

# Cow escaping proves she belongs to everyone, say alleged owners

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Nik, the biggest cow of the northern Chapasthani village of Gorubadha, escaped on Wednesday, bringing an abrupt halt to all the festivities surrounding Village Elder Day.

Locals have said there was too much commotion on this particular Elder Day, which spooked the cow.

"I mean there is always some commotion on the day, but this year it was too much, and it scared Nik," said Guy Tie, a local.

It has caused an uproar because it was the first time in Gorubadha's history that Elder Day, which cannot take place without the village cow's ceremonial blessings, was halted.

On Elder Day, villagers attend a ceremony where they nominate a village elder for another term. Traditionally the elders have been from one family, named The Family. After the nomination, the elder drinks the cow's milk.

"But this year, without the cow, the elder won't be able to drink the milk. So, the ceremony cannot be completed," Badhon Chapa, the village's historian, said.

Satireday learnt that a possible reason for the reported commotion was that this year, other families wanted their members to be nominated the village elder.

Jamshed Palash, one of the members of another family who wanted to be nominated the elder, said the game was rigged and no one other than those from The Family could become an elder.

"The truth is Nik won't give milk for any other family. Although they won't admit it, The Family owns Nik," said Palash.

The Family's elder nominee Mamunur Hossain said Nik did not belong to them. "In fact, that Nik escaped on Elder Day, denying me victory, means that she belongs to everyone."

"But we are still trying to find her, because if not us, then who?"

A fringe conspiracy theorist of the village,

Badrul Nasir Pasha, said Nik's escape was a deliberate ploy by The Family to prove to everyone that the cow was not theirs and therefore Elder Day was not rigged.

But no one paid him any heed, as he rarely attended Elder Days in the past and the villagers had forgotten about him.

Meanwhile, the CCTV minister in the capital said they could not trust CCTV footage of Elder Day happenings in Gorubadha village and so could not say anything about whether there was too much commotion. He blamed Nik for being a cow.

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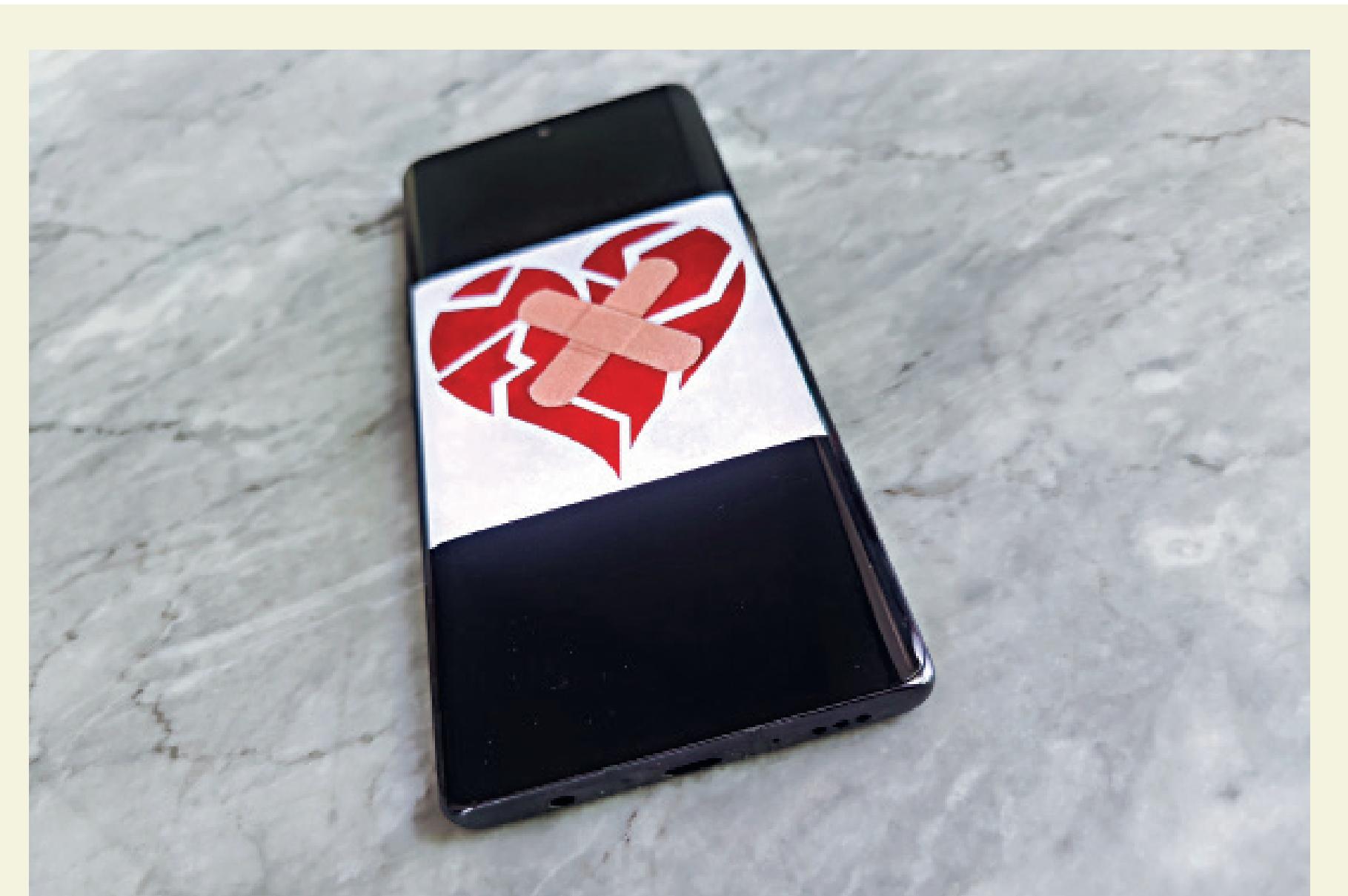


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## TECH REVIEW

# Can this new phone erase her memories?

**But since the love of my life has left me, what's even the point. I've deleted all the photos, all the videos, everything that reminds me of her. So, I give this display a 4/10.**

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Are you planning to buy the new Damson S22 to replace your old phone, just like you're looking for new love to fill the void your ex left behind? In this review, we'll look into whether that'll be a good decision.

At first glance, the phone looks like an engineering marvel; you just can't help appreciate its vibrant display, sweet-talking voice assistant, and sharp camera. It reminds me of the very first date with that special someone, now my ex. I thought she was the one, that she would save me, that I would get fixed. Alas, Cynthia left me in tatters, like any violently malfunctioning phone would.

That's why I won't let the S22 lure me into its potential trap. First dat ... err... unboxings are deceptive, now I know. This phone will go through a trial by fire, to determine whether it is truly worthy of my love.

Speaking of display, this phone has one of the best ones in the market, perfect for looking back at the cherished memories with your loved ones. But since the love of my life has left me, what's even the point. I've deleted all the photos, all the videos, everything that reminds me of her. So, I give this display a 4/10.

The voice-assistant is understanding, responsive, and conversational, unlike a certain someone. It tends to my needs, is

extremely smart, and obeys everything I say. Hopefully, AI develops enough that I won't ever have to open my heart up to cold-blooded Cynthia.

Finally, the S22's camera is revolutionary. You can trust its 24-megapixel sensor to capture any precious moment without a hitch. But can this sensor sense my sadness? Every day, I wake up, send myself a good-morning selfie and ask "babu ki koro?", but it's not the same. I got the perfect camera but lost the perfect person to take pictures with.

Cynthia, please come back. We can make this work. This time it'll be different -- now that I have the brand new Damson S22, on sale for Tk 99,999.

**Country forcefully making youths with other dreams become cricketers**

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Best Cricket Board (BCB) has been accused of forcing young men, who never dreamed of playing cricket, to play the sport internationally.

Investigations by social media detectives found that Tiktokers, TV models, saints and gym instructors topped the list of those who were sent to different countries to play cricket against their will. Some were even deceived by the suggestion that they weren't being sent to play cricket, but instead to do what they actually wanted in life.

One of the enforced cricketers vented his frustration on social media anonymously. "Since my childhood, I wanted to be a TikToker. I used to make TikTok videos with a bat in hand pretending to be a batter. One day, BCB texted me and told me that they were sending the country's best TikTokers to foreign countries for better training so that our country would get a TikToker like Khaby Lame."

"I agreed, but they sent me on 22 yards of a cricket pitch to face bowlers. How do they expect a TikToker like me to hit the ball delivered by professional cricketers over the boundary?" the fake cricketer fumed.

A probe by Satireday found the above TikToker was not the only one who fell victim to this deception. "I wanted to become a renowned model. They asked me to be ready with my baggage and sent me to a foreign country, saying that I would be in some photo shoots. But, instead of photographers, I found only bats and balls. Who will let them know that I just wanted to be a model, not a cricketer?" he asked, claiming to be previously deceived by an e-commerce scammer.

A gym instructor, who was also forcibly sent to a foreign country to play cricket, said, "They found me physically strong and fit and assumed I would be a good hitter of cricket balls. They asked me to be a cricketer and when I refused, they threatened me. The next day, I found myself on a field where a Pakistani bowler was rushing towards me and then threw a hard ball at me. I tried to defend myself with the bat in my hands, but somehow, it hit the stumps."

"I really didn't know what actually happened and later, I was speechless when I found that people were bashing me for not being a good batter. How will I convince them that I have never wanted to be a cricketer?" he said with tears in his eyes.

When asked about these allegations, BCB emperor said, "Thank you for your question. We will win the next world cup. Thank you all and by."



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