



**Updated Bulletin: Special Agromet Advisories due to expected impacts of Cyclone “Sitrang”**

**Districts/Area for:** Bagerhat, Chuadanga, Jessore, Jhenaidah, Khulna, Kushtia, Magura, Meherpur, Narail, Satkhira Barishal, Barguna, Bhola, Jhalokati, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Brahmanbaria, Comilla, Chandpur, Lakshimpur, Noakhali, Feni, Khagrachhari, Rangamati, Bandarban, Chittagong, Cox’s Bazar, Dhaka, Gazipur, Kishoreganj, Manikganj, Munshiganj, Narayanganj, Narsindi, Tangail, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Madaripur, Rajbari, Shariatpur, Habiganj, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Sylhet, Netrokona and Mymensingh.

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As per special weather bulletin of Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD), the cyclonic storm “Sitrang” over east-central Bay and adjoining west-central Bay moved northwards over the same area and it is likely to intensify further and move in a north-northeasterly direction and cross Barishal-Chattogram coast near Khepupara by early morning on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022. In this connection, there is a chance of moderate to heavy rainfall due to cyclonic storm on the above districts and very heavy rainfall at a few places of coastal districts during 24-26 October 2022. This amount of rainfall and high wind speed may have an impact on standing crops as well as cultivation of crops. In order to reduce the negative impact of this rainfall and high wind speed on the standing crops, with the approval of the Director General, Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), the following urgent agromet advisories are issued;

1. If the transplanted Aman paddy is matured 80%, harvest immediately. otherwise severe crop damage may occur by cyclone.
2. Immediately harvest matured vegetables and fruit crops.
3. Clean the irrigation channel so that there should not be any standing water in the crop field.
4. Arrange for elevated bunding around and inside the Aman paddy field so that water current may not affect the standing crops.
5. Trees that fall to the ground due to heavy rains and storms should be removed as soon as possible after the cyclone passes.
6. Since seeds and seedlings may be washed away by heavy rains and strong winds, sowing of seeds and seedlings should be avoided at this time.
7. Avoid application of fertilizer, pesticides and irrigation.
8. Livestock & poultry birds should be placed in indoors and dry places
9. Maintain a good height of embankment around the pond. Arrange nets around the ponds/fish farm so that fishes may not come out due to flood
10. Fishermen are advised not to venture into Sea.

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