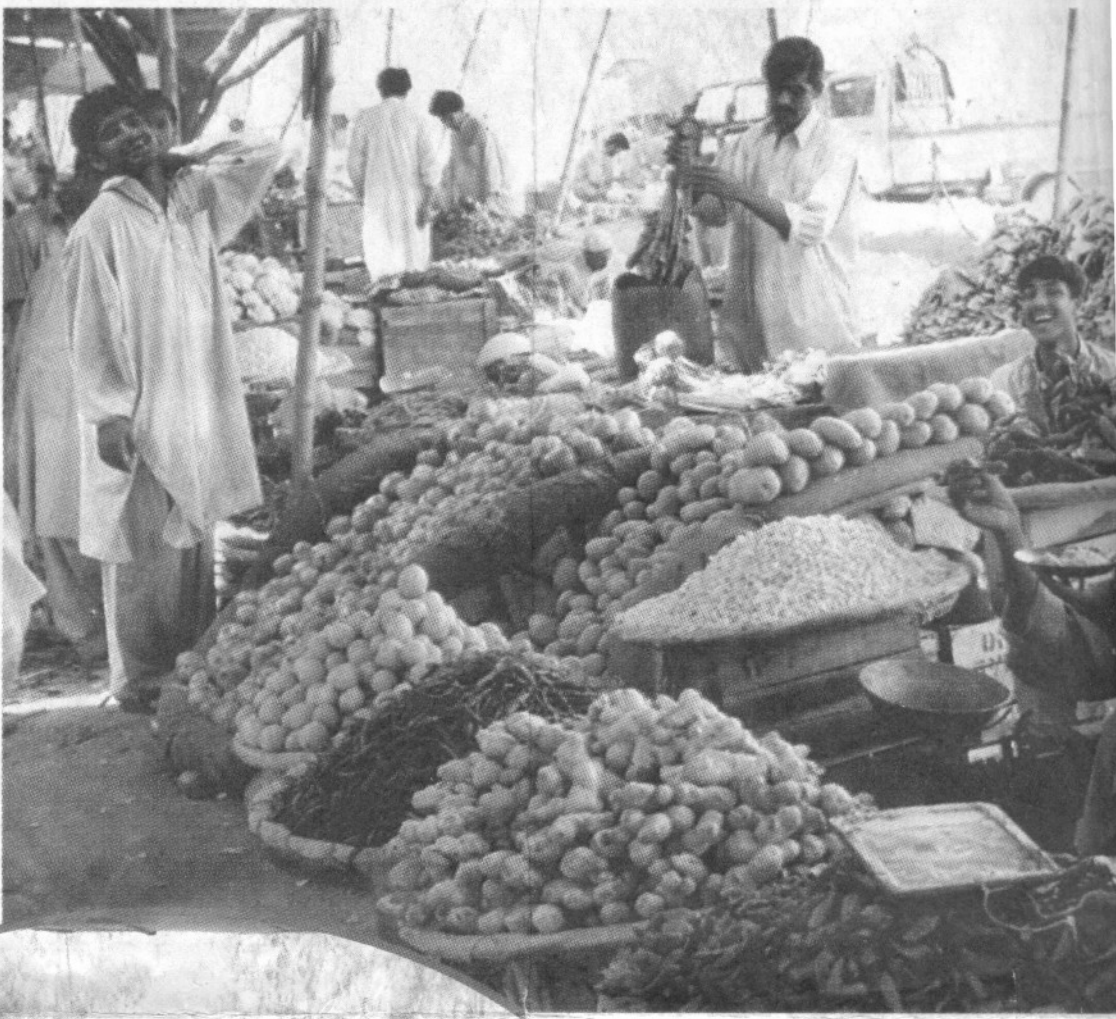
place where "Prada" meets "caviar" and then proceeds to casually stroll towards "Tiffany". But on the other hand it can also speak of the masses who popularize the Jubilee lawn prints and make McDonalds Seaview a popular hangout.

Saluting these patterns, the journey to the mass market, "Itwaar" or Sunday bazaar boasted enough barren land and empty plots enroute to let the traveller believe it was a voyage in to yet another slick music video being picturized in the Thar desert. Heading back to reality, the tents pitched in the midst of Defence authority's territory appeared identical to those placed in various localities as hubs of price wise shopping.

Although different days are allocated to these one stop shopping centers- out of the *itwaar* (Sunday), *mangal* (Tuesday), *budh* (Wednesday) and *juma* (Friday) bazaars, the weekly holiday draws the largest crowd. Lanes are covered from one end to the other with cars carrying entire families out to buy tomatoes, fabric or books, little boys with light eyes, tanned faces and cheeky spirit scurry around carrying straw bags lugging purchases acquired by various customers.

And a peek in to one of those baskets would reveal a lot more than packets of crushed red chillies, turmeric or kilos of onions. Some carry Mills and Boons or back dated issues of Good Housekeeping, infact one of the first groups I spied upon was positioned

Any given Sunday



Shahzareah Husain goes digging in to the essence of weekly bazaars, which are fast becoming the must stop shopping places of most fashionistas

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Coupled with the right accessory, you have a winner. From the rubber flip flops with a sunflower to the embroidered satchels, to add the chic edge to your outfit, all can be found in this very place and it has the ability to pose as simply chic.

it is also said that the inclusion of poison could be detected in a meal because the bowl would crack and shatter in to bits if the food had any unsuitable additions to it.

The Friday and Sunday markets traded locations and positions with the switch in the holidays, what remains common to all of them is the Pushto speaking majority who sets up their stands. With few locals having joined in, the core remains the old timers who count

on *bara* and the whole sale markets on being their main suppliers. What is changing slowly is the interest amongst the people, and what used to be a housewives weekly trip has evolved in to the entire family's outing. Besides the low scale prices or the time conservation, it was declared fun by those who are keen to browse around. With weekly markets being held world over this local counterpart of Portobello or Notting Hill fruit and flower market enjoys a special place with those who over the years have evolved to be called loyal patrons.