



The BNP-led 20-party alliance held black flag processions all over the country yesterday, denouncing the indiscriminate Israeli attacks on Gazans. The images here are of the marches, clockwise from top left, in the capital, Thakurgaon, Faridpur, Cox's Bazar, Panchagarh, Moulvibazar, and Chapainawabganj.

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Obaidul Gani Chandon passes away

Obaidul Gani Chandon, a rhymester and feature editor of the Bangla daily Manabkanta, died from lung related ailments at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday, aged 43. He left behind his wife Rubina Mostafa, SATV senior reporter, and their three-year-old son Rafin Rayan. He also worked for several private TV channels including Independent Television for several years. He was buried at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' graveyard yesterday following two namaz-e-janazas at

Rab arrests 'gang of carjackers'

Eight stolen cars, motorbike recovered in Dhaka, Sylhet

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Rapid Action Battalion nabbed seven members of an alleged gang of carjackers including the leader in separate drives in Dhaka and Sylhet yesterday and on Friday. The elite force also seized seven stolen cars and one motorcycle during the drives, Commander Mufti Mahmud Khan, Rab media wing director, told a press briefing at Rab headquarters in the capital yesterday. The detained are Abdul Alim of Habiganj, the ringleader, Al Amin Islam Rubel, Jasim Uddin, Imam Hossain Shamim alias Shipon, Bachchu Miah, Shohag Miah, and Ajam Khan alias Raju. A team of Rab-2 arrested ringleader Alim in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area and seized two cars and a motorcycle around 9:00pm Friday. Following information extracted from Alim, the elite force seized two more cars and arrested Rubel and Jasim in Sylhet an hour later. Later, Rab conducted two more drives in the capital's Mohammadpur and Tejgaon around 12:30am and 4:30am yesterday and arrested the remaining four. They seized

three more cars from the arrestees. The gang had been stealing cars in the capital over the last seven years and selling those at a cheaper price mostly to rent-a-car owners in Sylhet, said the Rab official. The gang would target a car, and one of the members would follow the owner or driver, while the others steal it using a duplicate key, explained Mufti Mahmud Khan. Later, they call the owner and ask for money from the owner in exchange for the car. But, they have never returned any stolen car, he said. Using such a trick, the group on July 12 stole a car belonging to one Abdullah Al Mamun in Mirpur. They later phoned Mamun and asked him to send Tk 2 lakh through bKash to get his car back. However, instead of following the order, Mamun filed a complaint with Rab-2. Based on Mamun's complaint, Rab conducted the drives and arrested the seven and seized the vehicles including Mamun's car.

Savar RMG workers protest unpaid overtime

Observe work stoppage also for termination of colleagues

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More than 400 workers of Bows Apparels, a garment factory at Hemayetpur in Savar outside the capital, yesterday observed work stoppage and staged demonstrations before the main entrance, demanding overtime pay and restoration of the job of some colleagues. The protesters said they were forced to work extra hours but were not paid for that. The regular working time is 8:00am to 5:00pm, but on most days after Eid they worked till 9:00pm, said a worker. Moreover, after the Eid vacation, 20-25 workers have been sacked on "lame excuses", the worker added. The protesters announced that they would not join work unless their sacked colleagues got back their job. Talking to The Daily Star, the factory in charge (store), MM Tareque, said only 30-40 jackets were being produced at the factory per hour now, which should be 50-60. So, Deputy General Manager Md Jalal Uddin asked the workers to increase production, he said. "The factory is passing a very hard time because it is not getting direct orders now. A shipment is due on August 22, so increasing production is a challenge," he said. Workers said they were forced to work till 9:00pm on Friday. As some of them protested against the unpaid overtime, the management immediately sacked three of them, they said. Wishing anonymity, some protesters also said the

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OBITUARY

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim



Mamun Ur Rahman, former Managing Director of Superior Footwear Co. Ltd. and former Director of DCCI, son of Late Mujibur Rahman and Zubaida Rahman of Taj Tannery Ltd. passed away on the morning of 16th August 2014. Inna lillahi wainna ilaihe rajiun. He is survived by his mother, wife, son, daughter and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers. Well-wishers are requested to attend a Doa Mahfil organized by the family on Sunday, 17th August 2014 at Taqwa Masjid, Road 12/A, Dhanmondi after Asr prayers (5:00pm). The mosque accommodates both men and women.

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