

## Mark Lynas provides photo proof disputing failure of Bangladesh Bt brinjal

Once again media reports have emerged claiming that genetically modified pest-resistant Bt brinjal (eggplant) has failed in the field and that farmers in Bangladesh are regretting that they have begun to grow it. The stakes are admittedly high here: this is South Asia's first GMO food crop, and has been developed in the public sector for distribution to resource-poor smallholder farmers.

The powerful anti-GMO lobby knows that if Bangladeshi farmers successfully adopt this new crop, other GMO crops in the pipeline such as Golden Rice (also being developed in Bangladesh) will be advantaged and their cause of banning the technology permanently will be harmed. The latest media report appeared in New Age, a Bangladeshi newspaper, and was titled 'Bt brinjal farming ruins Gazipur farmers'. The report is very specific, quoting farmer Mansur Sarkar, who is supposedly furious at the non-performance of his Bt brinjal crop.

However, it is entirely false. I myself, along with various scientists and others from Cornell University and the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, visited the same farm a day earlier and found the crop in good health and the farmer happy. Here are the photos to prove it:



The farmer Sarkar with neighbors. Image via MarkLynas.org



Healthy Bt brinjal entirely protected against fruit and shoot borer. Image via MarkLynas.org

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