



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Safari Park is a safari park in Gazipur, Bangladesh. This safari park is spread over 3810 acres (1542 ha) of Sal Forest which makes it one of the largest safari parks in the world and the largest in Asia. It was inaugurated on October 31, 2013. It is located about 40 km north of Bangladesh's capital city Dhaka near the Dhaka - Mymensingh Highway.

The park is divided into 5 major sections. They are the *Core Safari*, *Safari Kingdom*, *Biodiversity Park*, *Extensive Asian Safari Park* and *Bangabandhu Square*.

Animals:

This safari park is home to 47 species of animals and birds out of which 28 species are local. The total population of animals and birds is about 3000. Most notable are :

- Tiger
- Lion
- Elephant
- Zebra
- Deer
- Butterfly
- Duck
- Kangaroo
- Gharial



Macaw at Sheikh Mujib Safari Park



Pond Heron



Blue peacock



Water Monitor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Safari Park

Biodiversity:

There is no noise, only the sound of animals and birds. Colorful flowers are blooming in various types of trees. It is as if Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujib Safari Park at Sreepur in Gazipur has got its life back. Since there are no visitors in the coronavirus period, it seems nature is balancing everything.

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, people have not been able to visit the safari park for almost four months. The noise of animals and birds is loud now. The zebras are now busy with four newborn cubs. New guests have come to the family of several animals and birds including antlers, pocket monkeys, Wild beasts, deers. Besides, cormorant and waterbirds have been added to the beauty.



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Safari Park Wildlife Supervisor Sarwar Hossain Khan said there were no tourist arrivals due to the coronavirus. That is why the animals have got enough space and time and also got security. Animals have multiplied in the secluded environment and the vitality of nature. The birds seem to have found their sanctuary.

Assistant Forest Conservator Tabibur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the safari park, said the park was covered with various species of trees to restore the park to its former existence. “We think the flocks of animals would come in large numbers only if the natural environment provided food, security, and a suitable living environment for the wild animals.

Their lineage will spread. We are working to protect that environment. In the meantime, the benefits are getting,” he added.

Established in 2013, the park has a total of about 4,000 animals and birds. The park has been closed since March 20 due to the coronavirus outbreak in the country.