

Special Agromet Advisory to protect against possible impact of Cyclone "Mokha"

(For Barishal, Burguna, Bhola, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Lakshimpur, Chandpur, Noakhali, Feni, Chittagong, Rangamati, Bandarban, Khagrachhari and Cox's Bazar districts)

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According to the information received from the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, the above 14 districts are likely to experience strong winds and light to heavy rains due to possible cyclone 'Mokha' on May 14, 2023. Strong winds and heavy rainfall can affect standing crops. The following are essential agromet advisories to protect crops from cyclone damage:

- Harvest boro rice quickly when it is 80% mature.
- If the harvested crop is not transported, pile it in the field and cover it with polythene sheet to avoid damage due to wind and heavy rain.
- Collect fruits and vegetables that ripen quickly.
- Avoid irrigation, fertilizer and pesticide application.
- Elevate the bunding of boro paddy fields to protect standing crops from water runoff.
- Keep drains clean so that water does not accumulate on the ground.
- Keep all farm produce in a safe place.
- Tie sugarcane bushes, arrange poles for bananas and other horticultural crops and vegetables.
- Surround the pond with netting to prevent fish from being swept away by heavy rainfall.
- Keep livestock and poultry in a dry and safe place.
- Fishermen are advised to refrain from going to sea.

*Visit BAMIS portal (bamis.gov.bd) for updated cyclone advisory.

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