



Farmers along with Nagorik Sanghati and Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods (CSRL) form a human chain programme before the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding the government initiative to purchase rice from them directly. PHOTO: STAR

Butterflies flutter JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Zahir Raihan auditorium at Jahangirnagar University yesterday took a colourful look as hundreds of live butterflies and pictures were put on display along the corridors and the surroundings.

Visitors and lovers of the fine-looking insects thronged the auditorium since morning to enjoy how "flying butterflies give nature a new life", the theme of the fair.

Over 400 live butterflies of around 70 species were exhibited in front of the auditorium and the botanical garden's butterfly hut, which drew the visitors' interest most.

Alamgir Kabir, a visitor from Dhaka, said people think JU is well-known for only winter birds, but he thinks thousands of butterflies that live here for years also add to the campus' beauty.

Alongside live butterflies, pictures and

models of some 100 species of butterflies were on display at the fair.

JU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education) Prof Dr Mohammad Muniruzzaman opened the daylong fair at 9:30am, saying that butterflies are an inseparable part of the university's ecology.

The fair also featured photography competition, drawing competition on butterfly and nature for children, kite flying, and documentary and short film screening.

The zoology department of JU, Prokriti O Jibon Foundation, and Intraco Butterfly Park jointly organised the fair while private television station Channel i was the media partner. AK Accessories (Pvt) Ltd sponsored the event.

JU Pro-VC (Administration) Prof Dr Forhad Hossain, freedom fighter Ferdouse Priovasheni, and internationally acclaimed photographer Anwar Hossain attended the inaugural ceremony.

Muggers hack trader, snatch Tk 4 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of muggers hacked a cloth trader and snatched Tk 4 lakh from his possession at Sayedabad bus terminal in the city early yesterday, police said.

Israfil Islam, 40, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with injuries.

Police said four to five muggers swooped on Israfil with sharp weapons around 6:00am, and snatched the money and his mobile phone set when he reached the bus terminal from Lalmonirhat.

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NEW BANK Scrutinising starts tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Bank will start scrutinising 37 applications, submitted by sponsors and entrepreneurs for permission to set up new banks, tomorrow.

"The Banking Regulation and Policy Department will examine the applications in light of the conditions mentioned earlier," AFM Asaduzzaman, general manager of Bangladesh Bank Governor's Secretariat, told the news agency over phone yesterday.

The central bank received the applications on Wednesday, the closing day for submitting applications.

Comilla Jamaat ameer not to join city polls

UNB, Comilla

Comilla City Jamaat Ameer Kazi Deen Mohammad has decided to boycott January 5 election to Comilla City Corporation in protest against the use of EVM system and non-deployment of army in the polls.

The decision of boycotting the mayoral election was announced at a press conference at the party's city unit office yesterday morning.

In a written statement, Deen Mohammad said, "We placed two demands to the Election Commission since the beginning of campaign for the polls... deploy army for maintaining law and order and take steps for holding election through a system easily understandable to the people by shunning the complex EVM system."

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