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## HANDS ON REVIEW

# Thin is in: Elite Evo Air



What Elite has done here has taken cues of

some of the leading flagships and incorporated that seamlessly into their Evo Air device. Marketers know the first thing to help consumers decide on a purchase is what they see first which would be the packaging. It's a massive science of textures, colors and size. Elite hit the button with their darkly transparent plastic box that houses the gadget and its accessories. We're not sure how cost effective

### DOES IT SHOOT?



this is but the plastic case brings about a different appeal for those jaded by the typically brightly colored paper boxes.

But then you open it and pick out the device itself. It's quite a stunner. The CNC machine cut body is aluminum that has a slightly curved edge for a smooth, tactile response. Front and back are glass and very sleek buttons grace the sides. It's a functionally appealing design that doesn't bring in unnecessary detail. Everything is where and how it needs to be. The 5 inch HD display is just the right size for being big enough to read everything, small enough to fit most hands. At 5.8mm thickness, it's very sleek. The camera stays flush with the back leaving an even, smooth, unobtrusive finish. It gives off a premium air and it looks the part. Does it play the part?

### WHAT'S THE POWER?

You get standard budget-flagship equip-

ment. A Quad-core MTK 1.3 GHz processor backed up with 2GB RAM and 16GB internal memory provides just the right amount of juice. The OS is 5.0 Lollipop out of the box and we're hoping it gets an upgrade. They left the interface mostly uncluttered and favored a nearly stock-looking android. The rounded icon edges go hand in hand with the slightly rounded design of the phone's edges.

### DOES IT SHOOT?

A 13Mp front and a 5MP back camera means all your shooting needs are covered. What's cool for all us Facebook aficionados is that the front camera is a 87.5 degree wide angle f2.2 lens that takes good images in low-ish light. For selfie lovers, you can take shots in the dark with the front LED flash.

### HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

A 2100mAh battery may not seem really big but the AMOLED screens are good at conserving power. I've managed to run it a whole day without needing to recharge. My daily driver currently is a Nexus 5 that is thoroughly abused for email and using the office suite. A similar battery in the Nexus doesn't last as well as it does in the Evo Air. I've maxed out the Evo Air's processing power with pretty graphics heavy games. Recently I've gone on a bit of blood thirst with games like Mortal Kombat instead of my usual fare of driving games.

While the back gets a little typically hot, the frame rate remains firm and the device continues to function flawlessly.

### WHAT'S IN THE PACKAGE?

Comes with the usual power adapter, screen protectors and data cables. There's a opaque plastic back cover which we'd avoid because it looks bad. Why ruin the good looks. Be careful as you hold it though, the smooth edges are slippery.

### SPECs

Display: 5 inches, HD AMOLED with Gorilla Glass 3  
Camera: Rear-13 MP with Wide Angle (f2.2), Front-5MP camera covering 87.5 Degree  
OS: Android OS 5.0  
CPU: MTK6582 Quad Core 1.3GHz  
GPU: Mali 400  
Sensors: Accelerometer, proximity, compass  
ROM: 16GB, RAM: 2GB  
Battery: 2100 mAh  
Price: Tk. 14,666/-

### VERDICT:

*This device has all the hardware you'd expect and need in a sub 15k taka phone. In fact, it has plenty that most people won't ever need. Where it creates trouble for other devices is in the packaging and design. It looks like a premium device and feels like one. And in a market that changes phones as frequently as babies change diapers, style is the biggest selling point. And when it comes with capable hardware, it's quite the contender.*

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## Govt. to crack down on unregistered SIMs

PM instructs to take stern measures at the second meet of Digital Bangladesh Taskforce

The government is planning a crackdown on unregistered SIMs. While heading the second meeting of Digital Bangladesh Taskforce, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also instructed to formulate a guideline to expedite, enrich and sustain progress in ICT. This meeting of the highest authority regarding ICT development took place last week in Chameli Hall at the PM's Office.

The meeting agenda also included digital conversion in the education sector, cyber/digital security policies, setting up high-tech parks, establishing network connectivity at the Union level throughout the country, etc. Coordination between various government agencies and departments with the ICT Division was also among the issues discussed. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also instructed to reduce the cost of internet in order to make it accessible for all across the country. At present, there are 23 members in the Taskforce including the Finance Minister, Planning Minister, Posts and Telecom State Minister, Commerce Minister, Minister for Science and State Minister of ICT. The first meeting of the Taskforce was conducted in August 2010. Important issues such as setting up a separate ICT Ministry, reducing the cost of bandwidth, establishing a software technology park and developing multimedia classrooms for schools were discussed on that occasion.

**The Evo Air has one big thing going for it: style. It's almost oozing with the stuff. And that's high praise. Local mobile phones are different from the big names since they evolve rapidly. Change is a constant in this business where they throw out new models more frequently than Indian film actresses have wardrobe changes in an item song. New is gold.**

## Computer Source brings PROLiNK hotspot

PROLiNK PRT7006H is a mobile hotspot that features high speed internet access of up to 21.6Mbps. It is able to provide fast cellular data sharing to up to 10 clients at a time. The OLED display of the router shows useful information about the device such as signal strength, WiFi status, battery-level and traffic statistics. The battery backup of this device is up to 5 hours.

Price: Tk. 3,500/-



## KASPERSKY SECURITY UPDATE

### 95% of Android phones can be hacked with one just MMS, millions at risk

The most scandalous threat is tickling the nerves of Android phones owners: Zimperium zLabs reported six gaping hole in Google OS in April 2015. They also told Forbes that while Google sent out patches to its partners, unbelievably, most manufacturers did not make fixes available to protect their customers yet. The bugs are called the worst Android flaws ever discovered.

Security researchers claim that 95% of Android devices – roughly 950 million smartphones – are exposed to the exploit. Older devices running on an Android OS version below 2.2 are secured as well as gizmos running the latest build of Silent Circle's Blackphone, which has already patched. Security updates for Nexus phone are slated to be released soon.

The quickest way is to disable



auto-fetching of MMS for Hangout. You can do it literally in a minute:

1. open Hangout;
2. tap Options on the top left corner;
3. tap Settings -> SMS;
4. uncheck the Auto Retrieve MMS option in the Advanced Tab.

If you use default messaging apps, you can do the same like this:

1. open the messaging app;
2. tap More -> Settings -> More Settings;
3. tap Multimedia Messages -> Turn OFF Auto

Retrieve.

Let's hope that smartphone manufacturers will finally take these issues seriously. We can also encourage them a bit by tweeting directly to the manufacturers, which at most have customer support accounts on Twitter.

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## TECH HAPPENING

### ACI launches mobile handset brand STYLUS

ACI has recently unveiled a range of smart phones and feature phones under the brand name STYLUS. One of the first Smartphones of ACI to enter the market runs on Octa Core Processor along with 4000 mAh battery. This particular model, the O65, comes with an attractive smart flip cover absolutely free of cost. The other Smart Phone is the Q75 which runs on Quad Core processor and Android's latest Version – Lollipop, and comes with a 5" HD Display. The feature phone P76 has 2.8" display, JAVA and includes 128/64 memory support.



### Samsung launches new TV line-up for 2015

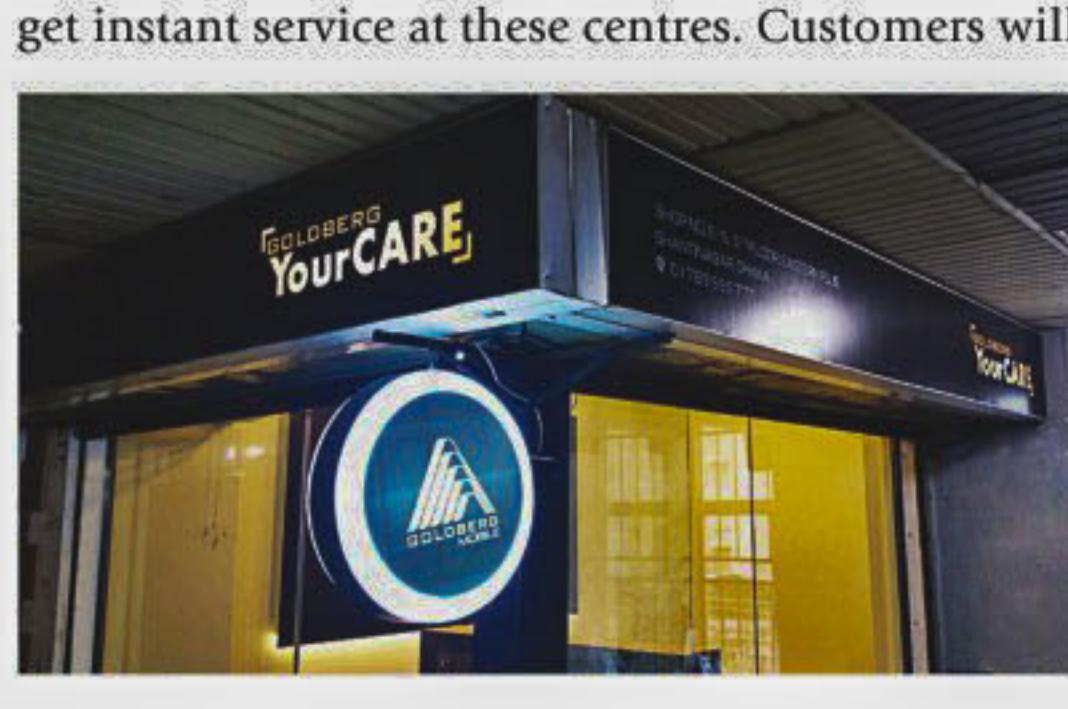
Samsung Electronics Bangladesh electronics has unveiled six new TV models of four segments in Bangladesh. The segments include Samsung Curved series, Samsung Joy Plus series, Samsung Joy Smart series and Samsung LED series. The Curved J6300 TV model comes in five screen sizes ranging from 32" to 55" with a price starting from BDT 79,600 to BDT 224,050. The other models that have been launched are Samsung Joy Smart J5300, Samsung Joy Plus 5100 & 4100 and LED FH4003 & H4003. This TV is available in three different screen sizes of 40", 48" and 55" with a price of BDT 78,500, BDT 111,400 and BDT 179,000 respectively. The Samsung Joy Plus 5100 TV comes in 3 screen sizes of 28", 32" and 40". Price starts from BDT 38,000 for a 28" model, BDT 57,100 for the 32" model and BDT 71,750 for the 40" model. Samsung has also announced two brand-new series of LED FH4003 & H4003 with available size of 32" and 23". Prices of these TVs are BDT 39,275 and BDT 25,750 respectively.



### Goldberg introduces 14 YourCARE centres

Goldberg Mobile started its customer service operation introducing 14 YourCARE Centres (YCC), customer service points across the country. Goldberg Mobile users will get instant service at these centres. Customers will get free service without any cost even after the warranty period.

They only have to pay for parts if applicable. Besides, Goldberg customers will get the same service from some 45 authorized collection points. The company is ready to ensure remote customer service through call centre which is open from 10am till 8pm, seven days a week, except for government holidays.



### Computer Source brings Windows 10



Windows 10 is Microsoft's universal OS with multi-device compatibility has been made available by Computer Source Limited. CSL will be providing after sales & installation support for Windows 10.

Price: Windows 10 home Tk. 10,475/-  
Windows 10 pro Tk. 13,000/-



'World's first' solar hot air balloon takes flight in the UK



Thai man gets 30 years in jail for insulting monarchy on Facebook

