

# Apple production in India can cause 'geopolitical risks': Ming-Chi Kuo, Apple analyst

Setting up new Apple production firms in India can potentially increase geopolitical risks, states Ming-Chi Kuo, a market analyst at KGI Securities and a well-known reporter of Apple-related news.

Ming-Chi Kuo, considered a reliable source of analysis and predictions concerning Apple, says that Apple moving production from China to India would be a risky move for the global tech company.

In a recent tweet, Kuo claimed that the upcoming Apple products, AirPods Pro 2, will be mass-produced in Vietnam. He added that this will be a successful move for Apple because of "Vietnam's better production environment (such as infrastructure and workforce) vs. most countries outside China".

In replies to the same tweet, Kuo further added that such success cannot be replicated elsewhere in the world, especially India, because of the aforementioned pros associated with Vietnam.

"For Chinese companies, Luxshare

ICT and Goertek, who are AirPods series assemblers, setting up facilities in Vietnam instead of India can also reduce potential geopolitical risks," says Kuo.

Apple firms in India

While Kuo doesn't believe it is a good idea to set up new Apple production firms in India, Apple already has existing manufacturing plants set in India.

According to a report by Reuters, Apple had announced last month that the iPhone 13 will begin manufacturing at a local plant in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

Batches of the iPhone SE were also assembled in India back in 2017, and were the first iPhone phones officially produced in India, claims another report.

Why Apple wants to move from China

A recent report by Wall Street

Journal states that Apple has been looking to move production from China for quite some time, likely due to frequent disagreements between the US and the Chinese government.

Beijing's strict anti-Covid policy and refraining to oppose Russia's invasion of Ukraine are also some

factors that are reportedly forcing Apple to look for new production firms in other parts of Asia, with India and Vietnam being names brought up, states the report. However, if Kuo's recent predictions come true, then Apple would likely be looking to build new supply firms in Vietnam instead of India.

In an earlier report, Kuo said that AirPods 2 Pro will most likely keep the Lightning connector port instead of adopting the rumoured USB Type-C port.

Apple has yet to confirm any of the recent details shared by Kuo.



## Samsung Galaxy F23 5G launched in Bangladesh

Samsung's new smartphone, Samsung Galaxy F23 5G, has recently been launched in Bangladesh.

Samsung Galaxy F23 5G comes with a Snapdragon 750G processor, 120Hz FHD+ display, 5000mAh battery, 25W fast charging and RAM+ with 6 GB of additional virtual RAM.

The smartphone also features AI-

run noise cancellation that reduces ambient noise and amplifies the receiver's voice during phone calls. It also features the Power Cool Tech function that keeps the device running for a long time without overheating by controlling power consumption.

Price: Tk. 27,999/-

# Organisations paid around BDT 7 Crore to hackers to get their data back: Sophos 2022 report reveals

Sophos, the world's leading cloud-native security platform, recently published its annual review of real-world ransomware experiences in its State of Ransomware 2022 report.

According to the report, 66% of the organisations in the survey suffered from ransomware in 2021. 965 companies shared their ransomware payment details during the survey.

The report was compiled by Sophos after surveying 5,600 organisations from 31 countries across Asia-Pacific, Central Asia, Middle East, Europe, Americas and Africa.

The report also revealed that organisations that had their data encrypted in the ransomware attacks roughly paid \$812,360 or over Tk. 7 crores to get

their data back. Additionally, 46% of affected organisations that had their data encrypted paid the ransom despite having other data recovery methods, including backups.

The findings from the report confirmed that ransom payments are getting higher with time as more victims are paying with time.

Apart from that, it was also discovered that many global organisations depend on cyber insurance to help them regain their data from ransomware attacks.

However, with growing cybersecurity threats, ransomware attacks cause a massive impact on organisations as it usually takes around a month to recover the data and recover from the attack.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Hacking to the Gate

Data hacking is one of the most used tropes in science fiction. However, in real life, invading someone's privacy and leaking information can be scarier than you think.

This week, Toggle features the report of over 5 lakh malware infections that were detected in local telecom companies. Who were the biggest victims? How much was the damage? Can it be controlled? Turn the pages to find out!

For the other pages, we have our usual brand of product guides: dashcams in Shift and graphics tablets in Bytes. In Next Step, we talk about some know-how of salary negotiations.

Until then. See you next week. Stay safe everyone.

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