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# Snakes spread panic in JU hall

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AT LEAST 12 cobras and other snakes were killed by students and authorities at Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall on Jahangirnagar University campus last week.

Two more cobra snakelets were recovered by Professor

Kamrul Hasan of Zoology department on Saturday.

Students claimed that they killed the snakes after discovering those on the compound, veranda, wash-room and rooms at the dormitories.

Ryshad Rashed, a fourth year management student,

said, 'We are really frightened of snakes. We cannot sleep and move freely in the hall.'

'The hall authorities should properly address the problem; otherwise, a fatal accident may happen any time,' he said.

Professor Kamrul Hasan of Zoology department

visited the hall on Saturday and told New Age that there might be more nests in the dormitories as several snakelets were found in the dormitories.

'These snakes are locally called 'Khaiya Gokhra' or 'Cobra'. These are very venomous. Patients may die af-

ter getting snakebite if they were not given anti-venom medicine immediately,' he added.

JU acting chief medical officer Mozeza Zohura said, 'We have no any anti-venom medicine in our medical centre. Usually we refer snakebite patient to other hospitals after

primary treatment.'

Professor Shafi Mohammad Tareq, provost of Mir Msharraf Hossain Hall said, 'We have already taken some initiatives, namely spreading carbolic acid, installing lighting system, ensuring cleaning process and full in the holes on the walls.'