

Samsung plans no settlement with Apple, executive says

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This file photo shows an Apple's iPhone 4s (L) and a Samsung's Galaxy S III. A top Samsung executive on Wednesday said that the S.Korean electronics giant had no plans to follow Taiwanese firm HTC in seeking a settlement over its patent disputes with arch-rival Apple.

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Samsung and Apple are currently embroiled in patent lawsuits in 10 nations including the United States and Germany, accusing each other of stealing design and technology.

[HTC](#), which had been locked in similar suits with Apple around the world, announced Sunday that the two companies had reached a deal to end all outstanding litigation and sign a 10-year licensing agreement over patents.

"We have no such intention," J.K. Shin, the head of [Samsung Electronics](#) ' mobile unit, told reporters on Wednesday when asked if Samsung would seek a similar settlement.

Samsung—the world's top mobile and smartphone maker—was ordered by a US jury in August to pay Apple \$1.05 billion in damages for illegally copying [iPhone](#) and iPad features for its flagship Galaxy S smartphones.

It has appealed the ruling.

Since then, two separate rulings by courts in Japan and the Netherlands have dismissed Apple's claims of [patent infringement](#).

Shin also said Wednesday that Samsung expected fourth-quarter smartphone sales to be as strong as the third quarter, when its newest Galaxy S3 device became the world's top-selling smartphone.

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