

eSIM in Bangladesh: Here's everything you need to know

Recently, eSIMs have been making waves as the next step in mobile technology. What is it, and how can we use it in Bangladesh? Below are all the important details you need to know about eSIM in Bangladesh.

What is eSIM?

Embedded-SIM, or eSIM, is a SIM card that can be electronically programmed into a mobile phone without the need for manual insertion. It works just like a regular SIM but does not require a physical card, and only works on devices with pre-installed eSIM support.

Can you use eSIM in Bangladesh?

Currently, no mobile operators in Bangladesh provide eSIM support.

However, you can still use eSIM in Bangladesh using international operators. There are data packages and plans available on the internet which will allow Bangladeshis to gain access to eSIM functionality.

If I use eSIM, will a new mobile number be assigned to me?

That depends solely on the operator you plan on using. Some international operators will assign a brand new phone number to be used with the eSIM, but some will not.

Can I make calls using eSIM?

If you use an international operator to use eSIM in Bangladesh, you can only use mobile data.

Is eSIM service costly?



Because eSIM uses international roaming services, which can be through any Bangladeshi operator, the cost for the mobile data will be quite costly. The charge incurs from both the Bangladeshi operator as well as the international operator providing the eSIM support, hence the added cost.

Can my phone run eSIM?

Very few devices currently have eSIM support, and they need to be carrier-enabled for the eSIM to work.

Apple devices such as iPhone XR, iPhone 11 Pro, iPhone 12 and 13 have built-in eSIM support. Versions of Samsung Galaxy S20, S21, Note 20 and Galaxy Fold, as well as Google Pixel 3, 3a, 4, 4a, 5, 5a and 6 Pro also support eSIM.

Facebook reportedly disabling some Bangladeshi users' profiles

There has been a recent surge of Facebook account suspension, especially in Bangladesh. According to local users, Facebook has been disabling accounts without any prior warnings due to insufficient personal information provided by the account owner.

Several users who reported the issue to The Daily Star have claimed that they were unable to log in to their Facebook account, with the warning that Facebook needs to verify their ID. For verification, they need to submit their NID or government-issued identification. If a mismatch is found with their NID, date of birth or age after sufficient identification has been submitted, the account remains disabled.

The first step is Facebook asking you to confirm your identity. You are logged out of your account and cannot continue until you advance to the next step.

If confirmation is not met, either via insufficient identification or mismatched information, the account gets disabled.

In the third step, after the account

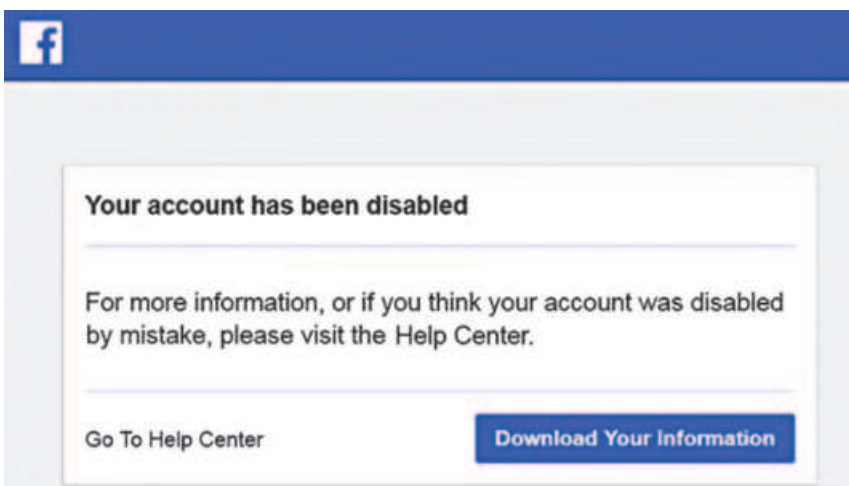
has been disabled, you will be given the option to contact Facebook Help Centre to resolve the issue. Facebook will also allow you to download the information that you have uploaded to your account.

Some users have reported that certain technology firms and digital agencies are taking advantage of this situation by giving unfortunate users the false promise of verifying Facebook

ID and/or restoring disabled accounts.

However, such methods have proven to be ineffective as the third-party intervention will not work in cases of account suspension. The only known reports of Facebook accounts being restored were through matching NID information with the disabled account.

No official statement has been declared by Facebook regarding this issue.



MOTOROLA REPORTEDLY WORKING ON YET ANOTHER FOLDABLE RAZR



Motorola has been reportedly working on bringing a third-generation version of its iconic foldable Razr smartphone into the global market, reports The Verge.

The latest foldable Razr smartphone is rumoured to have an improved processor, user-friendly interface and a refined appearance, according to a post by Chen Jin, General Manager of Lenovo

Mobile Business Group, in Weibo, a Chinese microblogging site.

Motorola, however, did not make any official public announcements yet regarding any new foldable Razr phones.

Motorola first announced its foldable Razr smartphone--a revamped version of the Razr classic--back in 2019 and had launched it in January 2020. Motorola followed it up with a second

foldable 5G-enabled device later that year. However, neither of them made a strong impact in the market due to their high price tags and substandard specifications.

In recent times, Samsung has been floating foldable smartphones on the global smartphone market, with its Galaxy Z Fold 3 being the latest to hit the market earlier this year.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Turning over a new leaf

Given how 2022 started with breathtaking fireworks, we can hope to have a fascinating year with the pandemic seemingly getting under control. That being said, the pandemic has shown us that we have become reliant on tech for most of our daily activities. With that in mind, we have designed the first issue of 2022 with tech reigning supreme.

For our cover story, we take a deep look into how the tech giants took full advantage of the Covid-19 pandemic. You can tune into Next Step for transferable skills that can make you desirable in the ever-competitive job market. For Shift, we look into how (and if) electric cars can potentially shape the future of the automobile industry.

We also look into some essential apps which our readers can consider downloading into their Android devices in the new year in Bytes. As for the rest, we review The Matrix: Resurrections, and list out some of our top picks for fitness apps.

Hope your weekend starts with a good read. Have a great weekend and a greater year ahead!

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