

## Facebook will update community standards to clarify its stance on satire

Facebook said it will revise its community standards to be clearer about how it handles satirical content, following a proposal from its Oversight Board, according to a blog post.



"We'll add information to the Community Standards that makes it clear where we consider satire as part of our assessment of context-specific decisions," the post says. "This change will allow teams to consider satire when assessing potential Hate Speech violations."

The update was announced after Facebook's Oversight Board concluded that it was incorrect to remove a user's comment that referred to the Turkish government based on the two buttons meme.

Facebook took down the post, citing its Cruel and Insensitive Community Standard, which states that posts that target "victims of serious bodily or mental injury," which includes memes and gifs, will be removed. The removal was then categorised by Facebook as falling under its Hate Speech Community Standard.

The Oversight Board pointed out in its recommendation that while Facebook has said it will make exceptions for satire, it doesn't specify how or what qualifies as satire in its guidelines. Facebook said in its post that in addition to making its guidelines around satire clearer, it would "initiate a review of identical content with parallel context," and may take further action.

## Microsoft wants you to ditch consoles, play Xbox games directly from TV

Microsoft on Thursday said it is working on software to let people play Xbox video games on internet-linked televisions without the need for consoles. The news came as Microsoft and other video game industry heavyweights prepare to show off coming titles at an annual Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) being held virtually beginning Saturday due to the pandemic.

"As a company, Microsoft is all-in on gaming," chief executive Satya Nadella said in introducing the plan. "Three billion consumers look to gaming for entertainment, community, creation, as well as a real sense of achievement, and our ambition is to empower each of them, wherever they play."

Microsoft has been playing on the strength of its Xbox unit as it vies with Luna and Stadia cloud gaming services run, respectively, by Amazon and Google. The Xbox team is working with TV makers to embed software that will let video games typically enjoyed on its consoles be played directly from the cloud, requiring only hand-held controllers, according to Microsoft.

The US-based technology giant also announced it is building devices that will plug into any television screen or computer monitor to stream Xbox gameplay without any consoles. In the coming weeks, cloud gaming with Xbox Game Pass Ultimate subscriptions will be possible through internet browsers Chrome, Edge and Safari, according to



Microsoft.

"There's still a place for consoles and PCs and frankly, there always will be, but through the cloud, we will be able to deliver a robust gaming experience to anyone connected to the internet," said Xbox unit head Phil Spencer. "And with the cloud, gaming players can participate fully in the same Xbox experience as people on local hardware."

Xbox Game Pass had some 18 million subscribers worldwide at the end of last year, according to figures released by Nadella. Video gameplay has surged during the pandemic, as people turned more than ever to the internet for entertainment. Overall consumer spending on video gaming in the United States totalled just shy of \$15 billion in the first quarter of this year, up 30 per cent from the same period in 2020, according to industry tracker NPD Group.

Microsoft will stream an Xbox and Bethesda Games Showcase on Sunday, featuring games from its studios around the world.

## OPPO offers discounts on F19 Pro, Enco W11

Smart device brand OPPO has recently offered discounts on its smartphone F19 Pro and true wireless earphones Enco W11. The buyers can now purchase OPPO F19 Pro at a discount of BDT 2,000 and OPPO Enco W11 at a discount of BDT 1,000 along with a combo offer of a discount of BDT 3,000 on the total price of a dual purchase.

OPPO F19 Pro is a mid-range phone with Dual-View Video & AI Color Portrait Video, new crystal silver design with Reno Glow Effect, 30W VOOC Flash Charge 4.0 and Game Focus Mode, while OPPO Enco W11 is a pair of true wireless headphones



with binaural simultaneous Bluetooth transmission, enhanced bass, 20-hour battery life and dust and water resistance feature.

The offer is valid from June 20 onwards based on the availability of products.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### 'One Country, One Rate' and other stories you need to know about

Earlier this month, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), the country's telecom regulator, fixed the maximum tariff for broadband internet connection at BDT 500 a month for using a broadband connection with a minimum internet speed of 5 Mbps. This step was welcomed all across the country, but little do we know about the struggles and consistent campaigning for years behind the step that was organised by freelancers from remote areas of the country. In today's feature, we talk to the freelancers who were at the frontline of this campaign since the beginning and know their story.

We bring you everything you need to know about Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome, a post-Covid health complication in children. And apart from our regular contents on career, tech and automobile, we talk about Nirvana's "Bleach" on its 32nd anniversary, an album that is very close to our hearts.

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## Walton's new gaming laptop is priced at Tk 189,950

Walton has launched a new highly configured gaming laptop in the market- Waxjambu GL710H. The new laptop features a 15.6-inch full HD Matte IPS LED Backlit Display with a 144Hz refresh rate and 72% NTSC while the screen resolution is 1920x1080 pixels. It has a 16 GB DDR4 3200 MHz RAM with options to expand up to 32 GB. There is a 1 terabyte

M.2 228 SSD with NVMe PCIe Gen 3.0 X 4 interface. This device sports an NVIDIA GeForce GTX 3060 6GB GDDR6 with 2x2W speakers.

The laptop weighs 1.99 kg and offers 8 hours of backup. **PRICE: TK.189,950.** Offers and instalment option available.

