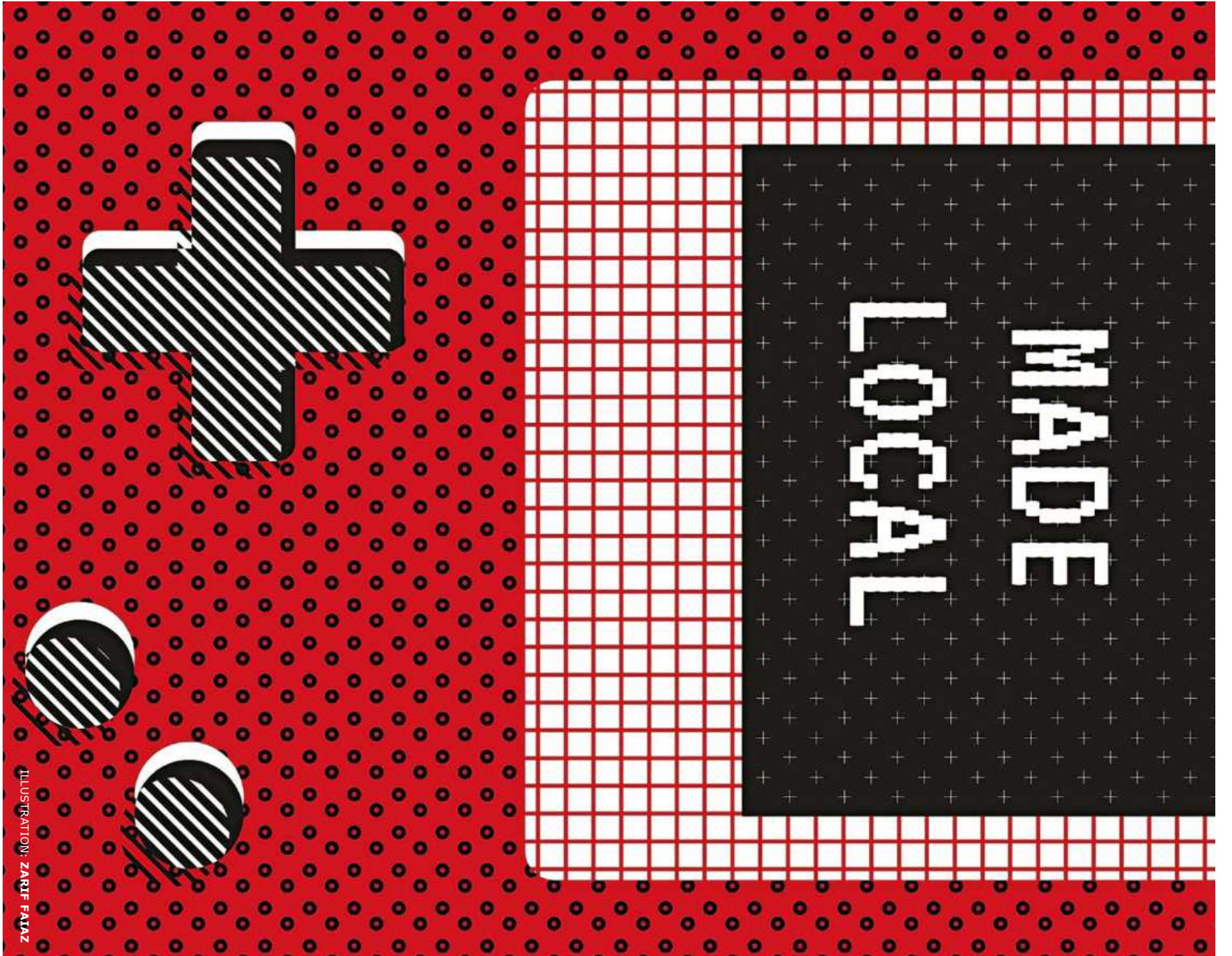


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LinkedIn to scrap its Stories feature and work on short-form videos

LinkedIn has announced that its Stories feature will be decommissioned on September 30 and that it will begin working on a new way to bring short-form films to the site.

LinkedIn revealed the imminent change in order to alert marketers who had already paid advertising that will appear in between Stories. These will be posted on LinkedIn's feed instead, however, individuals that promoted or sponsored Stores directly from their page will have to recreate them.

Story closures affect two types of advertisers. The first group includes brands that plan ad campaigns with images and videos displayed between stories, and advertisers who plan to pay to market their own stories to LinkedIn users' feeds.

"Any image or video ad that you plan to run between stories will instead be shared with the LinkedIn feed," the LinkedIn marketing solutions team said in a blog post.

"If you promoted or sponsored a

story directly from your Campaign Manager page, those paid stories will not appear in the LinkedIn feed," said the marketing solutions team, "and they must be recreated in Campaign Manager as a photo or video ad."

In September last year, LinkedIn launched the Stories feature, which was part of a larger web and mobile makeover that included Zoom, BlueJeans, and Teams interfaces to



assist professionals to stay connected while working from home.

However, according to LinkedIn, these temporary posts did not work out.

"In developing Stories, we assumed people wouldn't want informal videos attached to their profile, and that ephemerality would reduce barriers that people feel about posting," wrote LinkedIn's Senior Director of Product Liz Li in a blog post. "Turns out, you want to create lasting videos that tell your professional story in a more personal way and that showcase both your personality and expertise."

If LinkedIn's intentions to build a short-form video feature are successful, it will join platforms like Snapchat and Instagram in creating their own TikTok-style streams.

Most LinkedIn users don't share the same information on their personal social media accounts, but some well-known TikTokers share job advice, interview suggestions, and resume advice, so LinkedIn's move to video may not be as strange as it appears.

Users also desire "more creative tools to generate entertaining videos," according to Li. Users desired more creative capabilities in Stories, which featured stickers and prompts.

MSI releases new 11th gen gaming laptop lineup

MSI has announced its new lineup of award-winning laptops powered by the latest Intel® 11th Gen H series processors and NVIDIA® GeForce RTX™ 3080 Laptop GPU.

MSI-exclusive brings in features like "Discrete Graphics Mode" to improve graphics performance for the gaming lineup, with a 30% performance upgrade over the previous models. MSI updated their gaming series, including GE Raider, GP Leopard and GS Stealth laptops. The new Pulse GL, Sword, and

Katana GF visual images, designed by international graphic artists, round out the lineup.

MSI's new lineup of gaming laptops begins with upgrades to the powerful GE Raider series of laptops. The GP Leopard series is also receiving NVIDIA® GeForce RTX™ 3080 Laptop GPU and the latest 11th Gen Intel® Core™ i7 Processors.

The Pulse GL76/66 comes with pulsating power. The laptops use NVIDIA® GeForce RTX™ 3060 Laptop

GPU along with a redesigned heat pipe and integrated MSI thermal grease that generates more airflow for lower temperatures.

Powered by NVIDIA® GeForce RTX™ 3060 Laptop GPU and featuring independent number pads, the Sword and Katana GF laptops are more than just entry-level gaming configurations; they are your first partner for long-lasting battles in the virtual world.

The all-new 11th gen products are now available in Bangladesh.

Symphony brings new flagship smartphone with new Gaming Chipset

Symphony has launched a new smartphone called "Symphony Z33" making it the first mobile handset brand in Bangladesh to come up with UNISOC Tiger series gaming chipset. The smartphone will be available in four colours - Black, Blue, Green, and Pink - with an attractive bundle offer for just BDT 8,790.

The phone has an Android 11 operating system with a 20:9 aspect ratio, the handset has a 6.52-inch V-notch display with HD Plus or 720 x 1600 resolution.

With a 1.8 GHz 12 nanometer processor and UNISOC's Tiger series gaming chipset t610, the GPU has 680 MHz and DDR4 version RAM.

The Z33 handset has a dual rear



camera with artificial intelligence. 13-megapixel main shooter with an aperture of 1.85 and a depth sensor of 2 megapixels. Notable features of the

camera feature are AI, Portrait supported both cameras, Panorama, Slow-Mo, Q R Code, Time Lapse, interval, HDR, Face Beauty, Watermark, Enhance Low Light

EDITOR'S NOTE

Made in Bangladesh and not doing it for free

"If you're good at something, never do it for free." This week, we take Joker's advice a bit more seriously and tell you how you can monetise your hobbies if you want to. In the feature this week, we focus on locally developed video games and their journey.

Along with our regular tech and automobile updates, we bring you our take on "The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf."

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Symphony's new smartphone has 3GB of DDR4 RAM and 32GB of internal storage that can be expanded up to 128GB via a memory card. The 8.63 mm thick handset is powered by a huge 5000 mAh Li-Polymer battery which can be used for two days in normal use.

In addition to the multifunction fingerprint sensor, the smartphone also has usable features like Gravity, Light, and Proximity sensors.

Some of the other notable features of Symphony Z33 are Digital Wellbeing, Fingerprint swiping system, Do Not Disturb Mode, Bed Time Mode, Bed Time Mode Scheduler, Google lens in-camera, Dark Theme, and Face Unlock.

Sticker Driver: bringing billboards on wheels

Sticker Driver, a startup that offers OOH and DOOH transit advertisement promotional campaigns to companies, is introducing a new service. As part of this new service, Incar Activation and Retail, the sale message and brand message will be written on the incar branding option, and if the passengers want, they can buy products from drivers. The driver will put the brand's products on either the handrest box or on the trunk space.

Sticker Driver has created a



platform where companies can advertise themselves, their brand and their product through Rideshare Cars and Rental Services Cars. Sticker Driver helps brands to place advertising on the body of a vehicle, and that vehicle moves around in the city, from place to place, acting as a moving billboard.

Sticker Driver has recently worked with 16 clients and wrapped more than 1500 cars.

Currently, Sticker Driver is working in 3 major areas which are Dhaka, Chittagong, and Sylhet. Also, they have 3,500 registered vehicles, among which over 1500 vehicles are already operating. Currently, Sticker Driver is working with major brands like Alesha Mart, ACI, Bombay Sweets, Square, Savlon, Domino's pizza, Digital health, Xiaomi etc.

Sticker Driver has also entered into partnerships with different brands like Mindshare, ADA, Mediacom Easytrax, Fatmonk, Adcast, Markopolo etc. so that their operations will be smooth and they can provide the best for their clients.



How to start monetising your hobbies

SARA KABIR

Whoever said the phrase "Make your hobby your job, and you won't work a day in your life" clearly didn't think through the whole process of actually starting your own business and monetising your hobby. As much as we all dream of profiting from painting, playing video games, stitching, singing, writing, illustrating, photography, cooking, or even dancing, it is easier said than done. As someone who recently opened her own local embroidery business, let me break down some aspects of running a business I learned recently which are essential to know before you can actually start selling your services or products and monetising your hobby.

Create a business strategy

Before starting any business, you need to develop a game plan on what you want to achieve and list the significant steps to get there. After you've decided on what your business will be about, research online how other people in the same category as you are selling their products or services. Make a tentative list of the resources and prices you will need to achieve the goals you've set. Make sure that you set tangible and realistic goals to maximise the benefits

from your strategy and be on track for success.

Come up with a catchy name

This is the step where you figure out what you want about your business to stand out and what makes you different from the thousands of other companies. Find your niche. Your business name must be short and eye-catching. It must also reflect your business as a whole so that customers coming to your shop can easily know what services or products they can expect to find.

Create a website/blog

Having a website or a space to host your shop is necessary for any small business or entrepreneur. Creating a website to showcase the range of products or services you offer makes it easier for the right customer to reach you and has positive long-term outcomes. You don't necessarily need to buy a website domain, simply create an Instagram business account or open a Facebook page for your shop, and you are good to go.

Consistency is the key

When creating products and content for your shop, it is important to remember to upload consistently to grow a reliable

client base. Jump on the new trends, get out of your comfort zone and try creating content catered towards your target demographic. If your demographic is Gen-Z and Millennials, they won't respond to spreadsheets of info; they'll be more interested in funny TikToks and quirky setups. You don't need every post to go viral, but even just one post clicking with the algorithm will do more for your business than you know.

Build your portfolio

Now's the time to start uploading all the information you have regarding price, contact info, shipping, and delivery details for potential customers coming to browse your shop. Use bright and colourful pictures and videos to attract more customers. At the end of the day, if you love what you do, your passion for it will come across in what you post, which is precisely what customers want. For small businesses, authenticity and dedication are everything.

Not every method will work for everyone, and not everyone can monetise their hobbies successfully. Once you've found your niche, if you stick with it, who knows, one day it might become your full-time job.



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AHBAAR MILKY

The Frankfurt auto show can't come to the phone right now. Why do you ask? It has been rebranded as the inaugural IAA mobility show in Munich. The event lasted 5 days from September 7th till the 12th, where Germany's greatest showcased their vision about their future of the automobile. Spoiler alert: it's all levels of autonomous (and uninspired, but that's just me) although the use of sustainable materials seemed to be all the rage this year. Audi shipped over the 'Skysphere' concept revealed at pebble beach just over a few weeks ago, and unveiled the 'Grandsphere' concept, an autonomous all-electric take on the A8 limo, while offering test-drives to the RS e-tron. BMW brought hydrogen back to the table, unveiling a hydrogen fuel cell-powered X5 while showcasing their all-electric iX and i Vision concepts, boasting a lavish and plush interior. Mercedes continues to expand on their EQ lineup, unveiling the RS e-tron rivaling AMG EQS 53. The future is electric, and if The Weeknd couldn't convince you with the EQC, perhaps the Maybach EQS or the electrified G wagon (the EQG) might. But perhaps, the biggest surprise came from Porsche, as fans expecting a hardcore 718 GT4 RS were in typical Porsche fashion, met with the Mission R concept. An electric race car with a cockpit doubling as a simulator, the word on the street being a production electric Cayman is in the works.



This IS (200) the definitive guide to getting yourself into a Toyota Altezza

HASEEB CHOWDHURY

If you missed the play on words at the title of this guide, fear not, as it shall be explained soon below right after this short introduction. The Altezza was a luxury sports car, and an expensive one at that when it first came to our market. However, since the 16 years Altezzas stopped rolling off factory shelves in 2005, they have become more and more attainable to the everyday buyer.

What is it?

A rear-wheel-drive sport sedan



designed to tempt buyers away from Germany to Japan. This was a luxury car made by Toyota in the late 90s to rival the ever prominent class leader, the contemporary BMW 3 series at the time, the E46. Having owned both, their ethos is eerily close; there are many differences in the way both cars behave and feel, but both lean more towards driver pleasure and enjoyment than their successors of the modern age.

Lexus? Toyota? IS? RS? Altezza?

Here is where it gets confusing. The Altezza was sold under different names in different regions, under two different brands. Let's break this down.

For those of our readers who are not familiar, Lexus is a sub-brand of Toyota, specializing in more luxurious cars whereas Toyota focuses on economy, utility and sports cars. The XE10, which is the chassis code Toyota refers to it by, was sold under two distinct brand/name variations. The Lexus IS, which brought upon the advent of countless internet fluffs, and the Toyota Altezza, exclusively for the Japanese and few other small markets. These names will be used interchangeably throughout this article. The globally available Lexus IS was sold with two engines, a 2.0 litre 6 cylinder (1GFE), and a 3.0 litre 6 cylinder (2JZGE), the latter being the only choice for the American market. Since we import our cars directly from the Japanese domestic market, we will be concerned today with the Altezza variant. It also comes with a 2.0-litre 1GFE engine making 154 horsepower, but a sportier version



was available with a 2.0 4 cylinder engine. It may have two-thirds of the cylinders, but the 3SGE BEAMS engine made 207 horsepower. This BEAMS equipped Altezza is also dubbed RS200. Confused yet? Don't worry, we are too.

Set your priorities straight

What are your requirements for the Altezza? Do you absolutely need a 3SGE equipped vehicle? Is a particular type of transmission a must for your usage? Your criteria and subsequently, the budget will change along with these requirements. The IS200 equivalent (154hp) will be slightly



easier on the wallet than an RS200 (207hp). A manual transmission is rarer to find and is gradually becoming more coveted and sought after among the enthusiast crowd. My IS is automatic, and I desperately wish it wasn't one. Although it does have manually shifting capabilities actuated through buttons on the steering wheel, nothing beats the appeal of three individual pedals. I digress. Certain colours are more sought after as well, and cars without previous accident history also demand a higher price.

Pros and Cons

The biggest pro-IS (yet another play at words, I did indeed pat myself on the back as I wrote it) that it is a Toyota after all, therefore the reliability aspect is almost eerily unparalleled. It has good power and is the perfect blend of sporty and practical; the rear-wheel drive layout contributes to the fun aspect while the four doors make it practical enough to carry enough people to occupy an entire Ludo board. However, the Altezza is far from economical. Even at its lowest engine size, fuel efficiency is far from its priorities. At least in the current market, it is difficult to find an Altezza that is in an above decent condition. It

shares its fair share of common issues, which brings us to the following point.

Common issues

At this age, all cars have developed their lion's share of issues—whether due to wear and tear—or just because of how long it has been since they rolled out of the factory. Most Altezzas available in the local market have been touched up or have seen some degree of bodywork, so paint is usually not a cause for concern. It is a cause for concern if it has been in an accident, however, this advice applies to all used cars, not just this specific one.

One of the main issues that occur is the timing belt which, if left unattended for too long, can lead to a catastrophic engine failure. Oil leaks are also a common thing to look for, and a common thing to expect with a car of this age. These engines are reliable, but the old wives' tale that says Toyota engines are impossible to kill is certainly not to be held at their word. Another weak link in the lower ball joints up front, and one of the more niche issues, which occurs under constant hard braking, is where the calliper clips come loose.

Should you buy one?

As a completely unbiased owner of an Altezza, I think one absolutely should get themselves into one, if not at least experience one. The seating position is comfortable and easy to see out of, but the handling and steering feel insinuates something that goes beyond the typical Lexus. This was Lexus' way of getting out of the "grandpa car" image that they acquired through the unparalleled successes of luxurious yet reliable land yachts such as the ES, GS, LS and so on. This was their gateway into the sportier, and subsequently younger thrill-seeking demographic. 15 years later and for a third or fourth of the initial cost, this still provides all of the stir—without as hefty a dent in your wallet. The Altezza/IS achieves an equilibrium between the pragmatic problems in life while also pleasing the inner child that we try oh so hard to suppress, all the same. A fair balance with little trade-off, not a bad way to get into enthusiast car ownership, IS it?

Best Bangladeshi games to keep an eye on

TASNIVA KINNORI

If video games are your passion, you're likely to be stoked about the latest happenings in the gaming scene. From the first look at the much anticipated God of War Ragnarok to the sequel for Marvel's Spider-Man or the release date for Horizon Forbidden West, there's a lot for gamers to be excited about.

But there's plenty of excitement to be had for games being developed right here in Bangladesh too. From the days of Dhaka Racing to the upcoming open worlds and tactical shooters, game development in Bangladesh has come a long way. If you're looking to experience the progress first-hand, here are some of the best Bangladeshi games you should check out:

Agontuk

Remember the good old days of endless misadventures in the Bangla dubbed GTA Vice City? If you want to relive that nostalgia or just stay updated about the most talked-about game in Bangladesh right now, keep an eye on Agontuk.

Set in a fictional re-imagining of Dhaka city, Agontuk is set to be the country's first open-world game. A joint project by the studios Attrito and M7 Productions, the GTA-esque game has garnered significant attention since its gameplay reveal trailer dropped last year.

While there have been few updates since about a release date, the excitement for Agontuk persists. From the sneak peeks alone, the game promises players a Mafia inspired experience based in the city we all know and love. So if you've always dreamed of tearing up the streets of Dhaka (in a video game) as a hardened gangster, Agontuk is one to watch out for.

Zero Hour

While you wait for Agontuk, there's another joint project by Attrito and M7 Productions worth checking out.

A slow-paced online tactical shooter, Zero Hour launched globally last year to receive a widely positive reception.

Zero Hour differentiates itself from other titles in the genre with its realistic execution of tactics and team planning. Players can choose to play as the SWAT task force or as terrorists. Complete with a plethora of weapons, shields, traps and gadgets to tip the battle in your favour, Zero Hour is worth the try for fans of popular tactical FPS games like CS:GO or Rainbow Six Siege.

Annihilation

Do you unwind on the weekends with Fortnite or Apex Legends? Or is Valorant more to your liking? If you're asking for a battle royale or tactical shooter that's made in Bangladesh, the answer is the country's first battle royale game, Annihilation.

Developed by Crisis Entertainment, Annihilation is an online multiplayer 5v5 and 60 player battle royale. While the game is yet to be released, it has been going through some heavy tweaking based on player feedback from the demo.

If the thought of alien invasions in pop culture being oddly specific to certain parts of the globe ever occurred to you, then the plot for Annihilation will make you think twice. In this game, the player gets to fight against alien invaders right on the streets of our very own Dhaka. Choose from a variety of weapons and characters with unique abilities as you pass by familiar streets, movie posters, local shops, rickshaws and CNGs on your quest to save the city. While the game provides some basic dialogues in Bangla, the biggest tribute to the Bangladeshi culture would be having the iconic Salman Shah as a playable character.

2170

Developed by Firefly Studio using the Unreal Engine, 2170 boasts a unique premise with graphics that impressed just from the sneak peeks.

A futuristic third-person sci-fi shooter, 2170 is set in the post-apocalyptic premise post World War III. While not much is known about the plot itself, in 2170 players will be tasked with travelling through a post-apocalyptic Dhaka to vanquish humanoid robots. So if you're curious to see how familiar locations like Chondrima Super Market would look like in a catastrophic future, 2170 is a game worth keeping an eye out for.

Project Judgement

Developed by Ran Technology with investment from Crisis Entertainment, Project Judgement is another upcoming FPS that will launch on PC and consoles. The game comes with an offline story mode as well as an online multiplayer mode. For fans of games like Call of Duty, there will be something extra to look for in Project Judgement— with the latter offering a survival shooter experience in the premise of war. While this game too awaits the announcement of a release date, the developers are continuing to tweak and polish the final game before launch.

Other than the to-be-released and upcoming releases, the gaming scene in Bangladesh has been making strides across all platforms— PC, Consoles or Mobile. Though the hype in Bangladesh mostly surrounds the more expansive PC games, mobile games made in the country are also stirring up attention with titles like Heroes of 71 Retaliation, Bangladesh Cricket League, Mukti Camp or the satirical entertainer The Hero Alam game. Regardless of the platform, if you're a gamer wanting to judge the advancement of Bangladeshi video games yourself, take your pick from the ever-expanding list of made-in-Bangladesh video games and dive into all the wondrous worlds just waiting for you to push start and begin.



Rounding up 5 high-end WiFi routers in the Market

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With the accelerated shift to work-from-home in recent times and the explosion of streaming in-home or office, the need for a quality router has never been greater. So, if you want a router that offers better throughput, speed, range, and other attractive features, check out some of our top picks that are thriving in the market these days.

this is the router to choose.

Pros: The GT-AX11000 can push 4.8Gbps on each of the available 5GHz transmissions on the two 5GHz transmission bands. Plus, there is also its 2.4 GHz channel. The router's range is so fantastic that it can even cover office areas without any noticeable drops in signal strength or speed. Its performance improves with distance and there's plenty of choices for customization. Its tri-band Wi-Fi 6 support combines impressive speed with useful networking controls that help gamers to minimize lag for gaming.

Cons: More expensive and bigger compared to regular routers.

TP-Link Archer Deco M5 (2-Pack) AC1300

Cons: Its setup and configuration process can get tricky for users sometimes. Doesn't support dedicated band control.

Netgear Nighthawk RAX50 AX5400

Price: 24,000 BDT- 26,800 BDT

Available at: Star Tech, Ryans, Tech Land-BD

The Netgear Nighthawk RAX50 AX5400 is a dual-band Wi-Fi 6 router that is among the best to choose for offices. Its 6-stream dual-band Wi-Fi removes congestion and offers more bandwidth for simultaneous ultra-HD streaming, online gaming, video calling, and more.

Pros: The router provides fast and reliable Wi-Fi performance with 160 MHz channel width support. It features 10.8 Gbps blazing speed that offers buffer-free 4K streaming. It has a built-in 1.8 GHz triple-core processor that supports multiple device connectivity with 4 high-performance antennas that deliver long-range coverage and signal. The frequency range is 2.4 and 5 GHz for the devices.

Cons: The router is comparatively expensive and setup may be quite difficult.

Linksys EA7500 Max-Stream AC1900 MU-MIMO

Price: 12,000 BDT- 13,200 BDT

Available at: Star Tech, Ryans

The modernly designed Linksys EA7500 Max-Stream Dual Band router lives up to the standards it promises, as put by PCMag and users worldwide.

Pros: The router provides two dedicated Wi-Fi bands of 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz that deliver combined speeds of up to 1.9 Gbps. The MU-MIMO technology sends Wi-Fi to multiple devices at the same time and same speed, with the minimum lag or buffering while heavy streaming. The router offers a high-quality coverage of more than 1500 square feet or a medium household with bandwidth for 15+ devices. The installation process is fast and easy.

Cons: Initial setup can be convoluted.

TP-Link Archer C60 AC1350

Price: 3,350 BDT- 3,685 BDT

Available at: Star Tech, Ryans, Tech Land-BD, PC House

The TP-Link Archer C60 AC1350 Dual-Band wireless router is one of your best options if you are looking for a router on a lesser budget.

Pros: The router offers fast Wi-Fi at both the 2.4 GHz band (450 Mbps) and the 5 GHz band (867 Mbps). The three 2.4 GHz antennas and two 5 GHz antennas create superior Wi-Fi coverage. It supports 3x3 MIMO for multiple tasks that come and go simultaneously. The parental control feature gives ample protection from malicious sites.

Cons: The booting time is comparatively longer. There is no USB port support.



Price: 11,000 BDT- 12,100 BDT

Available at: Star Tech, Ryans, Tech Land-BD, PC House

If you are thinking about ditching your traditional router-extender setup for a whole-home Wi-Fi system, then the TP-Link Archer Deco M5 (2-Pack) AC1300 Mesh Wi-Fi system is the one to go for.

Pros: The round-ish design will charm you, but its performance will do that even more. This budget Wi-Fi system can provide fast, stable connection for an army of devices in homes up to 3,800 square feet and connect over 100 devices at a time. It's perfect for any home type, from duplex to twisted large apartments. It offers signal rates and frequency of 400 Mbps on 2.4 GHz and 867 Mbps on 5GHz. It also offers robust parental control and ample protection against harmful networks.

ASUS ROG Rapture GT-AX11000

Price: 42,000 BDT- 46,200 BDT

Available at: Star Tech, Ryans, Tech Land-BD, PC House

The ASUS ROG Rapture GT-AX11000 Tri-band Wi-Fi 6 Gaming Router can simply take the first spot as one of the fastest and most reliable Wi-Fi routers out there. It has been a pro gamers' delight and its 8-Antenna design sure gives it a powerful look. If you're looking for the best Wi-Fi 6 router today that will keep all devices up-to-date with every bit of quality connection and uninterrupted network, then

The ultimate guide to shopping second hand: TV edition

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Would you believe it if you were told that buying a new TV is way easier than buying an old TV? Nevertheless, since you have decided to buy an old model, this article will help you through the process by telling you what to look for when purchasing a used television set. With so many advances in technology, the average consumer is spoiled for choice since he has so many options at his disposal. The television set has evolved a lot over the years, from cathode ray to plasma, LCD, and LED. Watching TV isn't just something you do; it's an experience in and of itself that should be enjoyed. Finding the best deal is not an easy task and requires much thought.

No matter why you're buying a used TV, there are a few things that you should keep in mind. All of these things are covered by your TV warranty when you buy a new model, but you will have to be extra cautious if you buy a used model. To make your task easier, ask the following questions to clear all your doubts before buying a used TV.

Why is the seller selling it?

First of all, why is the TV in a secondhand store? Has the owner put it up for sale because it broke down? Was it because it was a flawed electronic piece? Did he sell it because the picture was not good enough? Did he just get bored with it and buy a new one? Before you consider other technicalities of buying a used TV, you have to answer these questions. A TV that is being sold because of a defect may reappear even after the defect has been repaired. It is best to stay away from such TV sets. Before purchasing the TV, make sure you know why it is being sold.

Are the screen size and picture clear?

It makes no sense to buy a television set larger than the wall you intend to mount it on. You should also consider if the audience in your intended viewing room is large enough to enjoy your TV fully, otherwise, low-volume TVs with small screens, comparatively smaller volumes, and less-defined viewing angles will not let you enjoy it fully. If you choose a TV, keep the size of your room in mind as well. Rooms with a small TV can have trouble accommodating a big

Is the price justified?

Several factors determine the price of a secondhand television set, including the time between its purchase and sale, whether it has special features, its brand and model, etc. A TV that has been used for a year and put up for sale will be more expensive than one that has been used for more than five years and put up for sale. Plasma TVs are cheaper than LED TVs, and so on. Consider your preferences and check if the value for money is respected, based on the choices you have made.

screen. Remember to leave at least 6-10 feet between the TV and the spot where you intend to watch it. Test different sets after you have chosen the model, brand, and price of the TV. There should be no compromises made while getting a clear picture on the screen. When purchasing an LCD or LED TV, you should consider factors such as contrast, video motion, HD compatibility, resolution, colour, and video quality. There are some television sets with screens that develop a picture with spots all over. You should stay away from such televisions.

Does it sound right?

The audio is as important as the video. Gone are the days when silent movies

were the thing. Watching a basketball game without the thunderous applause of the crowd or watching a movie without being able to hear the dialogue would be boring. Verify that the speakers are in good condition and that the audio quality is not too poor.

Are the ports and accessories functioning?

The modern TV can be connected to several external devices. The previous owner has likely used the various connection ports extensively, and they have worn out. It's important to be aware of loosely connected wires, as well, as they might cause disturbances in cable connections, affect the picture quality, etc. Many television sets with recent technology and hi-tech features have additional characteristics and devices. When buying a used TV, make sure it is compatible with external devices such as DVD players, video games, and external speakers. Incompatible television sets are completely worthless.

Does it meet all your requirements?

Are you planning on creating a home theatre? Where will it be placed? Or are you buying it for gaming purposes? After considering all these factors, narrow down your options and choose the television set that best meets your needs. The TV you need for your bedroom can make do with low sound levels, but the television you need for your home theatre should have a good sound system, with surround sound effects and all that jazz.





A closer glimpse of The Witcher universe with 'Nightmare of the Wolf'

The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf is a prequel that takes place in the past and focuses on Geralt of Rivia's mentor Vesemir, who may be the polar opposite of his protegee: charming, playful, and with a ravenous desire for the finest things in life. It has nothing on the original protagonist of the books, games and the very live-action show, perhaps that's what makes this anime spinoff all the more interesting, as it allows us a glance into the history of the Witcher universe.

Nightmare of the Wolf is more than just a marketing stunt for the original series. It's a great, well-written picture that's definitely worth seeing, but it also adds a new, unpleasant, and unwelcome layer to the witcher legend. It's a fun

surprise that also does a decent job of delving into some of the secrets at the heart of The Witcher universe while staying true to the series' core values.

The story opens with a young Vesemir enlisting as a witcher and undergoing the Grasses Trial, which kills nine out of ten hopefuls. Vesemir is presented as a talented but egotistical witcher who has a profound regard for his mentor Deglan after becoming a witcher.

The anime film swings back and forth in time, concentrating on two pivotal moments in Vesemir's life. Initially, it focuses on his background and how he came to be a witcher, a mutated monster hunter training from a young age to kill deadly creatures for cash.

Young boys are forced to combat almost insurmountable odds in a nightmare swamp and, if they manage to survive that, put to horrific alchemy supposed to augment their strength and senses, as seen in Nightmare of the Wolf. Those who survive can be gloomy like Geralt or conceal their sorrows under a thirst for life like Vesemir.

Even if you're coming in cold, Nightmare of the Wolf is still a lot of fun to see. Because of the switch to animation, the action is more fluid than ever before, especially when Vesemir is slicing his way through animals with inhuman elegance while making smart-ass comments. Combat in the live-action show and games might feel heavy and tiresome, but

it is much faster and more energetic in the anime, which is perfect for Vesemir as the new lead.

The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf asks difficult questions and challenges its protagonist's worldview in a way the original series has never challenged Geralt. The transformation of Vesemir from a reckless, impetuous individual to a mature, fatherly mentor in the second season is believable.

It has excellent storytelling, is based on a twist-filled script, is meaningful in terms of moral dilemmas for its hero, and has excellent action and voice-over performances. You will like this one whether or not you have seen the first series.

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