



Aniruddha returns home

The businessman, family say nothing about his abduction from Gulshan 81 days ago

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Businessman Aniruddha Kumar Roy returned home on Thursday, over two and a half months after he had been abducted from the capital's Gulshan area.



"He was dropped in front of his Gulshan home around 3:30am," Kollol Hazra, Aniruddha's nephew, told The Daily Star yesterday. He, however, could not say anything about the abductors.

The businessman returned home a day after Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said those who were missing would return or law enforcers would find them.

Like the relatives of many other missing people who later came back, the family of Aniruddha, managing director of RMM Group, did not say what exactly had happened to him while he was abducted.

"I did not ask him [Aniruddha] anything about the abduction," his wife Shashwati Roy told this newspaper over phone yesterday.

"He is in good health. He may join office tomorrow [today]," she added.

Aniruddha was abducted in broad daylight after he came out of a bank in Gulshan on August 27.

Three unidentified persons came in a microbus, forced him into the vehicle and sped towards Gulshan-1, showed the bank's CCTV footage.

He returned after 81 days.

Police could neither identify nor arrest any of the abductors.

Aniruddha was among the at least 10 people who were abducted or went missing from the capital since August 22. The others included a journalist, a private university teacher and a student.

Families of several of the victims pointed fingers at different

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A man fiddling with his phone lying on the footbridge between Birdem Hospital and Shishu Park in the capital. The bridge is seriously rundown, inset, and hawkers have started storing stuff on it making it almost unusable for pedestrians. The photo was taken last week.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Curtain falls on Dhaka Lit Fest

Anuk Arudpragasam wins DSC Prize

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A romantic novel set against the backdrop of the Sri Lankan civil war bagged the prestigious DSC Prize for South Asian Literature, as the seventh Dhaka Literary Festival ended yesterday with hopes of engaging even more literary minds from across the globe next year.

"The Story of a Brief Marriage", authored by Anuk Arudpragasam and published by Granta Books, UK, was among 70 submissions from which a distinguished panel of jury short-listed five books for the award.

Announcing the winner, Ritu Menon, an Indian feminist writer who headed the jury, said the novel's intense focus, impressive details and acute sensitivity in writing while describing human relationship during the hardship of war had been considered for the prize.

"It [the book] is a testament of the redemptive power of love," she added.

According to the DSC Prize's official website, this year's international jury panel included Ritu Menon, Jury Chair and eminent feminist writer; Valentine Cunningham, Professor

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KIDNAPPED BY EX-HUSBAND RU student rescued in the capital

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police have rescued a Rajshahi University student allegedly kidnapped from the campus on Friday.

Police also arrested the suspected kidnapper Sohel Rana, the victim's ex-husband, after raiding a marriage registration office in the capital's Rayerbazar.

Jamal Uddin Mir, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, said they raided the office around 3:00pm and found them inside.

"Sohel told police that they were married to each other, but the woman remained silent," the officer said, adding that the duo was handed over to Rajshahi police.

Sohel, a Dhaka University graduate currently practicing law at the Supreme Court, is suspected of kidnapping the student of Bangla department around 8:30am on Friday.

Witnesses said Sohel and some of his associates were in a white microbus parked in front of Tapashi Rabeya Hall of RU.

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Mugabe to go

Reports say ruling party to sack the president today, ousted VP Mnangagwa to take charge; elated Zimbabweans celebrate new era

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Robert Mugabe will be removed as Zimbabwe president, two sources from the country's ruling Zanu-PF party have said.

The party will reportedly hold a special central committee meeting today morning to dismiss the 93-year-old as leader.

The meeting is due to start at 10.30am local time and is also set to see the removal of Mugabe's wife, Grace, as head of the Zanu-PF Women's League.

Emmerson Mnangagwa, who was ousted by Mugabe earlier this month as Zimbabwe's vice-president, will be reinstated.

The move comes amid what has been a day of celebrations in the capital Harare.

There had been calls for a "Day of Rage", but tens of thousands poured into the streets today convinced that they were seeing the end of Mugabe's 37-year rule.

Protesters even began marching towards Mugabe's residence, live television pictures showed.

In scenes reminiscent of the downfall of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in 1989, men, women and children ran alongside the armoured cars and troops that stepped in this week to oust the only ruler Zimbabwe has known since independence in 1980.

The 93-year-old Mugabe has been under house arrest in his lavish 'Blue Roof' compound in Harare, from where he has watched support from his Zanu-PF party, security services and people evaporate in less than three days.

Mugabe's nephew, Patrick Zhuwao, yesterday told Reuters that the elderly leader and his wife were "ready to die for what is correct" and had no

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Miss India crowned Miss World

AFP, China

An Indian medical student was crowned Miss World at a glitzy event in a Chinese resort on Saturday, making her country the joint-most successful in the beauty pageant's history.

Manushi Chhillar is the sixth Indian winner of the long-running contest, following in the footsteps of



Bollywood actresses Priyanka Chopra and Aishwarya Rai.

Her win brings India level with Venezuela as the

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Tintin drawing sells for 500,000 euros



AFP, Paris

A colour drawing of Tintin and his faithful canine companion Snowy sold yesterday at a Paris auction for more than half a million euros.

The India ink and watercolour image, which went under the hammer for 505,000 euros (\$595,000), shows the intrepid pair in the company of a butler in a royal palace.

It was drawn by the Belgian cartoonist known as Herge as the cover illustration for the 1939 newspaper serialisation of "King Ottokar's Sceptre".

Originally published in black and white in the youth supplement of Belgian newspaper Le Vingtieme Siecle, the story would become the eighth volume of young reporter Tintin's adventures.

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Won't stand discipline

Khaleda warns party ranks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has said she will not tolerate any indiscipline in the party.

The former premier also asked the party's vice chairmen of the party to remain alert about disciplinary violations, adding that from now on she will deal with indiscipline with an iron hand, said party leaders.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A man carries a placard as a demonstration marches towards the Zimbabwean State House in Harare while calling for the resignation of Zimbabwe's president yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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