BWMRI scientists develop 2 blast tolerant wheat varieties

National Seed Board has approved the new varieties

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Scientists at Bangladesh Wheat and Maize Research Institute (BWMRI) in Dinajpur have developed two new wheat varieties with built-in blast disease tolerance. The blast tolerant varieties will raise hope of the farmers across the country.

The wheat blast disease first came in the country in 2016 as a new worry.

It took the scientists around seven years to develop these two new verities.

Scientists said these newly high yielding varieties named Gom-2 and Gom-3, also tolerable of heat weather and leaf blind, can be produced all over Bangladesh, including the southern part of Bangladesh.

Under the Ministry of Agriculture, National Seed Board has approved the marketing of these two new varieties at its 103rd meeting held in Dhaka on September 8 this year.

Attack of wheat blast was a nightmare for the growers, but now the newly developed blast tolerant varieties would encourage the farmers to bring more land under wheat cultivation, said Dr Israil Hossain, director general (DG) of BWMRI in Dinajpur.

He added that the scientists of the breeding board, agronomists and pathologists of the institute were involved with the entire process.

These two blast tolerant varieties have been developed using the gene of two popular cultivars-- BARI Gom 25 and BARI Gom 26, said Israil.

Besides, Gom 3 has been developed using the International Wheat and Maize Improvement Centre (CIMMYT), said the DG, adding that after testing in multiple environments for years in regional and farming level trials, these varieties have been released.

Wheat blast is a fungal disease, which affected 15,000 hectares of the wheat crop land in south and southwestern districts of the country in 2016 for the first time. The following year, the blast disease was also reported in the country. It was a major hindrance for wheat cultivation in blast prone areas.

However, farmers of the southern and southwestern areas were planting blast registrant Gom-33, a Zn enriched variety.

Both the varieties were tested for blast

disease reaction under artificial inoculation at the Precision Phenotyping Platform

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WMRI Gom-3 has sown consistent resistance against wheat blast for last three years in Bangladesh, added Dr Israil

The DG said the now-defunct WRC (Wheat Research Centre), which transformed into BWMRI located at Nashipur village under Dinajpur Sadar Upazila, developed some wheat varieties had been very popular among the farmers for a long time. These were Kanchan, Shatabdi, Prodip and BARI Gom-26. But eventually, some of the earlier varieties have already been degenerated and became susceptible to various diseases.

Now it is time to replace those old with new one, said the DG.

> The disease first hit the farmers in 2016, and it took the scientists around seven years to develop these two new verities.

He also said that the government has a plan to increase the wheat area to ensure food security in parallel with rice production. Newly released Gom-3 is enough to extend the area in the southern Bangladesh.

He said BWMRI has some challenges.

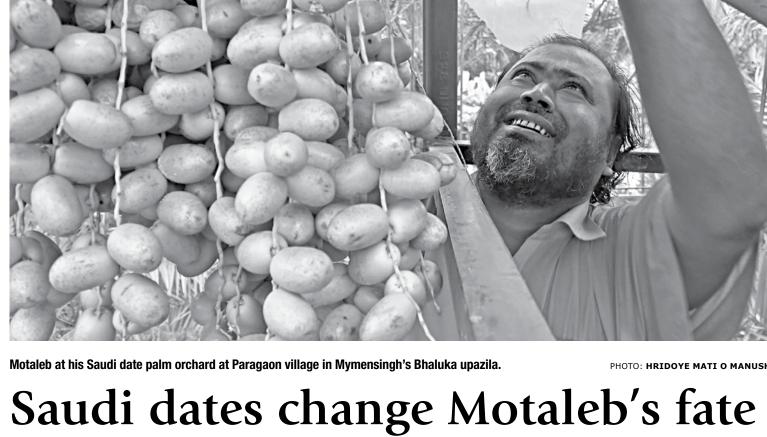
It needed more land and seed storage facilities to produce a sufficient amount of Breeder Seed of wheat, especially for new wheat varieties.

Wheat is the second most important cereal crop in Bangladesh.

Wheat demand is increasing every year in the country. The annual demand for wheat in the country is around 7.00 million tonnes. Around 1,250 lakh tonnes of wheat is produced in Bangladesh while the rest needed to import to meet the demand.

Bangladesh is the fifth most wheat importer in the world.

The newly released varieties are not only early maturing and heat tolerant but also resistant to leaf blight and leaf rust diseases, said the DG.



In 2004, Channel i's Hridove Mati O Manush (Soil & People in Heart) featured a unique farmer; the programme was about a young entrepreneur who was cultivating Saudi dates on Bangladeshi soil at Paragaon village in Mymensingh's Bhaluka upazila. Farmer Motaleb, the enterprising young man became hugely popular through this programme. I still remember an article I wrote on Motaleb and his Ajwa dates on The Daily Star's publication, Star Insight on October 6, 2012. I visited Paragaon several times since 2004. Motaleb has become stronger, bigger and better as a farmer in all these years. When I first went to Paragaon, many people were sceptic, but Motaleb has tremendously done his job and uprooted all doubts on growing Saudi dates on Bangladeshi

When I first went to Motaleb's home, I saw a clay house. Today there is a two-storey house. He has various pictures on the walls of his house; desert, camel, date palms. Now it looks like a Baganbari (Farmhouse). Dear readers, Motaleb went to Saudi Arabia in an attempt to change his fate. He used to work at a local date orchard. In 2004, Motaleb told me, "While working in a date orchard in the hot desert, I used to think about Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) and how much he liked having dates. I thought why not I give it a try in Bangladesh; why not I start cultivating Saudi dates in my country?"

This thought kept Motaleb inspired all the time. Then one day he collected seeds of different variety of Saudi dates, packed them in a bag and left Saudi Arabia for home. After returning to the country, then began the relentless effort of Motaleb to produce seedlings from those seeds. Villagers thought Motaleb has gone crazy, seeing Motaleb's madness with dates, Motaleb's wife also went away from him to her father's house.

"Everyone thought I was crazy, but I proved myself," said Motaleb back in 2004. I asked again. Motaleb is now the most successful date. The government has many plans and working his wife, why she left him. "People come back from the Middle East with lots of gifts, but my date orchard, which started on 10 kathas (0.16 husband returned with a bag, full of date seeds. acres) of land, has expanded to a successful date I thought he became lunatic," replied Motaleb's orchard of 5 bighas (1.65 acres), where he has

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Nothing in this world could stop Motaleb from chasing his dreams. He brought dramatic changes working at his orchard from the 2001 to 2004. In 2008, I went to Motaleb's date orchard again. By that time, Motaleb was already successful in cultivating and selling Saudi dates across the country. Motaleb made the impossible possible. I have seen many farmers in Bangladesh who have an impossible vision, but they made it possible, only with their heart and soul efforts. Such was the case with the late

Bangladesh's pioneer development journalist. He received country's two highest civilian honours, Swadhinata Puroshkar and Ekushey Padak, respectively. He is a BIDS, Ashoka and Bangla Academy Fellow. He also received highest award for agricultural journalism from the United Nations, FAO A.H. Boerma Award, Gusi Peace Prize (Philippines) and many other prestigious accolades at home and abroad. At Channel i, he's the Founder Director and Head of News. He's also Director and Host of Channel i's popular agro-documentary, Hridoye

Haripada Kapali, the inventor of Haridhaan. Motaleb, son of a poor farmer, had a dream to see the face of prosperity. So he migrated to Saudi Arabia. His dream did not come true there. But the technique of date cultivation he

mastered brought him enormous success. A few days back, I went to Bhaluka, once palm entrepreneur of Bangladesh. Motaleb's steadily on nutrition development. Motaleb's

65 different varieties of Saudi date palm trees. In the meantime, 100 trees are giving fruits regularly. I could see the dates on the trees and Motaleb has attached iron ladders right beside the taller trees. It helps him to pluck the fruits quite easily. I remember witnessing an automated machine for plucking dates while I visited Mecca and Medina long back. I asked Motaleb, "Where did you get the idea to make such a ladder with an iron rod?" Motaleb said he saw the automated machines while working at a date orchard in Saudi Arabia. He doesn't have that technology, but he has created a similar structure on his own.

Motaleb said all his dates are sold directly from his orchard. He sells at Tk 1,000 (USD 11.72) to Tk 1,500 (USD 17.58) per kg. Each tree has 40 to 50 kg of dates. He has already sold 600 kg of dates this year. Motaleb said he might be able to sell another 400 kg. That means he'll get a total of 1,000 kg of dates from his orchard. The price of dates varies from one variety to the other. If he gets an average of Tk 1,000 per kg, he will earn around Tk 10 lakh (USD 11,724) on average. His main profit though comes from selling date seedlings. He gets seedlings from the seeds, most of which are male in kind. As a result, it is not possible to get fruit from that tree. But he is sure that the seedlings he makes through grafting, would give fruits. He sells each grafted seedling for Tk 60,000 (USD 703) to Tk 70,000 (USD 820). Motaleb has been producing such valuable seedlings for few years now. Sometimes he sells the tree from his entire orchard. Now he has 100 grafted seedlings for sell, which will at least give him Tk 50 lakh (USD 58,623).

The dates have changed the fate of Motaleb. Motaleb's life has entirely changed. Not only he's highly respected in his family and society but considered to be one of the most courageous and innovative farmers of Bangladesh for his Saudi dates, which he spread across the country. dream is, one day farmers would be able to produce enough dates on Bangladeshi soil, which would meet the total local demand.

নংঃ ১৯.০৫.০০০০.০১.২০.০০২.১৪/১০২ ১৭ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২০খ্রিঃ। উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি। বাংলাদেশ সরকার। ১। 'বাংলাদেশ ডায়ের ২০২১' মুদ্রণ, বাঁধাই ও সরবরাহঃ ক) আকারঃ (দৈর্ঘ্য) ৮.৭৫ ইঞ্চি X (প্রস্থ) ৬.১৫ ইঞ্চি; খ) পরিমাণঃ ১০,০০০ (দশ হাজার) কপি; গ)

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এবং ডায়েরি অংশ দুই রং-এ মুদ্রণ; ঘ) ডায়েরির মলাট/প্রচ্ছদ, জুট ফেব্রিক্স ও OUR CORRESPONDENT, কাঠের সমন্বয়ে (সংরক্ষিত নমুনা মোতাবেক); ঙ) বাঁধাইঃ অটোমেটিক মেশিনে (নমুনা মোতাবেক) এবং চ) ডায়েরির কভার, বক্স ইত্যাদিতে নকশার

চাহিদানুযায়ী মুদ্রণ ও অন্যান্য বিশেষায়িত পোস্ট প্রোডাকশন ট্রিটমেন্ট ইত্যাদি। ২। 'ডেস্ক ক্যা**লেন্ডার ২০২১' মুদ্রণ, বাঁধাই ও সরবরাহঃ** ক) আকারঃ প্রতি পাতা (দৈর্ঘ্য) ৯ ইঞ্চি X (প্রস্থ) ৫ ইঞ্চি; খ) পরিমাণঃ ১০,০০০ (দশ হাজার) কপি; গ) মুদ্রণঃ অত্যাধুনিক ডিটিপি পদ্ধতিতে চার রং-এ অফসেট মুদ্রণ; ঘ) ডেস্ক ক্যালেন্ডার বক্স মুদ্রণ, স্পট/ম্যাট ল্যামিনেশন ইত্যাদি; ৬) পৃষ্ঠা সংখ্যাঃ সূচনা

মুদ্রণঃ অত্যাধনিক অফসেট পদ্ধতিতে টেক্সট, নকশা ও আলোকচিত্র চার রং-এ

পাতাসহ **মোট ১৪** (চৌদ্দ) পৃষ্ঠা। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ১ অক্টোবর ২০২০খ্রিঃ বিকাল ৫.০০টা। দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ৪ অক্টোবর ২০২০খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.০০টা। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও ৪ অক্টোবর ২০২০খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.৩০টা।

সময় দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, কক্ষ নম্বর- এ ২২০, বহিঃপ্রচার অনুবিভাগ, পররাষ্ট্র

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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বহিঃপ্রচার অনুবিভাগ।

অভ্যর্থনা কেন্দ্র (প্রধান ফটক), পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা। দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান মহাপরিচালক (বহিঃপ্রচার)-এর দপ্তর, পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান দরপত্রদাতাদের যোগ্যতা কমপক্ষে দু'টি ডাবল-ডিমাই বাই-কালার/ফোর কালার অফসেট প্রিন্টিং মেশিন, ডবল ডিমাই সিটিপি মেশিন, কম্পিউটার গ্রাফিক্স ডিজাইন ইউনিট, অটো

ফোল্ডিং, অটোস্যুয়িং মেশিনসহ আন্তর্জাতিক মানের মুদ্রণ ও বাঁধাই কাজের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় ও অন্যান্য আনুষঙ্গিক যন্ত্রপাতির পূর্ণাঙ্গ সেট-আপ একই কম্পাউডে বিদ্যমান থাকতে হবে **অথবা** দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের সঙ্গে অনুরূপ যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রেস ও বাঁধাই প্রতিষ্ঠানের চুক্তি বিদ্যমান থাকতে হবে। দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের অবশ্যই এ ধরনের কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। আন্তর্জাতিক মানসম্পন্ন কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা ও প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক বিন্যাসপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয়ের সময় প্রদর্শন

দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা প্রতিটি। শৰ্তাবলী

দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম,

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ক) সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা-এর বরাবরে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব লেটারহেড প্যাডে লিখিত আবেদনের মাধ্যমে সিডিউলের শর্ত মোতাবেক দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

খ) দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদ, টিআইএনসহ হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদ, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদ ও কাজের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি দাখিল করতে হবে।

গ) দরপত্র খোলার নির্দিষ্ট তারিখে কোনো কারণে দরপত্র খোলা সম্ভব না হলে তা পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে নির্ধারিত সময়ে খোলা হবে। ঘ) দরপত্র জামানত যে কোনো তফসিলি ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার

আকারে সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা-এর অনুকূলে প্রদান ঙ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনো কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়া যে কোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার

ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, বহিঃপ্রচার অনুবিভাগ, কক্ষ নম্বর- এ ২২০, ফোনঃ ৯৫৬২৪৫৭, পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা।

> ড. কাজী মোঃ জাকির হোসেন সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব

B'BARIA MURDER Accused UP chairman lands in jail

A court here on Tuesday sent the expelled chairman of Birgaon Union Parishad (UP) in Nabinagar upazila to jail, rejecting his bail prayer in a case for killing a rickshaw-puller during a clash on April 12.

Earlier on Monday night, a team of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-9) arrested Chairman Kabir Ahmed, 48, prime accused in Mobarak murder case, from Sindurkhan area in Moulvibazar's Srimangal upazila.

Assistant Superintendent of Police (Nabinagar Circle) said Kabir was running stationery business in Srimangal, hiding his

On April 12, amid the lockdown, at least 50 people were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers, one led by Krishnanagar UP Chairman Zillur Rahman and the other by Abu Kausar Molla, at Thanakandi village, over establishing supremacy in the area.

During the clash, men of Kabir, a supporter of Kausar Molla, cut-off Mobarak's left leg and paraded the area with the severed leg.

died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital while undergoing treatment there on April 15.

Injured Mobarak later

A case was filed with the police station, accusing over 100 people including Kabir, on April 14.

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मुक्ति

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e-Tender Notice No. 04/2020-2021

SI. No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Tk)	Tender security (Tk)
1	493017	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/ W-21	Rehabilitation of 3 Nos. 1.00x1.00m Box Culvert on Kawkhali- Bhandaria Chirapara Battala to Pangashia GC via Chirapara UO office Gazirhula & Natun Bazar Road at Ch. 980m 3940m 7100m Road ID 579472001 Kawkhali.	1445816.00	35000.00
2	493018	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-22	Rehabilitation of 2.00x2.00m Box Culvert on Rongakati-Gopalpur GPS-Harindhara GPS-Sonakur GPS cum CS-Kathaltala Ferryghat Road at Ch. 2420m Road ID 579472008 Kawkhali.	997532.00	20000.00
3	493019	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-23	Rehabilitation of 3 Nos. 1.00x1.00m Box Culvert on Perojpur R&H-Sreeramkati GC up to south Jibogram Road at Ch. 4345m 8469m & 8862m Road ID 579802002 Perojpur-S.	1300000.00	30000.00
4	493020	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-24	Rehabilitation of 3 Nos. 2.00x2.00m Box Culvert on Nazirpur Upazila H/Q-Boithakata GC Road at Ch. 1837m 3478m & 9200m Road ID 579762002 Nazirpur.	2927607.00	75000.00
5	493021	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-25	Rehabilitation of 1 No. 3.00x3.00m & 2 Nos. 2.00x2.00m Box Culvert on Digirgan GC-Matabanga GC Road at Ch. 751m 5446m & 6009m Road ID 579762005 Nazirpur.	4043711.00	100000.00
6	493022	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-26	Rehabilitation of 4 Nos. 2.00x2.00m Box Culvert on Dirgha UP- Malikhali UP Road at Ch. 3120m 3860m 4830m & 6040m Road ID 579763004 Nazirpur.	2702274.00	70000.00
7	496421	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-27	Rehabilitation of 1.00x1.00m Box Culvert on Lahuri Hat-Perojpur Boundary Road at Ch. 112m Road ID 579884027 Indurkani.	356161.00	9000.00
8	496422	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-28	Rehabilitation of 1.00x1.00m Box Culvert on Indurhat-Jilbari UZR via-Binna Bazar Road at Ch. 400m Road ID 579874035 Nesarabad.	478462.00	10000.00
9	496423	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-29	Rehabilitation of 2.00x2.00m Box Culvert on Daihary UP Office – Daihary Bazar Road at Ch. 107m Road ID 579873002 Nesarabad.	806089.00	20000.00
10	496424	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-30	Rehabilitation of 4.00x4.00m Box Culvert on Daihary UP Office – Daihary Bazar Road at Ch. 1455m Road ID 579873002 Nesarabad.	2758724.00	70000.00
11	496425	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-31	Rehabilitation of 2 Nos. 1.00x1.00m & 1 No. 2.00mx2.00m Box Culvert on Aramkati Santirhat to A. Latif House Road at Ch. 100m 1000m & 1100m Road ID 579874067 Nesarabad.	1594127.00	40000.00
12	496433	e-Tender/LGED/ PIROJ/GOBM/ 20- 21/W-32	Rehabilitation of 3.00x3.00m Box Culvert on Bhandaria GC to Pirojpur-Mathbaria RHD Road near Ikree Bus stand via Dhawa Bazar Road at Ch. 10260m Road ID 579142011 Bhandaria.	1587627.00	40000.00

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