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# WHAT'S HOT @ MWC 2018

In the world of technology, there are very few days that are as exciting as the time when Mobile World Congress takes place. If you are a tech geek then, without a doubt you were glued to the screen most of the time during the MWC2018. Starting from 5G to all-screen concept phone, this year's Mobile World Congress was sort of a roller coaster ride. We monitored the events closely, noted down all the significant product launches and all the big announcements. From all those stuff, we bring you the hottest smartphones unveiled at this year's MWC.

## Samsung Galaxy S9 series

Galaxy S9 series is the iteration of the much successful S8 series by Samsung. This flagship series, at a glance, doesn't look much different than its older brother. Except the back is a bit different and the device weighs a bit more. The newly ergonomically placed fingerprint sensor is below the camera, the powerful Exynos 9810 processor along with 6GB of RAM, the new camera – are some of the improvements in the S9 series. In Bangladesh, Samsung will only be selling S9+ (the bigger version).



## Sony Xperia XZ2 series

Sony Xperia XZ2 series is the successor to the Sony Xperia XZ1 series. The design of the Xperia phone hasn't changed much radically in the last couple of years. The XZ2 isn't any bit different: all are chunky, oversized and comes with a stunning display. The fingerprint has moved from power button to the back. Following the footsteps of Apple, XZ2 got rid of the 3.5mm jack.

## ASUS Zenfone 5 series

Looking for an iPhone X copycat that won't put a dent in your wallet? Look no further, ASUS Zenfone 5 is here! At the MWC this year, ASUS launched two new phones: Zenfone 5 and Zenfone 5Z. Both have the notch of iPhone and the camera formation is identical to iPhone too. The ASUS is a bit bigger in size though and a bit lighter too compared to iPhone X. The phone is priced around USD 500. Meaning you get a iPhone X look alike for just one third of the price. Although the price in Bangladesh is not set yet, but experts predict it won't be more than BDT 50k. We haven't receive any confirmation yet, but probably this phone may be available somewhere around mid May.



## Vivo Apex Concept

Vivo is one of the lesser known brands that generally don't get much attention during the Mobile World Congress. Not this year. This year Vivo has shown off a concept phone: Vivo Apex. This phone has a whopping 98 percent body to screen ratio. The phone also has a pop-on front facing camera. Although it's a concept phone, we expect to see it in production by end of May this year. If you are planning to buy this phone then start saving now. It won't be cheap.



## LG V30S ThinQ

The LG V30S ThinQ isn't an all-new phone in terms of design or functionality. But if you are a blogger or armature videographer then you are bound to like the camera of this phone. Like all the Chinese vendors in the market, LG too has an AI to enhance the quality of the image. Like all the 'AIs' in the market, it is nothing but a marketing gimmick. The phone's predecessors performed quite well in Bangladesh. Will this be a hit too? We will know soon.

## Nokia 8 Sirocco

Packed with the best possible hardware, Nokia 8 Sirocco is the biggest, baddest phone in Nokia's arsenal right now. One might even say this phone is a Nokia 8 on steroids- thanks to its superb performance. The phone is a Nokia 8 on steroids- thanks to its superb performance. The main piece of hardware of the phone is Qualcomm Snapdragon 835 System on Chip. It also sports a pOLED display, which looks gorgeous, no doubt about that. But is it worth the hype? We will find out soon enough.



## Nokia 8110 4G

The matrix phone by Nokia is back with a bang. And now it looks like a Banana. Nokia, which is owned by HMD, is trying to make a mark in the industry by bringing back the legendary models back. This time it's the 8110, which supports 4G by the way. It isn't a smartphone, but we really don't care. It's a novelty device that's a must-have for most.

## TECH HAPPENING

### Symphony mobile to start manufacturing with Summit Technopolis

Symphony Mobile signed an agreement with Summit Technopolis to build a facility that will manufacture different components of mobile, (mobile) accessories, assembling mobile phones along with software development. In this two acre land, the Symphony Mobile factory is likely open by early 2019 where it is expected to employ about 2,000 people with approximate USD 12 million investments. Under this agreement, Summit Technopolis, a company of Summit Group will provide related infrastructural support to Symphony Mobile for setting up their factory at Bangabandhu High Tech Park (BHTP) in Kaliakoir, Gazipur. Symphony expects to cater local and international market from the products produced here.

### Venturas and UIU signs MoU to host robotic contest

Ms. Yoriko Ueda, Founder and CEO of Venturas Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mr. Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman, Vice Chancellor of United International University (UIU) to organise the first ever Robotics Contest for college-level students in Bangladesh. As per the MoU United International University will be fully supporting this contest as a Main Sponsor.

### QR code based digital payment system launched in Bangladesh

Recently Bank Asia Limited has launched QR-code based payment into its banking and payment services. Its core technology has been developed by the local leading company in payments and security, Kona Software Lab Ltd. The project launching ceremony was held at Bank Asia's head office in Paltan, Dhaka. Md. Arfan Ali, the Managing Director of Bank Aisa Limited and Minaoar Hossain Tanzil, the Managing Director of Kona SL were both present among other high officials at the launching ceremony.

### National Housing Finance and Investments to implement core software from ERA

ERA InfoTech Limited (ERA) signed an agreement with National Housing Finance and Investments Limited (NHFIL) for supplying NBFI Core software, Loan Originating and approval and HR & Payroll Software Solution at NHFIL's conference room Dhaka. Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Managing Director of NHFIL and Mr. Md. Serajul Islam, CEO of ERA InfoTech signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations. Engr. S.M. Anisuzzaman, DMD, Mr. Shital Chandra Saha, SVP, Mr. Sayed Ahmed, VP & CFO, Mr. Md. Sarwar Kamal, VP & Company Secretary, Md. Ziaul Karim, Head of IT of NHFIL and Mr. Tauhidul Hoque, CTO, Mr. A.S.M. Nurun Nabi, Head of Business, Mr. Mohsin Kobir, AGM of ERA and other high officials from NHFIL and ERA-InfoTech were also present on the occasion.

## JUST IN

### Walton releases new 4G handset with face unlock feature

Walton has released its new 4G enabled smartphone Primo S6 infinity which features face unlock technology to provide maximum security of the device along with a back fingerprint scanner. The five-finger multi-touch smartphone bears a 5.5-inch in-cell HD plus 18:9 full-view IPS display with 2.5D curved glass. Runs on Android 8.0 Oreo operating system, the device is powered by a 64-bit 1.3 GHz Quad-core processor and comes with 3 GB RAM and Mali-T720 GPU. It sports 32 GB of internal storage, which can



be further expanded upto 256 GB via a microSD card. It also

sports a 13MP rear camera with f/2.0 aperture, PDAF support, LED flash, 5P lens and BSI sensor. Its 8MP front facing camera with f/2.2 aperture, soft LED flash, 4p lens and BSI sensor ensures best selfies. Rear camera can capture full HD (1920X1080 pixel) while the front HD (1280X720 pixel) videos. Powered by a 3000 mAh battery, the 8.1mm slim smartphone weighs only 146 grams.

Price: Tk. 16,990/-

### OPPO is bringing a budget A71 (2GB)

OPPO is going to launch an upgraded version of A71. According to a press release issued last week, the Chinese smartphone manufacturer whose primary focus is on selfie camera has announced to bring a new 2GB version of their A71 phone. The phone is going to be equipped with 5MP A.I. beauty recognition technology selfie camera. Apart from the key focus on the smartphone the phone is going to sport some decent hardware. The press release states the phone will be having 2GB RAM, 16GB ROM and 3000 mAh battery.



TECH BITS

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