

CHECK IT OUT

Nikhut

For Nikhut, the saris have been done in tie-dye, embroidery, sequins and hand paint among others, on silk, cotton, georgette and jamdani. Prices: Tk.550- 4950. The salwar kameez line has been divided in two categories: normal (Tk.590- 950) and exclusive (Tk.1050- 3890). The children's wear has been done in hand embroidery, screen print and stitches. As for the men's wear, the prices are as follows: panjabi: Tk.650- 5690, fatua: Tk.450- 690, shirts: Tk.300- 690, trousers: Tk.650- 1400. Contact: 9006775, 01199371072.

Labonno

This Eid, Labonno has on offer salwar kameez done in appliqué, machine embroidery, block, sequins, etc. The women's wear in general, have been brought forward in bright colours, within the price range of Tk.950- 3500. The customers can either buy the ready-made salwar kameez with the dupatta as a set or choose the dupatta as per their wish. Hand embroidered women's fatua are also available within the range of Tk.350- 650. For the men, the panjabi have been created in the backdrop of deep blue, sea green, sky blue, maroon, red and pink, and cost Tk.550- 950. Screen print, block and embroidery have been used as the medium for saris done on motka silk, muslin, half silk and cotton, and cost Tk.950- 4250. Contact: 9142797.

Afreen's

From the very first day of Ramadan, Afreen's is putting out on display its Eid collection, and will be adding onto it as the month proceeds. The items and the

prices are as follows: salwar kameez (cotton: Tk.750- 2500, silk and others: Tk.1500- 5500), saris (cotton: Tk.450- 1950, silk and others: Tk.1500- 8500), cotton and silk panjabi (Tk.350- 3500), fatua (Tk.280- 1250) and skirt-tops for children and the teenagers (Tk.850- 1600). Contact: Shop-301/302 (2nd Floor), Metro Shopping Mall, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1207; 01711178111, 01819443811, 01911580083.

Shopnobaz

The youth brand Shonobaz has brought out t-shirts and fatua in twenty new designs, keeping the Eid in mind. Prices: t-shirts: Tk.150 and fatua: Tk.320. Contact: 86, Aziz Super Market (1st Floor), Shahbag; or, 12, Capital Market (2nd Floor), Dhanmondi; 01714105098.

Matrix Solutions

Matrix Solutions is going out and out this Eid with its collection. Apart from its gadget line that includes I-pods, I-shuffles and I-pod Video, clothing items are also on sale. The saris

and salwar kameez can be found in silk and georgette with animal, floral and zigzag motifs. Alongside, there are heavier georgette saris with zardozi, stone and sequins work, and classic embroidered saris as well as Jaipur saris. Western outfits are also available for both men and women, titled "Casual and Sporty"- the line will include t-shirts, shirts, trousers, skirts, tops, etc. Matrix Solutions also sells cosmetics from international brands such as Davidoff, Kenzo, L'Oréal and Revlon. Also check out its line of jewellery made of local pearl, titled "Pearl from Matrix".

Contact: Nahar Green Summit, H-305, Rd-27, Dhanmondi; 0155636845, 01713044427.



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INIFD's Eid bonanza in DRIK gallery

INTER National Institute of Fashion Design (INIFD) arranged an exuberant exhibition of young designers' fashion wear collection in DRIK Gallery, Dhanmondi from September 25th to 29th. Initiator of the event Ms. Sharmin Hassan, Executive Director of INIFD, informed that they organize this sort of exhibition every year.

In fact, it was arranged to give a drive to their young students to realize their talent in work. It is also a form of market research, through which they are able to evaluate the ongoing local market demand for fabrics and design in the fashion scene. It is like a platform for them to show their work beforehand and to help them gain experience before they really come into commercial arena.

A total of 26 designers participated in the show, displaying a range of trendy work including salwar kameez, ladies and gents' fatua, short kurta, tops and skirts, exclusive saris, panjabi and shirt. Local fabrics like handloom cotton, local silk, Rajshahi

muslin, Bexi cotton, Bexi voile and very few imported fabrics were used for the outfits. Other than the clothes, they offered household decorations mainly consisting of bedcovers and pottery showpieces.

The prominent actress Sara Zaker inaugurated the occasion. "It seems to me that young minds' creativity has been expressed here. Fabrics are exciting and it really stimulates the designers, I believe. In our days we didn't have such options to look trendy as you get to do now in abundance. They are actually carrying out a kind of tradition in fashion arena by promoting young talents every year", said Sara Zaker.

There was a special offer for those who really feel attracted to different fashion courses in INIFD- a 10% discount on spot admission throughout the exhibition. Contact: Inter National Institute of Fashion Design, 41, Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka-1213; 9893510, 9862341; info@nifd-bd.com; nifd-bd.com

By Md. Shamiul Haque (Rossi)

Celebrating Eid with Ayna

CLOTHES are taking a front seat, as always this Eid. While people are revelling in the festivities and running high on the shopping spree, stores have put out their displays for the customers to literally pounce on. With that in mind, Ayna can be an interesting option when it comes to your Eid shopping.

The designer house, Ayna, has brought out its Eid line, done in hand and machine embroidery, appliqué, block print and sequins. Prices: salwar kameez: Tk.950- 2700, ladies' fatua: Tk.350- 1000, sari (cotton and block print): Tk.450- 1200, and gent's fatua: Tk.350- 1000.

So make a point in swinging by the outlet and check out their designs and motifs. This will give you a fair idea of what you would need and want for the seasonal festivity.

Contact: Ayna, Anam Rangs Plaza, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi.

By Hasan Imam Shiplu

**Reela's**

REELA'S was officially launched in 2006. Founder, Nimla Ahmed Musa, has hosted many exhibitions in Dhaka, London, New York, Dubai and Pakistan. Their Eid collection this year brings vibrant colours, unique designs and exquisite hand embroidered outfits, specializing in traditional wedding outfits (priced at Tk 25,000- 65,000), saris (Tk 4500-20,000), salwar kameez (Tk 1300-20,000) and men's wear that includes kurtas and shewaris (at Tk 20,000-25,000). The collection also includes lots of silk, jamdani, chiffon and muslin. Reela's is also offering a 50% discount on their stock from the previous season, with prices starting from Tk 500 only. So be sure to check out Reela's boutique this Eid! Lane 22, House B1 39, New D.O.H.S., Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212; 8822066, 01711595965

**HOROSCOPE****ARIES**

(Mar. 21- April 19)

You will do well in social settings, and new and interesting individuals may spark a romantic curiosity. You will attract new love interests. Don't push your luck with your boss. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20- may 20)

You can make extra money. Rewards will be yours if you put in the extra time required. Problems with relatives and friends could surface. Look into making changes to your personal papers and don't neglect those bills that have been piling up. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 21)

Don't get involved in idle chatter that will hurt your position. You can make the most headway if you put in some overtime. You can make professional changes and direct your energy into making all the right moves. Go after your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CANCER

(June 22-July 22)

Favours will be offered readily. Loss or theft may occur if you are careless with your belongings. You should put a little extra effort in at work. Opportunities for partnerships are present; but get every detail in writing. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LEO

(July 23-Aug 22)

Groups you belong to will not only enjoy your company, but they will also share your interests. Don't overreact if your partner has a poor attitude. Avoid any intimate involvements with coworkers or employers. Art investment will pay big dividends in the long term. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23- Sept. 22)

You'll find it easy to upgrade your environment by redecorating or changing your residence. Try to make arrangements with close friends or relatives to spend a few days away. Opportunities to learn important information will surface through discussions with peers or seminars you attend. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Put your time and energy into home improvement. Your depressed mood has been hard to shake. Spend some time with people who can shed some light on your personal situation. Advancement can be yours if you put your efforts into work related matters. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

This will not be the day to lend money to friends or family. You can expect changes in your living arrangements. Curl up with a good book or go for a drive in the country. Watch for empty promises that may give you false hope. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Go out with friends and avoid the situation on the home front. Your emotions have been pulled out of shape and you need to do a little backtracking. Try to get out and socialize. Don't make financial contributions in order to impress others. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Loss or theft may occur if you are careless with your belongings. If you can't get ahead in the company you're with, perhaps it's time to move on. Friends and relatives can give you good advice. Accept the inevitable. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Lovers will be less than accommodating, and decisions regarding personal direction a necessity. Don't say something you'll live to regret. You will be extremely sensual; take precautions and don't take any risks. Your family needs to spend some time with you, too. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES

(Feb. 20-March. 20)

Don't let your emotions interfere with completing your chores. You can dazzle members of the opposite sex with your quick wit and aggressive charm. Don't expect anything for nothing and you won't be disappointed. Work diligently and you will get ahead this week. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.