

Walton customers can pay EMI payments thru bKash

Customers of Walton now can pay their EMI payments through bkash as the Walton Plaza, the flagship store of local electronics and home appliances conglomerate Walton Bangladesh has signed a deal with bkash to ensure this for its customers last month.

Mizanur Rashid, Chief Commercial Officer of bKash and Nazrul Islam, Executive Director of Walton Plaza Bangladesh signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations at the corporate head office of Walton Plaza.

Among others, Md. Mahbub Sobhan, Head of M-Commerce, Ahasanul Kabir, Channel Manager and Molla Abul Bashar, Account Manager of bKash and Eva Rizwana, Executive Director and Chief Coordinator of Marketing, S M Zahid Hasan, Executive Director (Policy, HR & Admin) and Senior Deputy Director Md. Abul Bashar Uzzal of Walton, were present during the signing ceremony.

The deal will see bKash payment accepted at all Walton flagship outlets across the country. From now, customers



can also make their EMI payment for Walton products through bKash, a company press release says.

The customers have to display the QR code in their bKash app at the store and have it scanned to complete the payment. They can also make the payment by dialing USSD channel *247#, then select the '3' for payment option followed by some interactive steps to complete the payment.

Walton also exports products in Naigeria, Sudan, Ghana, South Africa, Myanmar, Nepal etc.

Crypto ATM installed base ekes out growth in 2018

Despite depressed cryptocurrency values (currently around \$4,200; down from an all-time high near \$20,000 last December), the number of cryptocurrency ATMs worldwide has continued to grow in 2019, according to the latest report by Coin ATM Radar.

In November, the global crypto ATM count grew by 209, while the previously installed base shrank by 68, for a net increase of 141. This compares with a net increase of 150 crypto ATMs in October.

Of the newly installed machines, 70 were in the U.S.; where the current total of crypto ATMs stands at 2,243. The United States remains the dominant country with 70 new machines installed. Austria and

Canada saw the installation of 17 and 16 ATMs, respectively, in November.

Also in November, Albania, Peru and South Korea each saw the installation of their first crypto ATMs, according to the report.

