BANGLADESHI · LUNCH · DINNER

Mezbani Gosht (Chittagong Beef Curry with Mustard Oil)

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100 min · plus 30–60 min marinating Serves 8 783 kcal a serve

Video 8:01 in Bengali · Aysha Siddika

Gluten-free ingredients Dairy-free

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Beef and a little liver slow-cooked in their own juices with spices: about 52 g protein and 7 g net carbs a serve, with more than a day's vitamin B12 and zinc and over 40% of a day's iron.

Diet notes: Keto (6.9 g net carbs a serve).

Ingredients 22 · SERVES 8

- [ ] 4½ lb mixed **beef cuts** on the bone, with some fat (about 3½ lb meat)
- [ ] 9 oz **beef liver**, cut in pieces
- [ ] 1 tbsp **salt**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **red chilli powder**
- [ ] 2 tsp **ground turmeric**
- [ ] 1½ tbsp **ground cumin**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **ground coriander**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **ginger paste**
- [ ] 1½ tbsp **garlic paste**
- [ ] 2 cups thinly sliced **onion**
- [ ] 7–8 **green chillies**, plus a few more whole to finish
- [ ] 2 **bay leaves**
- [ ] 8–9 **green cardamom pods**, crushed
- [ ] 8–9 **whole cloves**
- [ ] 2 pieces **cinnamon** stick
- [ ] **Mixed spice**: ¼ tsp ground nutmeg and ¼ tsp ground mace (jayitri)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **peanut paste** (ground peanuts)
- [ ] **Mustard seed**: 1 tbsp white mustard paste or powder
- [ ] 1 tbsp **ground fennel** (mouri)
- [ ] 1½ tsp **ground radhuni** (wild celery seed, ajmod)
- [ ] 1 cup **mustard oil**
- [ ] ½ cup **water**

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

Contains: Peanut. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Put the beef and liver in a heavy pot. Add the salt, chilli powder, turmeric, cumin, coriander, ginger paste and garlic paste. 1:09
2. Add the sliced onion, the green chillies, bay leaves, crushed cardamom, cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and mace. 2:07
3. Add the Mezbani flavourings: peanut paste, mustard paste, ground fennel and radhuni, then pour over the mustard oil. 2:57
4. Mix and rub everything into the meat by hand, add the ½ cup water and leave to marinate for 30–60 minutes. 3:45
5. Cover and cook over medium heat for 8–9 minutes until the meat releases its juices, then turn to medium-low and cook covered for 1–1¼ hours, stirring now and then, until tender and the oil rises to the top. 4:37
6. Add a few whole green chillies, turn off the heat and leave covered for 5 minutes before serving. 6:01

> **Tip** Serves 8 (our estimate for 4½ lb beef on the bone). Traditionally eaten with rice or roti; cauliflower rice keeps it lower in carbs. Spoon off some of the oil that rises to the top if you like it lighter.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 8 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE
783 kcal	**52 g**	**9.9 g**
3,280 kJ	104% of a day	6.9 g net · 2.1 g sugars
		4% of a day

FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
3 g	**59 g**	**970 mg**
11% of a day	15 g saturated	42% of a day
	76% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 4% · protein 27% · fat 69% — fits keto: 6.9 g net carbs, 69% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 832% · Vitamin A 255% · Omega-3 122% · Zinc 107% · Selenium 95% · Vitamin B6 48% · Iron 42% · Folate 23%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 15% · Potassium 14% · Vitamin C 13% · Vitamin E 13%

Recipe and video: Aysha Siddika (@ayshasrecipe) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=x5mwoe7Bk14, published 17 July 2021. 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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