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Afghan Dopiaza (Lamb Braised with Onions)

دوپیازه

70 min | Serves 6 | 588 kcal a serve | Video 5:27 in Persian · see cooking

Gluten-free ingredients | Dairy-free | Nut-free

34 g protein and about 15 g net carbs a serve, almost all from slowly softened onions. The lamb supplies plenty of vitamin B12 and zinc, and there is no flour, rice or sugar in the pot.

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Ingredients 12 · SERVES 6

- [ ] **vegetable oil**, as needed (about 6 tbsp)
- [ ] 2 medium **onions**, finely chopped
- [ ] 3¼ lb **bone-in lamb** pieces
- [ ] 6 cloves **garlic**, finely chopped
- [ ] 2 **onions**, cut into rings
- [ ] 1 tbsp **salt**
- [ ] 1 tsp **turmeric**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **ground coriander seed**
- [ ] ½ tsp **ground black pepper**
- [ ] **Water**: boiling water, to come just below the top of the meat
- [ ] 3 **onions**, cut into large rings
- [ ] a little chopped **fresh coriander**, to garnish

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: none of the common allergens in the listed ingredients. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat the oil in a pressure cooker and fry the finely chopped onion until golden. 0:18
2. Add the lamb and fry it with the onion, turning, until browned all over and the raw smell has gone. Stir in the chopped garlic. 0:47
3. Add the 2 onions cut into rings, the salt, turmeric, ground coriander and black pepper and stir everything together. 1:28
4. Pour in boiling water to just below the top of the meat. Lock the lid and cook on low heat for 35–45 minutes, then release the pressure and open: the meat should be soft and pulling away from the bone. 2:03
5. Only a little liquid should remain. Add the last 3 onions in large rings, stir, cover for 1–2 minutes without pressure, then cook uncovered on medium heat, stirring, until the rings are just soft but still hold their shape. 3:07
6. Lift into a serving dish, scatter over a little chopped coriander and serve. 4:33

> **Tip** Do piyaza means 'two onions': onion goes in at three stages, the last only just softened. In Mazar and Kabul it is served over naan with vinegared onions; a salad keeps it low in carbs. Serves 6 is our estimate.

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Persian) shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
588 kcal	**34** g	**18** g	**3.7** g	**42** g	**1,260** mg
2,460 kJ	68% of a day	15 g net · 7.4 g sugars 7% of a day	13% of a day	13 g saturated 54% of a day	55% of a day

Energy from net carbs 10% · protein 24% · fat 66% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 153% · Omega-3 107% · Zinc 71% · Selenium 70% · Vitamin B6 25% · Iron 20%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin E 18% · Vitamin C 16% · Vitamin K 16% · Folate 16% · Potassium 14% · Magnesium 13%

⚠ One serve has about 55% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: see cooking (@seecooking11) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=UimB6CYxlNM, published 11 March 2026. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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