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Customers throng the holiday market at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday as hawkers get back to business after they got an assurance from the authorities that the time of the market would be extended to two days a week -- Friday and Saturday. Earlier, the hawkers had decided not to carry on their business activities in protest against a road accident that killed two of their fellow colleagues in the area last week.

2 boys electrocuted in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur

Two boys were electrocuted at Machhpara village in Sadar upazila yesterday.

The boys were identified as Nurnabi Brishti, 12, son of Alfaz Mondal, and Nurul Amin, 16, son of Fajal Haq.

Police said the boys died on the spot at about 10:00am as

they came into contact with a live electric wire, which was snapped by a storm in the morning.

Local people said some villagers took illegal electricity connection from a pole of Palli Bidyut using GI wire, which was snapped during the storm.

JU students vow to fight corruption

Students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) have vowed to stand against corruption at the inaugural session of a concert held on the university campus recently, says a press release.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), Committee of Concerned Citizens (Savar) and the 30th batch of the university jointly organised the concert against corruption and a cartoon exhibition to mark the end of the academic year of the 30th batch.

Popular singer Aiub Bachhu and a young band group of the university performed at the concert upholding the motto -- 'Cultivating light in the roots of darkness ... invincible youth shall surely resist corruption.'

The convener of the farewell ceremony of the 30th batch, Shafiqul Islam, stated their strong commitment at the beginning of the concert.

In his inaugural speech, founder of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra and TIB trustee Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed asked the students to uphold the spirit against corruption.

"A corrupt person can never become happy," he said.

Prof Sayeed asked the students to practise honesty and hard work in their life in order to resist corruption and become good citizens.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman, Pro-VC Prof Enamul Haque Khan, convener of the Committee of Concerned Citizens (Savar) Jainal Abedin

Khan, Prof Syed Md Kamrul Ahsan and Prof ATM Atikur Rahman also spoke.

During the concert, singer Ayub Bachhu also urged the youths to come forward to resist corruption. In

response, the students affirmed their commitment by raising their hands three times and saying 'NO' to corruption.

Tk 57.7 cr BOU budget placed

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Open University (BOU) has announced a Tk 57.70 crore budget for the fiscal 2007-08.

BOU treasurer AKM Rohul Amin Akanda placed the budget at the 92nd meeting of Board of Governors held on Thursday with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr M Farid Ahmed in the chair.

In this budget, Tk 50.96 crore has been allocated for revenue expenditure while Tk 6.73 crore for development expenditure under the revenue head, said a BOU press release.

Of the total amount, University Grant Commission (UGC) will provide Tk 19.20 crore as government grant and Tk 38.50 crore will come from its own resources.

The meeting also approved the revised budget of Tk 56.20 crore for the fiscal 2006-07.