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TOP 7 SMARTPHONES UNDER 30,000BDT

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For someone looking to buy a smartphone within 30,000BDT in Bangladesh, there are a lot of options. But just to be safe, we suggest buying a smartphone with official warranty just to be safe. The mid-range market here is pretty much dominated by Chinese brands offering tremendous bang-for-buck value, and there are some more-than-decent options. Here are 7 smartphones that you can buy with a budget of 30,000BDT.

Oppo F7

Oppo and Vivo have been competitors for a long time, but Oppo seems to have nailed it with the F7. The Oppo features a great front camera, along with a flagship-grade single rear camera module, along with amazing battery life thanks to the Helios P60 SoC. The Oppo doesn't stand out in anything except the cameras, but it doesn't have a lot of cons either.



Vivo V9

Vivo has been around for a while, but aggressive marketing strategy has finally put them in the limelight. Their main strategy till now has been to improve their camera module as much as possible, perfecting the "selfie" camera, and offer balance in everything else. For people loving their selfies, the Vivo V9 is a compelling buy, but the Snapdragon 626 is the main disadvantage of this phone.

Huawei Nova 3e

The Huawei Nova 3e, also known as the Huawei P20 lite, follows Huawei's new design language for their flagship phones. The design is flashy and eye-catching, and the camera is great as well. The notched screen is great and comes with an above-average display. Battery life is enough for a day of use. Sadly, however, Huawei's HiSilicon Kirin 659 offers no upgrade in performance from yesteryear's Nova 2i.



Xiaomi Mi Max 2

Xiaomi has gained quite the fan-following in Bangladesh, and for good reason. Their phones offer excellent bang-for-buck, and the Mi Max 2 is no exception. Made purely for media consumption, the Mi Max 2 is an amazing phone with a massive battery that is sure to provide endurance and performance whenever it needs to. The Snapdragon 625 offers adequate performance but promises endurance paired with a mammoth 5300mAh battery.



Xiaomi Mi Note 3

Some may confuse this phone with the Redmi series of phones, but the Mi Note series is all about premium build and zing performance. The Mi Note 3 is no exception. Previously, the Mi Note series was a flagship, but the Mi Note 3 came out as a sibling of the Xiaomi Mi6, the current flagship of Xiaomi. With the exception of a larger screen, larger battery and a Snapdragon 660 instead of the 835 found in the Mi6, the devices are basically the same. And that is great news for a mid-ranger, because the dual rear camera scored 90 in DxOmark, a camera testing publication; which pits the phone against the iPhone 7 Plus and LG V30.



Motorola G5s Plus

The Motorola G5s Plus comes with Motorola's excellent reputation with their devices. The G5s Plus holds its reputation from Motorola's Droid phones, offering sturdy build quality with a pleasant UI. Ideally, 4GB of RAM paired with the Snapdragon 625 SoC is great, and a near-stock android experience makes it even better. The camera is excellent as well, so is the battery life. It's an excellent phone that excels in almost all categories as a mid-ranger. The only problem that G5s Plus has is questionable quality control.



Samsung Galaxy J7 Duo

For brand purists and Samsung fans, the Galaxy J7 duo is an interesting phone. The Super AMOLED screen is superb, and the Exynos 7885 OctaSoC gets the job done quite easily when paired with Samsung's very own TouchWiz. The 720p resolution might be a con for some, but the screen helps with battery life.



Honourable mention: Nokia 7 Plus

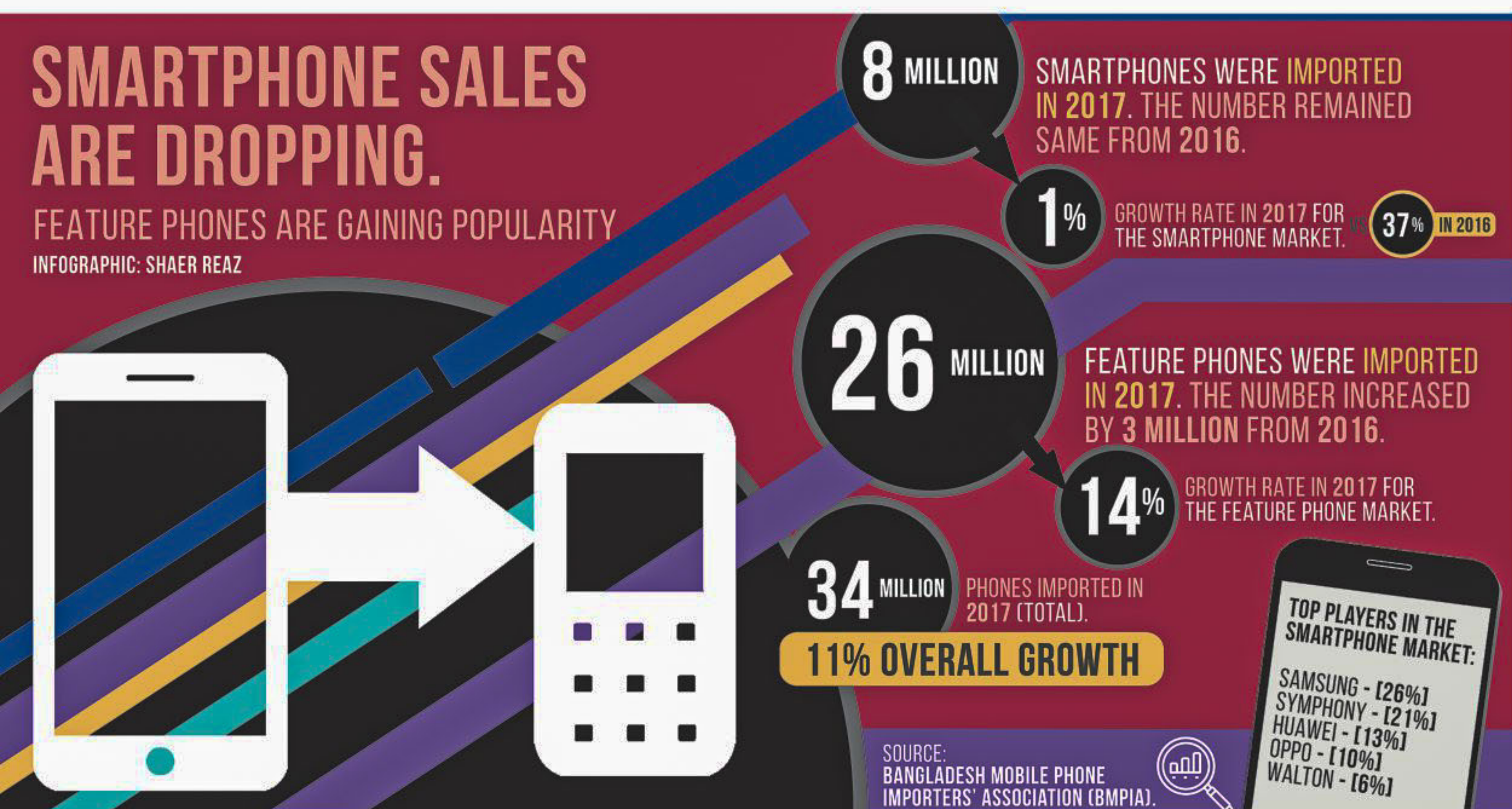
If none of these options speak to you, do consider searching for a Nokia 7 Plus; which features Android One, terrific build quality, excellent camera and a Snapdragon 660 with an above average 3800mAh battery.



SMARTPHONE SALES ARE DROPPING.

FEATURE PHONES ARE GAINING POPULARITY

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Walton launches 'Made in Bangladesh' laptops

Walton has launched its 'Made in Bangladesh' laptops, which have been manufactured at its own production plant in Chandra of Gazipur. Four different models of laptops have been released under the Prelude R1 series, at an affordable price range of 19,990 to 23,550 BDT. Available in four different colors of black, silver, gray and gold, the laptops come with 14.1-inch HD display, 1.1 gigahertz Intel Apollo lake N3350 and N3450 processors, 4GB DDR3 RAM, Intel HD Graphics 500, 1 TB hard disk drive with 5000 mAh battery and HD camera.

The laptops, which have been designed with students and young profes-

sionals in mind, comes with the Bijoy Bengali keyboard and will be available with genuine Microsoft software courtesy of Walton's recent partnership with the software giant.

Walton inaugurated its own computer production plant on January 18th of 2018. The local brand launched 6 models of desktop PCs and 2 models of full HD monitors within a month of the inauguration of its plant. It is currently manufacturing and marketing 21 models of laptops, 6 models of desktop PCs, 2 models of full HD monitors along with various models of pen drives, gaming and regular keyboards and mouse.



TECH HAPPENING

OPPO demonstrates first 5G video call demo using 3D structured light technology



OPPO Global Research Institute (Shenzhen) announces the company successfully demonstrated the World's First 5G Video Call Demo using 3D Structured Light Technology. The demonstration reproduced a 3D portrait image on a remote receiver using portrait information collected structured-light 3D camera of an OPPO phone and 5G NR terminal prototypes from Qualcomm Technologies. The success of this innovative technology demo marks a milestone in applying 5G technology standards to real practices in the industry and facilitates the exploration of new application in the 5G era.

'Shohoz Rides' is available now in Gazipur and Narayanganj

'Shohoz Rides' is expanding its service area from Dhaka to Gazipur and Narayanganj. The idea of bringing 'Shohoz Rides' to Gazipur and Narayanganj is manifold: First, to help those in necessity of rides and second, to create more alternative employments in the area.

To become a rider with Shohoz, one must download the 'Shohoz Rides Drive' app from play store (android). Register himself with photocopies of valid document like - NID/ Passport, Bike registration and Driving license. After that, Shohoz Rides will verify and approve the rider based on a successful screening that includes a driving history check.

TECH BITS

Shared housing startups are taking off



'My Data Request' lists guides to get data about you



Siempo's new app will break your smartphone addiction



Apple started paying \$15 billion European tax fine



NASA's newest planet-hunting satellite takes first test image

