

# Netizens come together for hospitals in Dhaka

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all walks of our daily lives and has brought the entire world to a standstill. Quarantine has given birth to an online existence filled with Dalgona coffee but within the ranks of the newly confined, there are those among us who are using their extra time to try and effect change.

While the virus rages on Biblically, our frontline healthcare workers have become some of the most vulnerable of us all. With severe shortages of medical and personal protective equipment, such as masks and respirators; our nurses, doctors and hospital custodial staff are being exposed.

To stem the tide of infection in our hospitals and protect our healthcare workers fighting COVID-19, a group of Bangladeshi professionals based in Canada and the United States have come together and started a GoFundMe campaign, "N95 Masks for Doctors In Bangladesh for COVID-19", to send much needed medical respirators to hospitals in

Bangladesh. The core team counts among their members Marzooq Haque, an IT consultant based in Toronto; Dr Saiyara Sheikh Shama, a medical doctor currently based in Toronto; Nuzhat Binte Arif, an industrial designer currently based in



Boston; Anil Wasif, a Senior Advisor for the Government of Ontario, Canada; Nabil Arif, a Regional Mobilizer for the UN Sustainable Development Goals; and Tahmid Hasib Khan, founder of EPPHAM and a TEDx speaker.

The team has acquired respirators such as the 3M N95, KN95 and the

Venus FFP2 masks. The team has been successful in distributing 1000 respirators to ten different hospitals in Bangladesh. Additionally, the group has prepared educational guidelines with regards to the respirators and their potential for limited reuse. Medical supply shortages and price gouging are rampant and this group has extensive experience in vetting international suppliers and ascertaining acceptable standards for masks and respirators. They are providing support and information to all those who are also engaged in similar endeavours to further the effort in fighting COVID-19.

The team is currently engaged in continuing its endeavour through a second campaign. They are operating within an umbrella of other organizations and campaigns that have banded together under the term #BacharLorai. They would like to entreat those able and willing, no matter their means, to support the campaign and collaborate with them in their efforts.

## Realme TV gets Google Certification

[Dhaka, April 30, 2020] According to a certificate recently shared by the Android TV Guide on Twitter, a certain realme TV codenamed as 'ikebukuro' has won a Google Certification. The certificate also indicates that the probable producer of the TV is ChangHong, the second largest television producer in China. This realme TV reportedly has an MStar T16 processor. With Android TV OS, it should have access to Google Play Store including streaming services like Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and YouTube as well as Google Assistant voice search via remote. The Realme TV is expected to be released in 43 inches and 32 inches.

Realme officially entered Bangladesh in February this year and launched two smartphones – Realme C2 and 5i.



## NEW STARSHIPS THIS WEEK



To celebrate Star Wars, we take a break from cars and bring you the latest in battleships. What do you do when you have a bunch of wrecked Imperial Star Destroyer? Well if you're the New Republic, you weld them together to make a fleet of battleship! Built by Nadiri Dockyards deep inside the Bormea sector, the Starhawk-class Battleship was a class of capital ships built by the New Republic Defense Fleet. At 2,400 meters, these pike nosed behemoths had more than twice the firepower of its Imperial cousins and enough protection to engage three of them at the same time. The class was extensively used during the waning part of the Galactic Civil War, with most of the survivors being deactivated after the Military Disarmament Act.

After the untimely demise of

the DS-1 Orbital Battle Station, Empire sought for a more budget-friendly planet killer as an interim solution. The Rothana Heavy Engineering responded to this request with the Onager-class



Star Destroyer, a capital ship built around two giant Orbital Bombardment Particle Cannon. Although not a planet killer, the Onager was perfectly capable of wiping out any offending city in a single salvo, while staying out of the range of said planet's orbital defenses. In space combat, the canons would devastate any target it could hit but, its own lack of protection and secondary weapons made it very venerable to counter attacks.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### 'May the Fourth be with you'

The fourth of this month was the unofficial holiday celebrating the Star Wars franchise. All Star Wars movies grossed a combined box office revenue of over US\$10 billion. It is currently the second-highest-grossing film franchise, right after Marvel's US\$18.2 billion behemoth.

We celebrate with a selection of real life Star Wars tech. Quarantine still continues and this is no holiday for us. It is our duty to maintain safety and precautions in everything we do. We bring solutions on how to safely deal with grocery and prepare ourselves for work meetings online. Remember to wear pants and may the force be with you.

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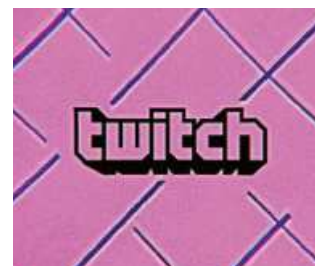
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To support struggling artists, Bandcamp waives its fee for a day



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Twitch launches an esports directory to cater to growing streaming audience



Singaporean streaming service Hooq shuts down after five years of operations