

## Cornell researcher confirms Bangladesh Bt eggplant farms free of pest damage

While visiting Bangladesh to conduct environmental safety assessments for Bt brinjal and help farmers develop resistant management programs to ensure the long-term durability of Bt eggplant, I visited Haidul Islam's Bt brinjal fields on April 9. Mr. Islam was the same farmer whose crop the *Financial Express* on April 7 alleged was ridden with insects that Mr. Islam was spraying with insecticides.

I found the exact opposite to be true. Mr. Islam and his associate proudly showed me his field of Bt brinjal. It was free of pest damage, and they were very pleased with the crop. Normally, they would have already sprayed insecticides on the plants to control the brinjal fruit and shoot borer, but did not have to since the plants resisted their attack. They were pleased to see no borer injury — as were the rest of us who were there inspecting the crop.

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