



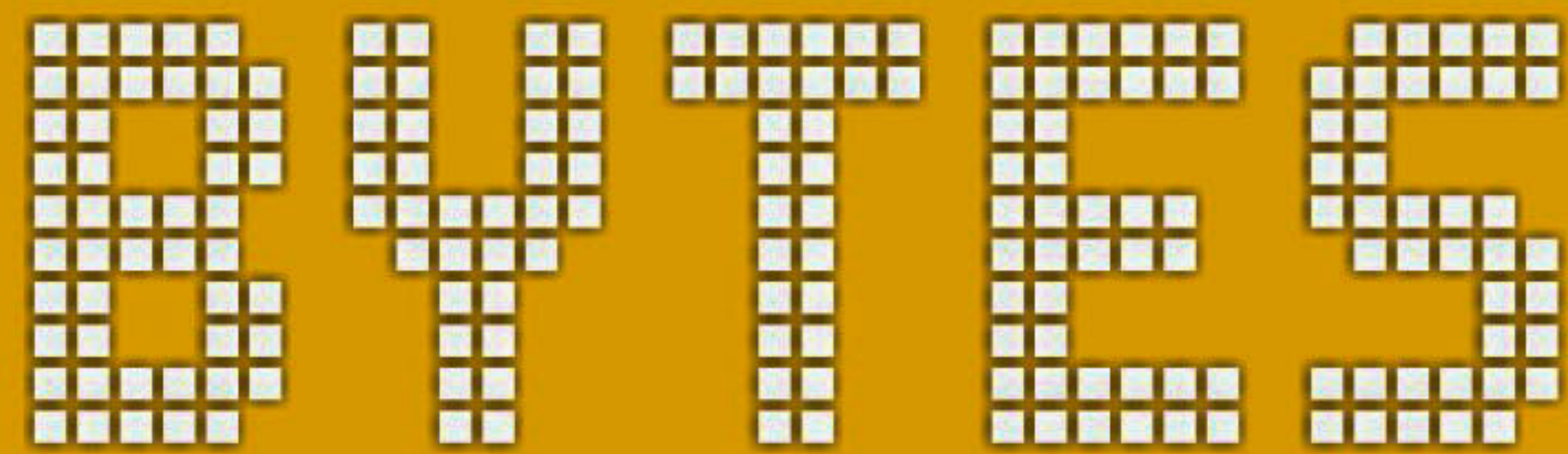
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HANDS ON REVIEW SYMPHONY ZVII (3 GB)

There was a time when people had one single, static telephone that several families used. It came in colours like sickly vomit green, blood red and Ebola infected off-white. And it sat on a corner table for years never to be changed. Mobile phones are like clothing accessories now, changed every week if we could. Symphony as a brand knows how to keep up with that disposable trend churning out one new device after the other.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS:

The Z series phones occupy the premium shelf with a smartly slashed pricing that keeps the devices below the 15k threshold. First impression of the ZVII gives off the vibe that they have tried to pack as much as possible into the price range. The display is a 5.5 inch with very narrow bezel ensuring the phone doesn't step into the phablet territory. One thing I'm not a fan of is the cross-hatch textured plastic cover on the back, a preference which is subjective. At least it came in a techie pleasing gunmetal gray colour. Build is solid with no creaks and squeaks, perhaps a little too solid. Battery, dual-SIMs and SD cards hide behind that back cover which is tough to remove.



DISPLAY:

Turn it on, it boots up quick and the first welcome sight is that display. The FHD 1080p display has 400ppi, sharp enough to render smooth even the smallest text on websites. Usually, after 300ppi it's almost impossible to distinguish the differences. Also, most Symphony phones I used before had an annoying brightness feature that was too bright at night even when lowered completely.

POWER AND STORAGE:

The power is provided by Cortex-A53 1.3GHz Octa-core chipset and supported by 3GB of RAM. Yep, that last bit is prominently emblazoned on their packaging also. We've run the device through our usual gamut of apps and games and it holds up well to multi-tasking. The MALI-T720 GPU and that leftover memory ensures much quicker loading times for graphically intense games like GT Racing 2. Storage is 16GB standard with 128GB of expandable memory.

CAMERA:

The camera on the back is a 16MP unit with the front being 5MP. In bright light, the camera is just about average; enough to capture all the surrounding areas without blur. Being a car guy, we often whip out a phone to take a picture of a car to share with fellow petrolheads. I've taken quick snaps in traffic and most things came out well enough to read number plates. Zoom in further and the detail has

a bit of extra smoothing that reduces some of the sharpness and gives a bit of a water-colour effect. While this is not preferred in still photos of cars by petrolheads, it's okay for group pictures where facial irregularities are smoothed down. When the light goes down things get slow. Noise creeps in heavily and the softness gets more pronounced.

SOFTWARE AND BATTERY:

The OS is Android 6.0 Marshmallow and in the beginning I said they omitted a few things to make it better. What they did was keep bloatware to a lower count. Comes with just a few pre-installed games and basic Symphony apps. Keeping it clean is what we prefer. Backup from the 3000mAh battery means easy passage from one day to the next with regular usage despite the power hungry screen. I've consistently run this over a week with heavy usage resulting in a full day's support. Games will eat up the power obviously. It scored 37452 on AnTuTu.

VERDICT:

Symphony has continually upgraded their devices to get where they are. It's a solid device with an excellent screen to serve all your reading and catching up on who did what on social media. It seemed to be the highlight of the product. The form factor is pleasing and perhaps we will see a metal finished back for their premium line next time. The design borrows heavily from simplicity making sure the appearance is clean, familiar and convenient. The camera isn't stellar but does the job well enough provided you have sufficient light. With enough battery support to last you a full day, this is the most and a bit more you will get for the money.

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SPECS

- Display: 5.5 inch FHD IPS (LTPS)
- CPU: 1.3 GHz Octa Core (64-bit)
- GPU: MALI-720 Mp3
- OS: Android Marshmallow 6.0
- ROM: 16 GB
- RAM: 3 GB
- Camera: 16MP+5MP Camera
- Battery: 3000 mAh
- Connectivity: 4G, 3G, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth
- PRICE: Tk. 12,490/-

JUST IN

OPTOMA HD26 PROJECTOR LAUNCHED FOR THE LOCAL MARKET

Digital Optoma HD26 is a projector for digital home theater. Equipped with high performance video processing, it delivers a 3,200 lumens bright image with a 25,000:1 contrast ratio. The Optoma HD26 full HD 1080p comes with proper details and superb colour reproduction. It also sports HDMI connectivity, MHL compatibility, full 3D compatibility, Blu-ray 3D player, Xbox, PS3, PS4 and other gaming consoles, 3D VESA sync port for RF 3D compatibility, DynamicBlack for enhanced black levels, 12V jack for motorized screen automation, back-lit remote, up to 6500 hours of lamp life and whisper quiet fan for maximum viewing enjoyment. Price: Tk. 75,000/-



ALCATEL PIXI 4 AVAILABLE FOR BANGLADESHI CUSTOMERS

Alcatel has recently launched a new series of entry level Android device for customers: one touch 5 inch and 6 inch version pixi 4. The 5 inch version sports a 1.3 GHz quad core processor, 1 GB RAM & 8 GB ROM. It also comes with Android Marshmallow and 2000 mAh battery. The 6 inch version has almost identical specs. Except it has a 2600 mAh battery. Price: 5 inch version Tk. 5,190/- & 6 inch version Tk. 8,199/-

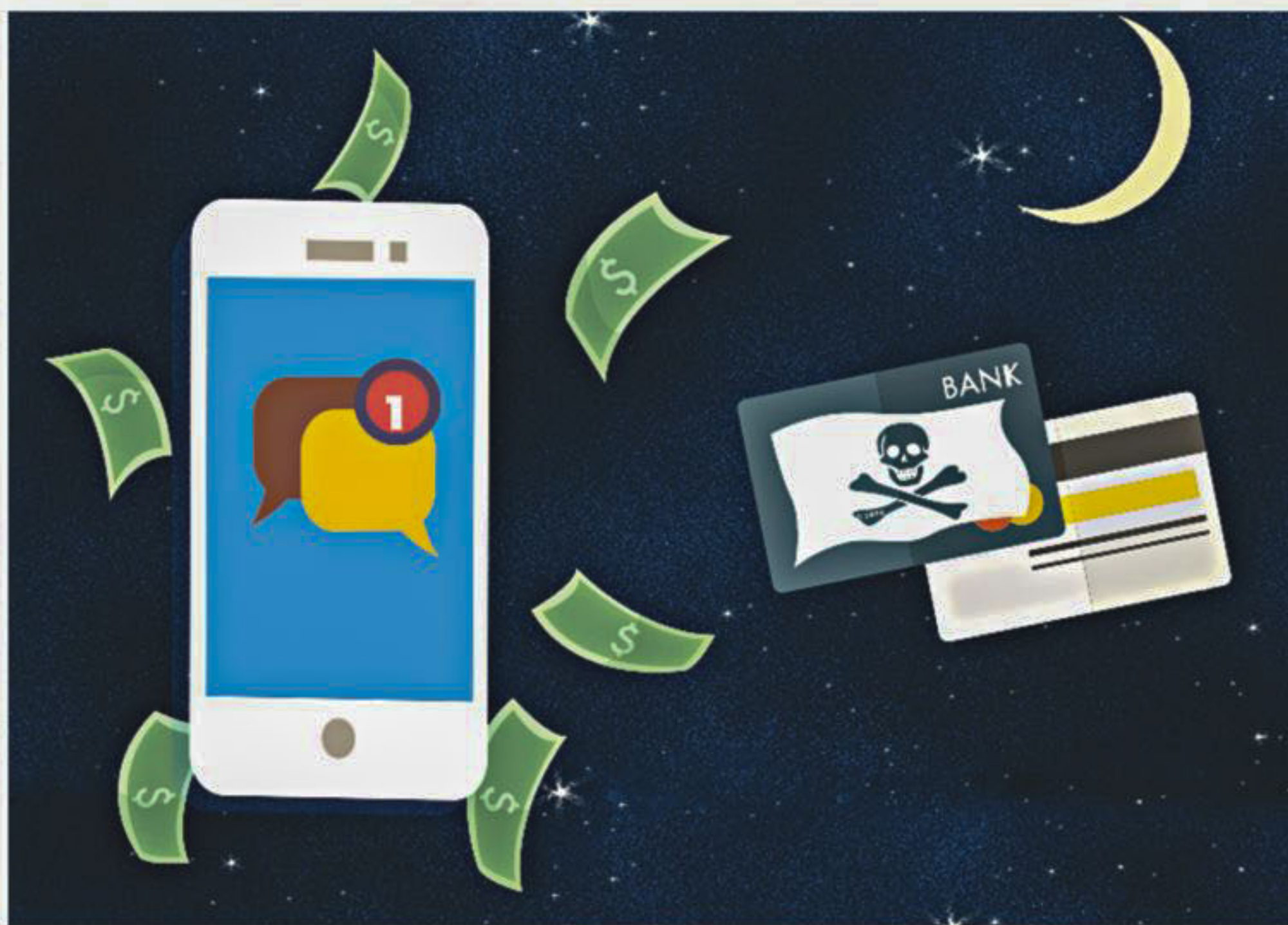
DIGITAL FRAUD TIPS TO TACKLE

EID is right around the corner and everyone has their shopping gears on. To make your EID shopping experience better and safe, we did a fair bit of digging and found out what can go wrong if you are not in the know. Following this are a few tips that will keep you from unwillingly sharing your money with strangers.

Share your credit card number? No thanks! You have to be very careful when you provide anyone or any site with your credit card details. Random links to deals that are too good to be true, probably are. These sites often steal your credit card details and will clear out your account before you can even make a phone call to shut your card off.

Before you proceed to buy anything from an e-commerce site, check the user feedback and try to find if that site is real or not, if you can't find any reviews that seem legible enough, giving them your credit card details is a bad idea. You should also refrain from providing credit card numbers to someone over the phone.

Free internet may not be secure internet When making transactions online, always use your private computer instead of a public one and stay away from public WiFi. Public PCs often have Keyloggers installed to create a log of your keystrokes and then send them over the internet to a pre-programmed address. Keyloggers are getting more intelligent day by day and will record what you type only when you browse sites that involve transactions which lead to stealing your credit card details through your keystrokes.



While using mobile financial services to transfer money from one account to another, it's very important to get the account type and details right. And while conducting your transactions, always check the balance before and after the transaction as this keeps a clear track of the money that has been moved. **You've received unknown riches. Give some back?** Since mobile banking services rely on text

messages to notify you about transactions made from your account, sometimes fake text messages and a phone call might claim that money has been transferred to your account by mistake. Now, while this is not unlikely to happen, do check your balance before you return the amount because it might be a trap. Ps. It's a trap.

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EDISON LAUNCHES HELIO S20

Edison Group unveils their new phone series, Helio S20. The smartphone is available now at www.pickaboo.com & Edison Groups Smart Plugin outlet. This LTE compatible smartphone has 5.5 inch Amoled Full HD Display. This handset contains a 16MP camera at the back. It has fast double focus feature. Another surprise is its 8MP front camera. It uses the Flash Selfie feature to help you take brighter selfies in low light settings. This handset contains

Android 6.0 Marshmallow, 1.95 GHz Octa-core 64-bit processor with 4GB DDR3 RAM. The processor lets users play all sorts of games without lags. It has 64GB internal storage of memory which is expandable up to 128GB. The Helio S20 comes with a whopping 3000 mAh battery that is efficiently paired with Smart Power Consumption technology. The battery can be recharged quickly with the fast-charging adapter.



TECH HAPPENING

HUAWEI P9 BREAKS GLOBAL & LOCAL SALES RECORD

Within just three weeks of its launch in Bangladesh, Huawei's flagship device P9 has sold around 1,000 units of the P9. According to Huawei, the smartphone instantly caught the attention of Bangladeshi crowd because of its aesthetically stunning design and dual-lens Leica camera. Huawei Consumer Business Group have achieved a global sales mile-

stone of the selling 2.6 million P9 and P9 Plus within six week of their release. Sales figure grew tremendously high in Asia, Europe and UK. Sales of the P9 are 130 percent higher than P8 sales in global markets. In China, over 5 million online pre-orders were made within a week since its global release in London.

SAMSUNG ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST WEEK'S WINNER OF "BALI TRIP" FOR ITS EID OFFER



Samsung Electronics has announced its first week's winner for Bali Trip as its mega offer of 'The Grand Invite' for Eid. The first winner, A.S.M. Mahmud Kabir won the trip after buying a Microwave Oven from

the Samsung authorized showroom of Bijoy Sharani Electra International. In the month of Ramadan, with 'The Grand Invite' offer, customers can win 4 more Bali trips (couple trip) for 3 days-2 nights.

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Bitcoin surges past \$650 as Brexit result sends UK Pound tumbling to 30-year low

Apple is discontinuing its Thunderbolt Display

Facebook Live grows up with two-person broadcasts and waiting rooms for viewers

The Nintendo 64 turns 20 this week

