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HANDS ON REVIEW

WALTON PRIMO ZX2 LITE

After a long time, we are reviewing one of Walton's top-tier products: the ZX2 Lite. It's the newer, stripped-down version of the famed ZX2, which has been creating quite a buzz in the market. This 6-inch all-metal-body phone is certainly a stunner. But is that it? Or does it perform as well as it looks? Let's find out in our detailed hands-on review:

The phone comes with a gorgeous 6-inch display. The 1920x1080 display supports 10-finger multi-touch and is protected by 4th gen scratch-resistant gorilla glass. It's no pixel-dense, quad-HD resolution, but man, it's good! The colour saturation is vivid although the white pixels look a bit pinkish. But rest of the prominent colours pop out amazingly on the screen.

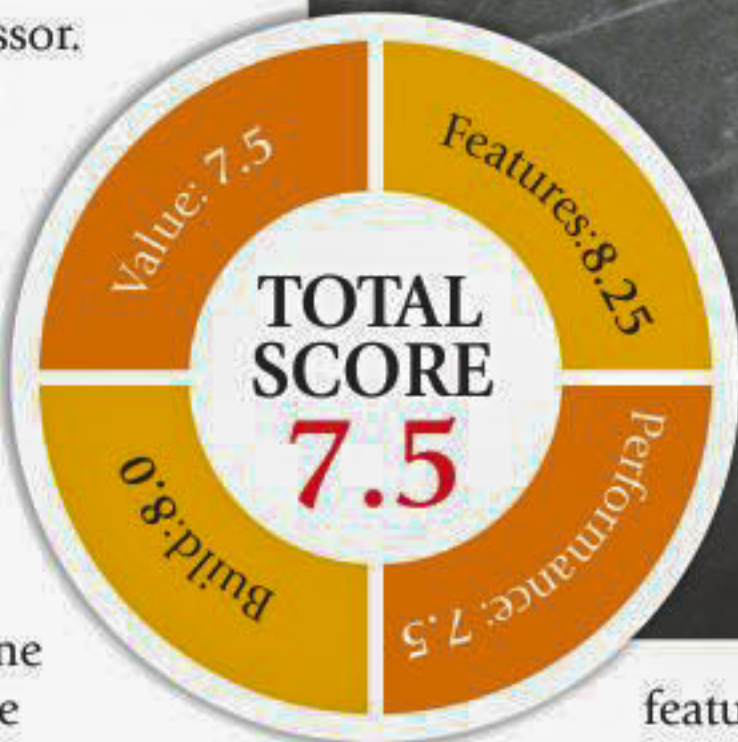
The phone's shape, design and dimensions are very similar to Huawei's Nexus 6P (minus the visor in the back). But compared to the Nexus 6P, the phone is a bit heavy because it packs nearly 1500 mAh more than the 6P. ZX2 Lite has an edge-to-edge uni-body and full-metal back with heavily chamfered edges.

Coming to the performance: since Walton is making this phone one of their forerunners this season, they chose the most popular architecture in a budget. The phone sports a MediaTek MT6753 1.3GHz Octa-Core 64-bit processor, which is roughly equivalent to the Qualcomm 610 Snapdragon processor.

The MediaTek processor combined with the 3GB RAM was able to strike the right balance between power and budget. But we did notice some issues. The phone freezes up when we juggle multiple data-driven apps. The Android 5.1 version of the phone has a simple custom UI with just a few added apps by default.

Walton wanted to keep the phone under 30K and that's evident by the cameras that come with the phone.

Although these front and back cameras were good on paper, when we tried them out for real, we noticed a few things. The front camera, despite of its 8MP f2.2 aperture camera, indoor selfies tended to be a bit grainy. The best part of the camera was the modes and the



features. When you switch from normal mode to professional mode, an array of options unlocks before you. You can zoom in and out, take macro shots by changing the focus and adjust the ISO and White Balance. In addition to that, you can change the shutter speed to take terrific images in low lighting conditions.

Things we loved about the phone:

- The battery. The phone has a whopping 5020 mAh battery, which means even after you continuously watch videos, send e-mails, play games and hear music, you would still be able to go home with at least 20% charge at the end of the day. It also has a Samsung-inspired extreme battery mode that will give

you battery coverage and basic functionality for up to 10 days.

- The security features of the phone include a fingerprint scanner. The iPhone-style fingerprint scanner doubles as a home button, right below the screen.
- This phone is one of the first of a range of phones by Walton to come with USB Type C.

This means you can charge them real quick, but will need to carry your charger every time you move because these ports are rare.

SPECS

- Display:** 6" Full HD, 4th Gen Gorilla glass
- CPU:** 1.3GHz 64 Bit Octa-Core
- RAM:** 3GB and **ROM:** 64GB
- Camera:** 16MP Rear + 8MP Front
- Battery:** 5020 mAh
- Fingerprint sensor and USB Type C
- PRICE:** TK. 27,990/-

VERDICT

So basically, Walton now has a phone that effectively puts them in the competition with other phones by bringing out devices with outstanding design & hardware but on a budget. Surely you shouldn't be comparing it with iPhones or Galaxy Notes, but you can easily compare it other homegrown brands and some up & coming Chinese brands. We liked the phone because it is thin, durable and fast. Despite being slightly heavy, we didn't find it bothersome. True be told, we didn't mind the extra weight because of the gigantic 5020 mAh battery. So is it one of the best phablet on a budget? Yes, probably it is.

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN DOWNLOAD POKÉMON GO RIGHT NOW!

Pokemon Go, Nintendo's very first step in the world of AR gaming, is a huge hit among fans. This seems to be all that the internet can talk about right now. Sadly, it hasn't been released globally, yet. But hey, who wants to wait, right? Though, initially released for US, New Zealand and Australia (and later on, a few other countries), you can still download the game on your phone. On iOS it's easy--if you already have your App Store region set to US or one of the supported countries, you're good to go. If not, then go to Settings, sign out of your Apple ID and change your region before you log back in again.

On Android, however, it's a bit tricky. You have to get the APK file for Pokemon Go and install it through that if you're in an unsupported region.

Here's the latest version:
<http://www.apkmirror.com/apk/niantic-inc/pokemon-go/pokemon-go-0-29-2-release/pokemon-go-0-29-2-android-apk-download/>

You'll have to give your phone permission to install apps from third-party sources so go to Settings-Security and turn on "Unknown Sources". Download the file from the link provided and you'll be able to install it right from the notification bar.

What an amazing time to be alive!

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PAYPAL PREPPING FOR BANGLADESH LAUNCH SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH SONALI BANK

PayPal, world's most popular online money transfer service, is finally opening its door for Bangladesh. Recently the Dider Md. Abdur Rob, Deputy Managing Director of Sonali Bank confirmed the media about PayPal and Sonali Bank signing a draft agreement about PayPal extending its service in Bangladesh. Although no formal announcements were made initially, the news of PayPal launching its services in Bangladesh was broke by Md. Mahbub Kabir, Director of Board of Investment (BOI). He mentioned about the good news of Sonali Bank signing a deal with PayPal through his Facebook account.

A highly placed source working on this project informed that a team of PayPal officials made a trip recently. They underwent several meetings with government and other associated bodies to formulate the operating policies of PayPal in Bangladesh. The source also informed that after discussion between both parties a draft agreement was made. That document was sent for approval to the San Jose HQ of PayPal. Very recently PayPal gave green light to the draft agreement. The source also confirmed that an announcement from the either side is due soon. Although when BYTES contacted PayPal to verify the news of such an agreement, Pooja Sabharwal, Head of Communications-Paypal India responded back to our mail saying: "PayPal is not currently available in Bangladesh

and we don't have news to share right now regarding future plans. However, Xoom, a PayPal service, has been live in Bangladesh since November 2015. Through Xoom, people in the U.S. can send money to loved ones by depositing money to leading banks in the country, including Sonali Bank."

So if everything goes right, the long pending process of bringing this American online money transfer service in Bangladesh is about to come to a gleeful ending. Freelancers and people related to the outsourcing industry rejoiced to this announcement since this would mean hassle free money transaction at a reasonable fee.

Bangladesh government has been negotiating with PayPal for years to launch the service its services in Bangladesh. The discussion took a positive turn when a top level delegation team went to the PayPal HQ to smoothen the process last year. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, State Minister of ICT division, led the delegation team last time. And they brought the good news of Xoom (a PayPal service) wanting to re-launch its services in Bangladesh. Xoom is currently available in Bangladesh and can pick up cash directly from 15 partner local Banks. Xoom also offers bank deposit service in more than 58 banks here in Bangladesh.

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TECH HAPPENING

can be picked up via mobile phone

From now onward, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education will use Rupali Bank SureCash mobile banking service to disburse stipend for students. In presence of the Minister of Primary and Mass Education Advocate Mostafizur Rahman and Rupali Bank Board of Director Chairman Monzur Hossain, the agreement was signed by Secretary of Primary and Mass Education Mohammad Humayun Khalid and Managing Director of Rupali Bank M. Farid Uddin. Initially as a pilot project, Rupali Bank SureCash will be used to disburse stipend this year. Progoti Systems will look after the technical issues of the project.

Online purchase facility on WE Smart Solutions

WE, the latest Bangladeshi smartphone brand, has recently launched a new e-commerce site on June 25, to enable its customers to buy WE smartphones online. Customers can avail this service at anytime with just one-click to www.shop.we.net.bd. Customers have the option to choose from different payment methods including cash on delivery (COD), credit card, debit card and mobile banking. All transactions are processed in Bangladeshi Taka and all credit/debit card details will remain confidential and private.

JUST IN

Water Proof Flash drive hits local market

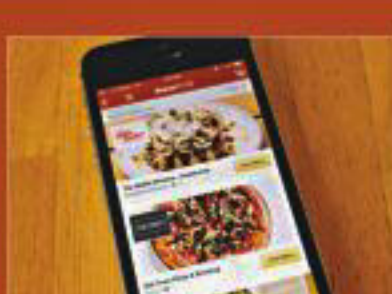
Computer Source has introduced Apacer's super-mini water-proof USB flash drive in the local market. The AH157 USB 3.0 boasts two different colour matches—black with wine red cap and white with azure blue cap. It is built with advanced COB (Chip on Board) technology to enable dust-proof, water-proof, shock-proof functions. AH157 has USB 3.0 connectivity and comes with the capacity of 16GB. **PRICE:** TK. 600/-



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