

Video: Bangladeshi GMO eggplant farmer disputes activist claims of failed crop

Mohammad Hafizur Rahman, a farmer. . . north of the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka, gave an on-camera interview to the [BBC's Panorama programme](#) in May 2015. . . he related that the new Bt brinjal crop was successfully controlling the fruit and shoot borer. . .

. . . . The same farmer was also featured in a [New York Times article](#) highlighting the same issues of pesticide use reductions and improved yield and livelihood.

However. . . anti-GMO campaigners [immediately claimed](#) that both the BBC report and the New York Times article were fabrications, and Rahman's crop had in fact failed. These claims were buttressed by . . . a United News of Bangladesh (UNB) journalist [who said he had visited](#) Rahman's. . . fields and found "a significant number of plants dead". . . .

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. . . . In order to definitively establish the truth . . . , Alliance for Science staffers visited him a second time in April 2016. The interview . . . can be viewed in full below . . .

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Rahman was insistent that the UNB reporter had simply not understood that his crop had already been repeatedly harvested and had reached the end of its season. . . .

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