

# Kartik's persistence pays

## Fortune smiles on him after 35 years of lime production from snails and oysters

PONUEL S BOSE, Narail

Lime production has brought fortune to Kartik Das, thanks to his persistent efforts in the traditional family business at Gobra Bazar in the district.

Starting lime production from shell of snails and oysters 35 years ago, he now produces over 5,000 maunds of lime a year.

"I first started this work with my father when I was 13 years' old. At the age of 22, I started my own factory investing Tk 15,000. Now the capital has grown to Tk 15 lakh and 15 regular staff work in my cottage industry," said Kartik.

During recent visit to the area, this correspondent learnt that 30 to 40 families of Gobra, Lakhipasha and

Hamidpur areas of Narail district are involved in this traditional profession inherited from their forefathers. Now over 500 people are employed in around 150 small factories set up to produce lime in the areas.

"Earlier I collected shells of snails and oysters from the Sundarbans for producing lime. Now the local *forias* (middlemen) collect the items from different shrimp enclosures and sell it to us for Tk 200 per maund (40 kg)," said Kartik.

"At first I sold my lime in local markets. Later I started wholesale business in it. Lime of Narail has demand across the country for its low cost and high quality. It is sold to wholesalers in Jhenidah, Natore, Tangail, Magura, Manikganj, Rajshahi, Bogra, Rangpur, Chittagong and Comilla districts and

capital Dhaka," he said.

To produce lime, the shell is washed and then put on a *bhata* (furnace) that uses firewood to burn the item to make slaked lime.

It is taken with betel leaf, and used in shrimp enclosures and for whitewashing brick built houses.

"My factory produces 20 maunds of powder lime daily, costing Tk 8,000 and it sells at Tk 800 per maund," said Kartik.

"Lime bears bright prospect for export to neighbouring countries but we need soft loans to purchase modern machinery and arrange training to produce quality items," he added.

He urged the government to extend financial and logistic support for development of the industry.

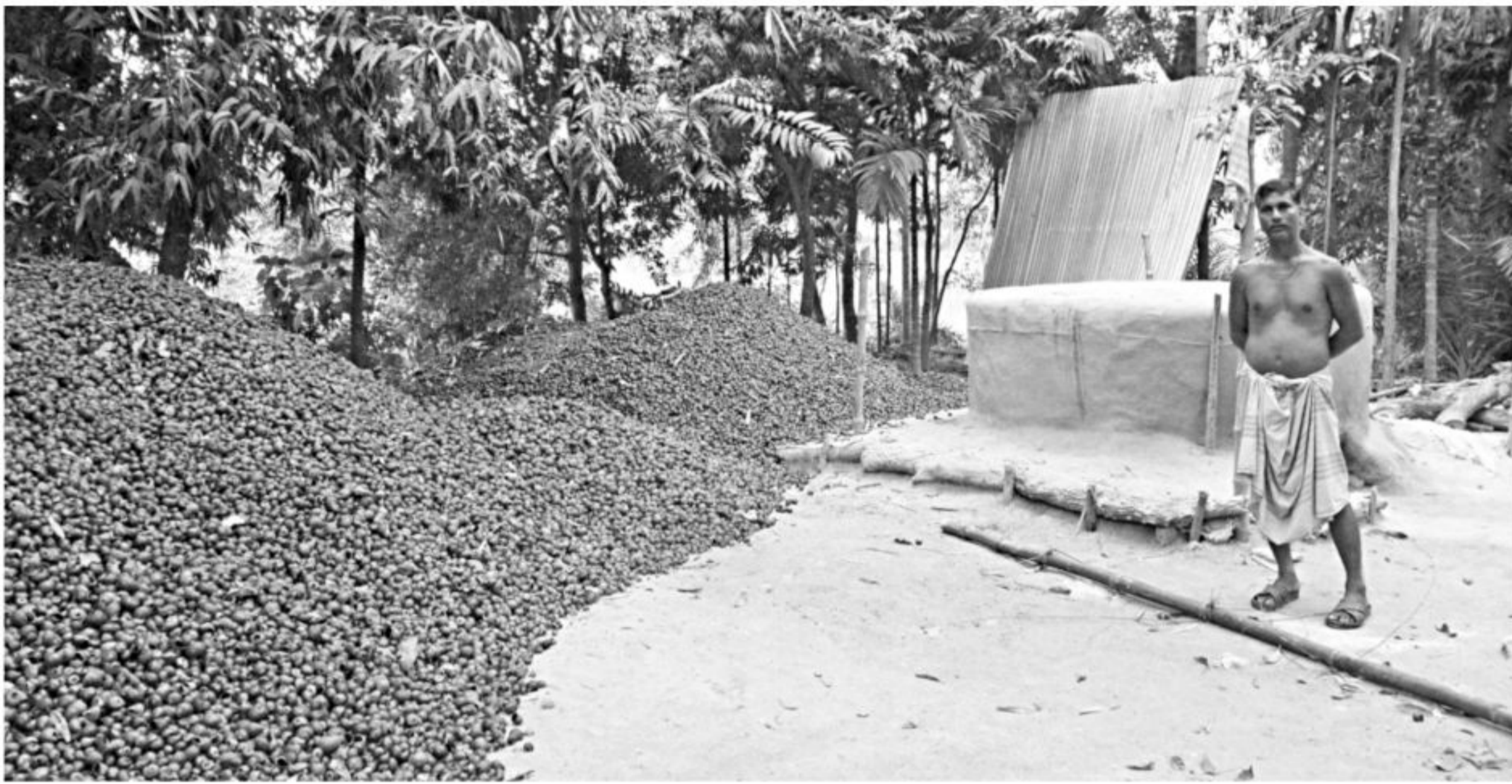


PHOTO: STAR

Kartik Das, who produces lime from shells of snails and oysters, stands beside heaps of snail shells on the premises of his factory at Gobra Bazar in Narail district.

### LAND DISPUTE

## Former army man's house looted in Khulna city

UNB, Khulna

Hired goons of a local leader allegedly looted valuables worth Tk 15 lakh from the house of a retired army man in Khalishpur area of the city on Sunday following dispute over a piece of land.

The victim is Nazrul Islam, 56, a retired sergeant of Bangladesh Army, who owns a house on holding 44/8 at B Block under North Zone in the area.

Nazrul alleged that former city Jubo Dal leader Talat Hossain Kout had been trying to grab his land and the house for a long time.

Refuting the allegation, Kout claimed that Nazrul grabbed the house several years ago and has been occupying it illegally since then.

As a sequel to the dispute, a gang of 20/25 stormed into the former army man's house at about 11:00am and took the family members hostage at gunpoint, said police.

The gang ransacked furniture, documents at the house and looted 17 tolas of gold, Tk 30,000, five mobile phone sets and other valuables, they said.

Kazi Mostaque Ahmed, sub-inspector of Khalishpur Police Station, said the local influential people are trying to settle the issue through an arbitration.



PHOTO: STAR

The Grand Hotel intersection of Rangpur city during the half-day hartal called by local Jubo Dal yesterday to protest the recent killing of party leader Rezaul Karim Milon.

### REZAUL KARIM MILON MURDER

## Jubo Dal enforces half-day hartal in Rangpur city

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A half-day hartal called by local Jubo Dal was observed peacefully barring some stray incidents, in the city yesterday.

Jubo Dal enforced the shutdown protesting the killing of one of their leaders, Rezaul Karim Milon.

Information and research secretary of the district unit of Jubo Dal, Rezaul was hacked to death by a gang on November 12 evening.

Police charged baton on the

activists of BNP and its associate bodies to disperse them when they tried to set a motor-bike on fire at Grand Hotel intersection in the city at noon. However, the protesters vandalised a battery run auto rickshaw at the same place.

Earlier the Jubo Dal activists brought out a procession from its district office at Grand Hotel intersection around 7:30am but they were resisted by the law enforcers.

All kinds of vehicles went off the roads and all shops

and malls remained closed during the shutdown.

Government and non-government offices, banks, commercial establishments and educational institutions were open. But the attendance was very thin.

At about 12:30pm, a BNP procession paraded the main streets of the city.

The processionists arranged a meeting at Parya Chatter, where the speakers demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the culprits who murdered Rezaul at his office.

### BPDB's International Tender Notice

"বিদ্যুৎ সশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন"	
1	Ministry/Division Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.
2	Agency Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3	Procuring entity name Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district Dhaka.
6	Invitation for Procurement of 33/11KV, 16/20 MVA Power Transformer.
7	Invitation for Tenders Ref. No. Pur-215/2012-13/Rev.(CF).
8	Date 14-11-2012
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>	
9	Procurement method Open Tendering Method (Single Stage Two Envelope).
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>	
10	Budget and source of funds BPDB's Revenue Budget (Cash Foreign Exchange).
11	Development partners (if applicable) Not applicable.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>	
12	Project/programme code (if applicable) Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable) Not applicable.
14	Tender package No. GDF-01 (FY: 2012-2013).
15	Tender package name Procurement of 33/11KV, 16/20 MVA Power Transformer.
16	Tender publication date 14-11-2012
17	Tender selling date 18-11-2012 to 09-01-2013
18	Tender closing date and time 10-01-2013 at 11:00am (Tender receive any day before 10-01-2013 during office hour).
19	Tender opening date and time 10-01-2013 at 11:30am.
20	Name & address of the office Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Selling tender document (principal) Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Selling tender document (other) Not applicable. Receiving tender document Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Opening tender document Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting N/A.
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>	
22	Eligibility of tenderer Renowned Manufacturer/Supplier.
23	Brief description of goods or works Supply of 33/11KV, 16/20 MVA Power Transformer.
24	Brief description of related services N/A.
25	Price of tender document (BDT) Tk 6,000.00 (six thousand) only as Pay-Order (non-refundable) from any schedule bank in Bangladesh in favour of the Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
26	Lot Identification of lot Location of delivery Tender security amount in Tk Completion time in weeks/months 1 11/0.4KV, 100KVA Distribution Transformer-100Nos. BPDB's Central Store at Tongi. Tk 7,00,000.00 Within 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of signing of contract. (Manufacturing time-90 days Test & Delivery time-30 days). 2 11/0.4KV, 100KVA Distribution Transformer-50 Nos. BPDB's Central Store at Fauzdarhat. Tk. 4,00,000.00 3 11/0.4KV, 100KVA Distribution Transformer-50 Nos. BPDB's Central Store at Ishurdi. Tk. 4,00,000.00
27	Validity of tender 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of opening of tender.
28	Validity of tender security 148 (one hundred forty-eight) days from the opening of tender.
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>	
29	Name of official inviting tender Abul Baser Khan.
30	Designation of official inviting tender Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
31	Address of official inviting tender WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
32	Contact details of official inviting Tel: + 88 02 9550532, 7120089 Fax: + 88 02 7126151
33	Special instructions Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process or to reject any or all tenders at any time prior to contract award.
34	This tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Rules-2008".
Abul Baser Khan Director Directorate of Purchase BPDB, Dhaka	
Biddyt/Jana-481(4)/15/11/12 GD-4504	

### SNIPPETS

#### Threat to kill two women

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore  
Hired goons have threatened to kill wife and daughter of slain journalist Shamsur Rahman over a piece of disputed land in the district town. Selina Akter Lucky, wife of Shamsur Rahman, filed a general diary (GD) with Kotwali police station in this regard on Sunday night. According to the GD, one Shohag, son of Yousuf Ali of Shalkona village in Sharsha upazila, threatened to kill Lucky and her daughter Prinoti over cell phone. Shohag, also the main accused in a murder case, is a fugitive, said Sharsha police. On July 16, 2000, Shamsur Rahman, Jessore bureau chief of Dainik Janakantha, was shot dead at his office.

#### Katyani Puja begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura  
A five-day-long traditional Katyani Puja began in the district yesterday. The festival is held every year after about a month of Durga Puja, the greatest religious festival of the Bangla-speaking Hindus. Shatish Chandra, a rich man of Parnanduali village in Sadar upazila, introduced Katyani Puja 56 years ago at the courtyard of his residence. Over the past 25 years, the puja has gained immense popularity, the organisers said. People from all walks of life joined yesterday's programmes. A *mela* (fair) was also held on the occasion.

#### Fake fertiliser factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari  
Police raided a fake factory in an abandoned building on Darwani Textile Mills premises in Sadar upazila on Sunday night and seized 'adulterated' fertilizers and pesticides from. They also arrested 10 people in this connection, said Abu Akkas Ahmed, officer in-charge at Sadar police station. The arrestees are Ismail Hossain, 30, Moksed Ali, 45, Taherea, 35, Tahmina, 35, Sheuli, 39, Alema, 40, Raihana, 35, Abeda Khatun, 35, Abia, 40, and Shahnaj Parveen, 30. On secret information, a team of police led by Sadar upazila nirbahi officer Mostasim Billah and upazila agriculture extension officer raided 'BD 2M Impex' factory at about 11:00pm and seized 30 bags of fake magnesium sulphate, 10 bags of dolomite and at least 8 maunds of magnesium sulphate. Agriculture extension officer Sahera Banu filed a case accusing 12 people, including Mehedi Hasan, owner of the factory, and his manger Shahin Kadir, said the OC.

#### Jubo Dal leader expelled

UNB, Khulna  
Khulna city unit Jubo Dal vice-president and a ward councillor of Khulna City Corporation Anisur Rahman Biswas was expelled from the party on Sunday on charge of breaching party discipline. He was also suspended from all party posts including Khulna city unit BNP health affairs secretary. The decision came from central office of Jubo Dal. Earlier, Jubo Dal activists of the city led by Shafiqul Islam Tuhin arranged a rally to mark the founding anniversary of Jubo Dal on November 15. Rebel group of the city unit Jubo Dal led by Anisur Rahman Biswas also called a meeting on the occasion at the same venue at the same time. Later, the local administration imposed Section 144 in the area.

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4	Procuring entity code Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district Dhaka.
6	Invitation for Procurement of 11/0.4KV, 100KVA Distribution Transformer.
7	Invitation for tenders Ref. No. Pur-213/2012-13/Rev.
8	Date 12/11/2012.
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>	
9	Procurement method Open Tendering Method.
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>	
10	Budget and source of funds BPDB's Revenue Budget (Local).
11	Development partners (if applicable) Not applicable.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>	
12	Project/programme code (if applicable) Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable) Not applicable.
14	Tender package No. GDL-12 (FY: 2012-2013).
15	Tender package name Procurement of 11/0.4KV, 100KVA Distribution Transformer.
16	Tender publication date 12/11/2012.
17	Tender selling date 15/11/2012 to 19/12/2012.
18	Tender closing date and time 20/12/2012 at 11:00am (Tender receive any day before 20/12/2012 during office hour).
19	Tender opening date and time 20/12/2012 at 11:30am.
20	Name & address of the office Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Selling tender document (principal) Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Selling tender document (other) Not applicable. Receiving tender document Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Opening tender document Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting N/A.
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22	Eligibility of tenderer Renowned local manufacturer (terms and conditions on qualification criteria have been relaxed for Lot-2 & 3).
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