

Heritage

# Western colours in tribal outfits

## Natives' Gold Collection out to capture the fashion world

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**A**FTER Ramadan, it is not long that we all be waiting for another brand new year. New Year should usher in changes and new promises, changes in your thoughts as regards your outfits, just as, hopefully changes in the rest of our environment. Yet it is saddening that when we get busy with welcoming the new, often things and traditions that are old and beautiful, disappear. One does not have to look far for examples. There are many in our own country.

But here is good news for us. Sajjad-ur-Rahman, a fashion designer by profession, is trying hard to revive one of these traditions that are almost extinct. He is working on the outfit of the Rakhaines, an ethnic group of Cox's Bazar. His focus so far is not on remaking the Rakhaine wear, but adding value to the original style with colours and forms. Though it is not longer than a year, Sajjad is already quite hopeful of the prospect with the work that he is doing. Lately, on the evening of October 18, in Cox's Bazar, he formally launched his first collection of ladies' wear. It was called *The Natives' Gold Collection*. There has been a debut of numerous dresses, of which every dress has become unique with Sajjad's touch. He gave those traditional dresses a look that is modern and exotic. The most amazing part, was of course, to watch the non professional Rakhaine girls posing in front of the viewers. The pride and joy in their faces said that it was their day too, as well Sajjad's.

It was different type of a fashion show, maybe a bit far from the usual combination of loud music, lighting and catwalk. It had its reasons too. The designer thought it would be rather unrealistic to make his Rakhaine models, who have never done anything so professional before. He presented them as they are. It was more like a photo session than a catwalk. The models wore the outfits designed for them, moved around, and posed in the open wooden veranda of Sajjad's beach side restaurant Angel Drop.

Sajjad mainly used the spray media and brush for the *Natives'*



Sajjad finds something challenging while he works with the indigenous community

*Gold Collection*. His concern to keep the traditional Rakhaine flavour pristine only made them more beautiful, modern and fashionable. The Rakhaines themselves think that Sajjad has succeeded to bring a change in their outfits and their outlook.

But all these were not done overnight. The evening was the

result of a year's thought, toil and love. The plan of redecorating Rakhaine wear struck a year back when Sajjad-ur-Rahman and his family shifted to the Cox's Bazar permanently. Tribal wear always fascinated him and the Cox's Bazar along with its native inhabitants, the Rakhaines, seemed to be the perfect place to make the fashion



designer's dream come true. Now he has plenty of space for a studio that every designer longs for. Everything appears to have fitted in perfectly.

When Sajjad began working he was excited, because it was after a long period that he was doing something completely on his own. After completing the graduation

from the Scramton University, Pennsylvania, USA in fashion designing and merchandising he came back in Bangladesh in 1993 and worked for several companies which did not fascinate him.

Working towards *Natives' Gold Collection* Sajjad found that this was something completely different and challenging. Finding the native



models was not easy, as the Rakhaines are a conservative community like the rest in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. But somehow he managed to get seven models for the show.

The Benson and Hedges has agreed to help this newcomer in Bangladesh's fashion scenario, and because of the backing that Sajjad

is about to receive, he hopes to carry out his elaborate plans relating to the Rakhaines. Meanwhile, some friends and well wishers are working with him and providing him moral support. We hope Sajjad's designs will enrich the prevailing fashion culture by introducing fashionable tribal wear.



The new outfits of the tribal are fresh in design yet maintain native tradition



RECOMMENDATIONS

Roktkorobi

**November 14**  
The 21st performance of Tagore's drama 'Roktkorobi' by Nagorik Natya Sampradaya takes place at Mohila Samity Auditorium in the city at 7:00 p.m. The play is directed by Ataur Rahman, while main casts include Opi karim, Ataur Rahman, Khaled Khan, Shirin Bakul, Gazi Rakayet, Ananta Hira, Lutfar Rahman George and Khaled Anwar, besides others.

Group art show

**November 4-15**  
Alliance Francaise holds a Group Art Exhibition, 'Figure of 5' being participated by artists Jamal Ahmed, Mustafa Zaman, Abhijit Choudhury, Setara Elin and Dewan Mizan.

The show is open daily from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m.

THE KALIMA TAYEBA

**November 01-15**  
Entitled, 'The Kalima Tayeba', a painting exhibition of eminent artist Murtaza Baseer begins at the gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city and remains open every day from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and during Ramadan till 4:00 p.m.

Theatre

**November 15**  
Universal Theatre presents its fourth stage-production Dhushor Teertha (Gray Pilgrimage) at the Nat-Mondo of Dhaka University. The drama is an adaptation of poet Khan Muhammad Moinuddin's long poem Artanaad, the subject of which is the famine of the 1950s. The show will start at 7 p.m.

# TV GUIDE

BTV

- 12:10p.m. News headline
- 12:15 Patriotic songs
- 12:20 News
- 1:00 News
- 1:10 Open University
- 1:45 Aiker shongbadpotro
- 2:00 News headline
- 2:05 Health
- 2:30 Cartoon
- 3:00 News
- 3:05 News for children
- 3:10 Bangla feature film
- 4:00 News headline
- 4:50 Mahe Ramadan
- 5:00 News
- 5:30 Drisshoto
- 6:00 News
- 6:10 Protyasha / Jiboner Alo
- 6:35 Probash Mela
- 7:00 News headline
- 7:05 Weather
- 7:10 Talk show
- 7:30 Drama serial
- 8:00 News
- 8:30 Drama serial
- 9:00 News headline
- 9:30 Selected program
- 10:00 News at ten
- 10:25 News feature
- 10:30 Movie of the week
- 11:15 Khabar / The News
- 12:30a.m. Closing
- CHANNEL-i**
- 1:35p.m. Bangla feature film
- 4:30 Songs
- 5:00 Hamd O' Naat
- 5:30 Islamic discussion
- 5:45 Teer Monohar Iftar
- 6:10 Music Plus
- 6:45 Eid Fashion 2002
- 7:15 Channel I News
- 7:45 Telequiz
- 7:55 Film
- 8:25 Drama serial
- 9:00 Channel I News
- 9:30 Shongbadpotrey
- Bangladesh
- 9:40 Telequiz
- 10:00 Concert
- 10:25 Channel I Mobile Quiz
- 10:30 Channel I News
- 11:15 Music Horizon
- 12:00a.m. Channel I News

ALPHATAV BANGLA

- (+ 30 mins)
- 12:00a.m. Nazaarbadi Bangla
- 2:30 Songs
- 3:00 Nijei Nayak (Bangla)
- 3:30 Pratiimba (Bangla)
- 4:00 Ek Akasher Niche
- 4:30 Ananya (Bangla)
- 5:00 Spandan
- 5:30 Daibadho (Bangla)
- 6:00 Bhowanipurer Chattujera
- 6:30 Nijei Nayak (Bangla)
- 7:00 Aalaap Bengali Spl
- 7:30 Purobi Bangla
- 8:00 Gaan Unlit. (Bengali)
- 8:40 Bharat Bhraman
- 9:00 Swapnoneel
- 9:30 Chena Mukh Achena Manush
- 10:00 De Ray
- 10:30 Daibadho (Bangla)
- 11:00 Gaan Unlit. (Bengali)
- 11:30 Spandan
- 12:00p.m. Ananya (Bangla)
- 12:30 Nayanlara
- 1:00 Ek Akasher Niche
- 1:30 Pratiimba (Bangla)
- 2:00 Phire Paawa (Bangla)
- 2:30 Gaan Unlit. (Bengali)
- 4:30 Gaan Unlit. (Bengali)
- 5:00 Ek Palak (Exposure)
- 5:30 News In Bengali
- 6:00 Daibadho (Bangla)
- 6:30 Ek Palak (Exposure)
- 7:00 Mathe Maidane (Ben)
- 7:30 Pratiimba (Bangla)
- 8:00 Ek Akasher Niche
- 8:40 Ananya (Bangla)
- 9:20 Spandan
- 10:00 News In Bengali
- 10:30 Ek Palak (Exposure)
- 11:00 Nayanlara
- 11:30 Nijei Nayak (Bangla)
- BBC**
- 00:00 BBC News
- 00:30 World Business Report
- 00:45 Sport Today
- 01:00 BBC News
- 01:30 HARDtalk (r)
- 02:00 BBC News
- 02:30 Top Gear
- 03:00 BBC News
- 03:30 World Business Report
- 04:00 BBC News
- 04:30 Asia Business Report
- 04:45 World Business Report
- 05:00 BBC News
- 05:30 Asia Business Report
- 05:45 Asia Today
- 06:00 BBC News
- 06:30 World Business Report

ZEE CINEMA

- (+ 30 mins)
- 1:00a.m. Sila
- 3:30 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
- 3:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
- 4:00 Ooperwala Jane
- 6:30 Dadamoni (A Tribute To The Legend
- 7:00 Pyar Ka Rog
- 10:00 Anjali (Zcn)
- 1:00p.m. Criminal(Zcn)
- 4:30 Ikke Pe Ikka
- 5:00 Rockford (Zcn)
- 8:30 Dadamoni (A Tribute To The Legend
- 9:00 Aunty No. 1
- ZEE TV**
- (+ 30 mins)
- 12:00a.m. Aati Rahengi Baharein
- 1:00 Kohi Apna Sa
- 1:30 Kammal
- 2:00 Love Marriage
- 2:30 Bambai Ka Babu
- 5:00 News In Hindi
- 5:30 Yaadon Ke Pal
- 6:00 Bhakti Bhav
- 6:30 Yoga For Life
- 6:50 Zee Gym
- 7:00 Jagran
- 7:30 Bhagwat Katha (Ztv)
- 8:00 Tarunagar Vani (Ztv)
- 8:30 Cartoon On Zee (Jonny Quest)
- 9:00 Cartoon On Zee (Superman)
- 10:00 The Young Riders: Season II
- 10:30 Knock Knock Kaun Hai
- 11:30 Aati Rahengi Baharein
- 12:00p.m. Love Marriage
- 12:30 Aa Gale Lag Jaa
- 1:00 Kohi Apna Sa
- 1:30 Kitti Party
- 2:00 Gharana Nazrana
- 2:30 Cartoon On Zee (Flintstones)
- 6:30 Cartoon On Zee (Jetsons)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- HALLMARK:** 11:00 a.m. *Lavryle Spencer's Home Song*. Are there sins of the heart beyond forgiving? The answer is revealed in this film based on LaVryle Spencer's powerful novel of a family whose future is imperiled by the past.
- HBO:** 8:00p.m. *Space Jam*. It seems the Nerdlucks are having a little trouble with their theme park, Moron Mountain - the customers ain't coming. They believe it's time for a little celebrity endorsement and nab the popular Looney Tunes bunch led by Bugs Bunny to do the honors.
- STAR MOVIES:** 8:45 p.m. *Kidnapped in Paradise*. Beth is a lawyer who travels to a tropical island for her sister Megan's wedding. As the wedding party is on a cruise ship, a band of modern-day pirates attacks the ship and kidnaps Megan. Beth sets out to find her sister.
- 07:00 Report (r)
- 07:30 BBC News
- 07:45 Asia Today (r)
- 08:00 Asia Business Report
- 08:30 BBC News
- 08:45 Asia Today (r)
- 09:00 World Business Report (r)
- 09:30 BBC News
- 09:30 Asia Today (r)
- 09:45 Asia Business Report
- 10:00 BBC News
- 10:30 HARDtalk
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 7:30 Aa Gale Lag Jaa
- 8:00 Little John (Ztv)
- 11:30 Tele Brands
- HBO**
- 06:30a.m. In The Doghouse
- 08:15 A Very Brady Sequel
- 10:00 Matilda
- 12:00p.m. Annie: A Royal Adventure!
- 02:00 The Education Of Little Tree
- 04:15 Kitti Party
- 06:15 Babe
- 08:00 Sabrina Down Under
- 10:00 Space Jam
- 10:00 Payback
- 12:00a.m. Last Action Hero
- HALLMARK**
- 01:00a.m. The Infinite World Of H.G. Wells - Part #1
- 03:00 Macshayne: Final Roll Of The Dice
- 05:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 43
- 06:00 The Good Fight
- 08:00 The Last Days Of Chez Nous
- 10:00 The Young Riders: Season II
- 11:00 Lavryle Spencer's Home Song
- 01:00p.m. Touched By An Angel V - Episode # 21
- 02:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 43
- 03:00 Scholastic Clifford Episode Number 137
- 03:30 Caillou - Episode # 11
- 04:00 Flipper (66 Episodes X 1hr) - Storm Island
- 05:00 Early Edition - His Girl Thursday
- 06:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 26 Cold Fire
- 07:00 Sublet
- 09:00 Early Edition - The Wrong Man
- 10:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 27 Maneuvers
- 11:00 The Twilight Of The Gods
- STAR MOVIES**
- 01:15a.m. Harlan County War
- 03:15 The Ripper
- 05:00 For The Love Of Olivia
- 06:45 Boiling Point
- 08:30 Major League
- 10:15 Closer You Get, The
- 12:00p.m. Chasers
- 1:45 Stay Tuned
- 3:30 A Low Down Dirty Shame
- 5:15 Volunteers
- 7:00 Dr. Dolittle 2
- 8:45 Kidnapped In Paradise
- 10:45 A Low Down Dirty Shame
- 12:30a.m. Volunteers
- ESPN**
- (+ 30 mins)
- 00:30 Goals! (T)
- 01:00 Uefa Champions League 2002/03 Uefa Champions League Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS
- 03:00 Feyenoord Vs Newcastle United Group Phase 1, Matchday 6(R)
- 05:00 Uefa Champions League 2002/03 Uefa Champions League Kiev, UKRAINE
- 06:00 Dynamo Kiev Vs Juventus Fc Group Phase 1, Matchday 6(S)
- 07:30 Cricket Programming Legends Of Cricket (R)
- 08:15 Sachin Tendulkar Programming Legends Of Cricket (R)
- 09:00 Uefa Champions League 2002/03 Uefa Champions League Basel, SWITZERLAND
- 09:30 Basel Vs Liverpool Group Phase 1, Matchday 6(T)
- 11:00 South Africa Cricket Castle Lager/Mtn Test Series Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA
- 12:00 Cricket Programming Legends Of Cricket (R)
- 12:30 Sachin Tendulkar Programming Legends Of Cricket (R)
- 13:30 Pool World Pool Masters 2002 (T)
- 14:30 Uefa Champions League 2002/03 Uefa Champions League Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS
- 15:00 Feyenoord Vs Newcastle United Group Phase 1, Matchday 6(R)
- 17:00 Uefa Champions League 2002/03 Uefa Champions League Kiev, UKRAINE
- 19:00 Cricket Programming Super Selector (L)
- 20:00 Sachin Tendulkar Programming Legends Of Cricket (R)
- 20:30 Sachin Tendulkar Programming Legends Of Cricket (R)
- 21:00 Cricket Programming Legends Of Cricket (R)
- 21:45 Cricket Programming Legends Of Cricket (R)
- 22:30 Western Union World Football (R)
- 23:00 Cricket Programming Hindi (T)
- 23:30 Cricket Programming Super Selector (R)
- STAR SPORTS**
- (+ 30 mins)
- 00:00 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Cup, Shanghai Shanghai, CHINA Round Robin(S)
- 02:00 Motorcycle Programming Firm Individual Speedway Wild C'Ship Gp 2002 Sydney, AUSTRALIA Highlights(T)
- 03:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R)
- 03:30 Trans World Sport (R)
- 04:30 Gymnastics International Gymnastics Stars 2002 Mexico City, MEXICO (T)
- 06:30 On The Limit On The Limit 2002 - Japanese Gt C'Ship Motegi, JAPAN Round 6(R)
- 07:00 Motorcycle Programming Firm Individual Speedway Wild C'Ship Gp 2002 Sydney, AUSTRALIA Highlights(R)
- 08:00 International Motorsports News International
- 09:00 English Premier League Highlights English Premier League Highlights 2002/03 (T)
- 10:00 International Triathlon Union (Ilu) Duathlon World C'Ships 2002 Georgia, USA
- 11:00 Yachting World Yachting Series 2002 Swedish Match Tour & Laser World C'Ship(T)
- 11:30 Formula One Boat Racing Uim F1 Powerboat Championships 2002 Stralsund, GERMANY Highlights #6(T)
- 12:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 London, ENGLAND Arsenal Vs Newcastle United (T)
- 14:00 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Cup, Shanghai Shanghai, CHINA Round Robin(R)
- 16:00 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Cup, Shanghai Shanghai, CHINA Round Robin(R)
- 18:00 Football Mundial (T) Cricket Magazine The Castrol Awards For Cricketing Excellence Chennai, INDIA Highlights(R)
- 19:00 Cricket Programming Super Selector (L) Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L)
- 20:00 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Cup, Shanghai Shanghai, CHINA Round Robin(S)
- 22:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (T)
- 22:30 Cricket Programming Super Selector (R)
- 23:00 Futbol Mundial (R)
- 23:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R)
- STAR WORLD**
- (+ 30 mins)
- 00:00 Charmed
- 01:00 Ally Mc Beal
- 02:00 Cheers
- 02:30 Creflo Dollar Daily
- 03:00 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
- 03:30 The Simpsons
- 04:00 World News
- 04:30 Suddenly Susan
- 05:00 Hollywood Squares
- 05:30 The Brady Bunch
- 06:00 Cheers
- 06:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 07:30 Bugs
- 08:30 Charmed
- 09:30 Ally Mc Beal
- 10:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 11:28 Star Asia Travel
- 11:30 Titus
- 12:00 Two Guys And A Girl
- 12:30 C'Ships 2002 Georgia, USA
- 13:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 13:30 Hollywood Squares
- 14:00 The Brady Bunch
- 14:30 Baywatch
- 15:30 The Simpsons
- 16:00 Cheers
- 16:30 Starnews Asia
- 17:00 Frasier
- 17:30 Roswell
- 18:25 Starnews Upd
- 18:30 Dark Angel
- 19:30 Most Incredible Animal Rescues
- 20:28 Star Asia Travel
- 20:30 Frasier
- 21:00 Roswell
- 22:00 Dark Angel
- 23:00 Most Incredible Animal Rescues
- STAR PLUS**
- (+ 30 mins)
- 00:00 Film Toppers
- 00:05 Shagun
- 00:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 01:00 Telebrands 101 - 150
- 01:30 Kasauti Zindagii Kay Chupa Rustam
- 02:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
- 03:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Shanti
- 04:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 04:30 Kora Kagaz
- 05:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 05:30 Bhabhi
- 06:00 Geet Bahar
- 06:30 Geet Bahar
- 07:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 07:30 Aatma
- 08:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 09:00 Fox Kids
- 09:40 Hit Geet
- 09:55 Kya Film Kya Geet
- 10:00 Small Wonder
- 10:30 Telebrands 101 - 150
- 11:00 Meri Saheli
- 11:25 Film Toppers
- 11:30 Shanti
- 12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 12:30 Kasauti Zindagii Kay Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 13:00 Bhabhi
- 13:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 14:30 Shagun
- 15:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii Smriti
- 15:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
- 16:30 Kora Kagaz
- 17:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 17:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 18:00 Fox Kids
- 18:40 Aaj Ki Baat
- 18:55 Kya Film Kya Geet
- 19:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 19:25 Film Toppers
- 19:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 20:00 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr
- 20:30 Kasauti Zindagii Kay Kismey Kitnaa Hai Dam Aaj Dekh
- 22:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
- 22:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 23:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**
- (+ 30 mins)
- 00:00 Oz Trek 2000
- 01:00 Dogs With Jobs S3
- 01:30 African Wildlife
- 02:00 Going To Extreme
- 03:00 Tba
- 04:00 Warriors Of The French Foreign Legion
- 05:00 Oz Trek 2000
- 06:00 Dogs With Jobs S3
- 06:30 African Wildlife
- 07:00 Going To Extreme
- 08:00 Tba
- 09:00 Warriors Of The French Foreign Legion
- 10:00 Dogs With Jobs
- 10:30 Tomorrow World
- 11:00 Pioneers Of The Deep
- 12:00 India Diaries
- 12:30 A Different Ball Game
- 13:00 Marine Mammals
- 13:30 Mission Wild
- 14:00 Hit Science
- 15:00 Back From The Dead
- 16:00 Kiwi Buddha
- 17:00 Human Edge
- 17:30 Mission Wild
- 18:00 Dogs With Jobs
- 18:30 Tomorrow World
- 19:00 Ng Explorer
- 20:00 Super Croc - Part 1
- 21:00 Extreme Science
- 21:30 Croc Chronicles
- 22:00 Croc Chronicles
- 22:30 Croc Chronicles