Lakshmipur betel nut sales likely to hit Tk 700cr

ANWARUL HAIDAR, *Noakhali*

Favourable weather and suitable soil have helped produce a bumper betel nut crop in Lakshmipur this season, with sales expected to reach around Tk 700 crore.

One of the country's leading betel nut-producing districts, Lakshmipur has seen bustling activity at more than 50 wholesale markets across its five upazilas as harvesting and marketing gather pace.

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), around 42,000 tonnes of betel nuts were produced on 7,250 hectares of land in Ramganj, Raipur, Lakshmipur Sadar, Kamalnagar and Ramgati this season.

Last year, the district produced 42,270 tonnes on 7,245 hectares. Despite a slight decline in output, farmers are satisfied with prevailing prices and strong demand.

Raipur accounts for the largest share of production, followed by Lakshmipur Sadar, agriculture officials said.

Harvesting peaks during the Bengali months of Kartik and Agrahayan, bringing major markets in Raipur, Ramganj and Lakshmipur town to life. Uttar Tehmani Bazar in Lakshmipur town holds its betel nut market twice a week, attracting wholesalers from different areas.

Growers and traders said betel nuts are sold in three forms: ripe, water-cured and dried. Ripe betel nuts currently sell for Tk 160-170 per pon (80 pieces), while a kaon (1,280 pieces) costs Tk 2,400-2,700. Dried nuts with husks are sold by the maund, equivalent to 63kg.

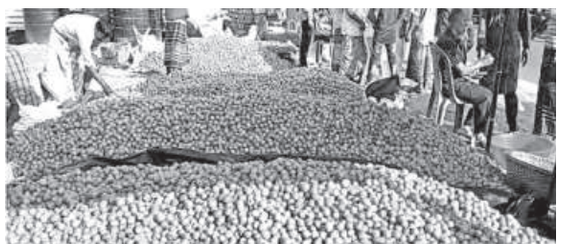


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Around 60 percent of the district's betel nuts are water-cured, while the rest are sold ripe or sun-dried. Demand and prices for water-cured nuts typically rise sharply between January and March.

Zakir Hossain, a worker from Keroa in Raipur, said he earns Tk 2,500-3,000 a day by climbing 250-300 trees to harvest the nuts.

Mokhlesur Rahman, a trader in Raipur, said he deals in betel nuts worth Tk 20-25 crore annually.

DAE Deputy Director Zahir Ahmed said the bumper harvest had boosted the rural economy, benefiting growers, traders and labourers. "More than half of the betel nuts produced in Lakshmipur come from Raipur upazila, followed by Lakshmipur Sadar. According to our calculations, this season's yield is worth approximately Tk 700 crore."

A surge in gun violence rattles Khulna

71 killed in district in nearly 10 months; 23 cases involved shootings

DIPANKAR ROY, *Khulna*

At least three people were shot and injured in separate incidents in Khulna yesterday, amid growing concerns over gun violence in the district.

Meanwhile, a total of 71 people were killed across the district in nearly 10 months, with 23 of those cases involving shootings.

Ahidul Islam Badal, 35, a former Jubo Dal leader, was shot at Chakrakhali Bazar in Batiaghata upazila around 5:45pm yesterday. The attackers arrived on a motorcycle, opened fire and fled. Locals took him to Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH).

According to district police, Badal is a former president of Ward 9 Jubo Dal in Jalma union and faces eight cases, including a murder case.

Khulna Superintendent of Police Sarker Omar Faroque said the motive behind the attack was not immediately known.

In another incident, Salman, 25, a private company employee, was shot and his laptop bag snatched by five assailants on two motorcycles in Nirala Residential Area around 11:15am, police said.

His colleagues took him to KMCH, where he was declared out of danger.

Earlier, around 12:30am, Sohail Sheikh, 34, another former Jubo Dal leader, was shot in front of a government primary school in Boro Karia village of Batiaghata. He was sent to Dhaka for advanced treatment.

The shootings reflect a wider pattern of armed violence in Khulna, where firearms are used in killings, robberies, intimidation and criminal rivalries.

Police records show that 71 people were killed between January and October 26. A total of 69 cases have been filed over the 71 murders.

Of the cases, 34 were recorded by eight police stations under the Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) and 35 by nine district police stations.



Of the 34 murder cases recorded by KMP, 14 involved shootings. District police recorded nine firearm-related killings among 35 murder cases.

Police and local sources link much of the violence to disputes over drugs, extortion and territorial control, as well as personal enmity and other criminal conflicts.

On October 24, Ramim Biswas, 32, a Jubo Dal leader in Terokhada upazila, and grocery shop owner Dhananjay Kundu, 45, were shot in separate incidents.

Two days earlier, Tawhidul Islam was shot dead in Purba Baniakhhamar, while housewife Khushi Akter was killed near her home in Jinnahpara. Police suspect drug-related disputes in both cases and are investigating possible links.

Khulna civil society member L Kudrat-e-Khuda blamed policing shortcomings for the deteriorating law and order situation, saying rival groups continued to fight for control of the drug trade despite political changes.

KMP Detective Branch Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Ahaduzzaman Mia said drug-related disputes were behind most killings.

Some criminals resumed their activities after securing bail, while public reluctance to speak against them hampered efforts to curb violence, he added.

Meanwhile, amid the violence, Khulna police were instructed not to move alone at night in a letter issued on October 23.

SP Faroque said the measure was intended to ensure police personnel's safety, not to signal a breakdown in law and order.

KMP Commissioner Md Sazzadur Rahman said the shootings had various motives, including personal disputes, robbery, drugs, extortion and criminal rivalries.

TUPTUP RESORT FIRE

Skeletal remains of 'missing teacher' found after 10 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

Another set of burnt skeletal remains was recovered from the debris of TupTup Resort in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar yesterday, 10 days after a fire broke out there.

The remains are believed to be those of missing schoolteacher Nasrin Akter Mukta, 27, but DNA testing is needed to confirm the identity, officials said.

Fire service personnel recovered the remains around 2:30pm from a spot identified by Mukta's relatives, said Ukhiya Upazila Nirbahi Officer Panna Akter. Her husband, Faisal Dewan, said he recognised a gold chain and locket found around the remains.

Ten bodies were recovered after the October 17 fire. The Criminal Investigation Department confirmed the identities of all 10 victims through DNA tests on Monday. Mukta, a teacher at Swapnabilash Niribili School in Ashulia, had remained unaccounted for.

Police filed a case against 23 people over alleged negligence. Resort owner Mohammad Tanvir Sultan Mia remains absconding, while assistant manager Mohammad Zahid Hossain has been arrested.

TENDER NOTICE

1. **Name of Institution:** Bangladesh Infantry Regimental Centre, Rajshahi Cantonment, Rajshahi.
2. **Job Description:** For the Training Year 2026-2027 Bangladesh Infantry Regimental Centre will spend from Annual Training Grant (Technical) expenditure.

3.	Date of Tender Schedule selling	:	Up to 14 days from the date of publication of the notice (Total 14 days)
4.	Last date of Tender schedule selling	:	Up to 12 hours on the 14th day of publication of the notice (Total 14 days)
5.	Last date and time for submission of tender schedule	:	Within 1200 hours on the 14th day of publication of the notice.
6.	Date of Tender opening	:	The deadline for submitted Tenders is 12:30 PM.

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Participants at the Breast Cancer Awareness Session for the female employees of Bank Asia PLC. The bank organised the programme at Bank Asia Tower in the capital's Karwan Bazar on Monday, marking Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Bank Asia holds breast cancer awareness session

CITY DESK

Bank Asia PLC organised a Breast Cancer Awareness Session for its female employees on Monday, marking Breast Cancer Awareness Month, said a press release.

The session, held at Bank Asia Tower in Dhaka's Karwan Bazar, was conducted by Dr Shifat Tanjila of Asgar Ali Hospital.

Dr Shifat shared insights on breast cancer awareness, importance of early detection, preventive measures and the need for timely medical consultation.

Bank Asia AMD and COO Md Sabbir Hossain was present among others.

The initiative reflects the organisation's commitment to promoting employee well-being, raising health awareness and fostering a supportive and inclusive workplace as integral parts of its organisational culture.

TWO VIOLENCE CASES

Expelled leader of Swechchhasebak Dal sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

Wakil Hossain Boga, also known as Bihari Boga, an alleged criminal and expelled leader of Chattogram city's Swechchhasebak Dal, and 12 of his followers were sent to jail yesterday after they surrendered before a court in two cases filed with Khulshi Police Station.

AGM Monirul Hasan Sarkar, chief metropolitan magistrate, rejected their bail petitions, said Assistant Public Prosecutor Raihanul Wazed Chowdhury.

Boga and his followers surrendered seeking bail in the cases, which involve allegations of attacking police, vandalism and obstructing police from performing their duties, among other charges, he said.

Boga was brought to court under tight security.

He had earlier surrendered before another court on October 18 and was sent to jail.

Boga was expelled from the party on June 8, 2025, following a shooting incident over the occupation of government land. He faces more than 23 cases involving allegations of extortion, drug-related offences, assault, attacks on police, vandalism and explosives-related offences.

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Corrigendum

Tender ID	Package No. & Name	Original Nos. and Time	Revised Nos. and Time
1329128	IUPHPSP-GD-33 "Plantation in the open places with making walkway in CCC & Tarabo Pourashava and Plantation on both the banks of canals of CCC & Savar Pourashava"		
	Total Quantities under Price schedule **Time Changes as mentioned bellow:**	4,500 trees	4,50,000 trees
	Document last selling date & time	28/10/2026 09:48	03/11/2026 09:48
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S/d
(Md. Robiul Islam)
Joint Secretary, LGD and
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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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1348835	Supply and Installation of CPVC Pipes for Water Supply at ECE Building Toilet Block, BUET.	11-Nov-2026 16:00	12-Nov-2026 15:00
1348856	Provision of Fire Exit in the Basement East Side ECE Building, BUET.	11-Nov-2026 16:00	12-Nov-2026 15:00
1351932	Re-Placement of Existing Damaged R.C.C Pipe Soil Line by uPVC Pipe at Dhakeswari R/A.	11-Nov-2026 16:00	12-Nov-2026 15:00
1353452	Supplying and Fitting PVC Water Tank at Shahid Smrity Hall Teacher Block Roof.	11-Nov-2026 16:00	12-Nov-2026 15:00
1351932	Re-Placement of Existing Damaged R.C.C Pipe Soil Line by uPVC Pipe at Dhakeswari R/A.	11-Nov-2026 16:00	12-Nov-2026 15:00
1354494 Re-Tender	Replacing of Damaged GI Water Line of Building No. 47 With CPVC Line at Dhakeswari R/A.	11-Nov-2026 16:00	12-Nov-2026 15:00

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks Branches.
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