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## MP held over war crimes

Son, 3 others also arrested

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Police arrested Jatiya Party lawmaker MA Hannan, his eldest son and three other war crimes accused yesterday, hours after a special tribunal issued arrest warrants for eight people.  
 MA Hannan, 80, lawmaker from Trishal (Mymensingh-7 constituency) and presidium member of Jatiya Party, was arrested at his Gulshan home and his son Rafique Sajjad, 62, was picked up from his Gulshan office around 4:00pm, said Rafiqul Islam, assistant commissioner (Gulshan Zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.  
 Hannan, the alleged general secretary of Mymensingh district Peace Committee, an anti-liberation organisation in 1971, is the second incumbent lawmaker arrested in connection with war crimes committed during the Liberation War. BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury was shown arrested in a war crimes case in December 2010 when he was a lawmaker of the then opposition party in the parliament. He is now on death row.  
 Jatiya Party is the main opposition in parliament and three of its lawmakers are members of the cabinet of the



MA Hannan



People, including children, climb down from the roof of an inbound train at Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday. As there was no space inside, they travelled on the roof, risking life and limb to return to the city after Eid holidays.  
 PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## MOJAHEED, SQ CHY War tribunal issues death warrants

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday issued death warrants for convicted war criminals Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, a day after the Supreme Court released its full verdicts upholding their death penalties.  
 Two tribunals had handed down capital punishments to them around two years ago for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.  
 The ICT registrar's office issued two warrants for the convicts following its directives, Registrar Shahidul Alam Jhinuk told reporters yesterday.  
 The warrants were sent to the senior jail super of Dhaka Central Jail, he said, adding that copies of warrants were also sent to the Dhaka district magistrate for  
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**15th Bangladesh Business Award**  
 The Daily Star will bring out a special supplement on the 15th Bangladesh Business Awards tomorrow. Please watch out for your copy.

## Australia postpone Bangladesh tour

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
 Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Nazmul Hassan Papon reacted in the strongest possible terms to the news that Australia had decided to postpone their tour to Bangladesh.  
 "Till now I am not exactly sure what made them postpone the tour. The security plan that we provided would have been accepted by any security expert in the world," said Papon.  
 Papon said that he would bring up the issue at the next ICC meeting, but he also kept faith in the relationship between the two boards, hoping that the series would go on at a later date.  
 "I believe that this issue will be better understood once we sit and have  
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## UGC official dies in Rab custody

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The University Grants Commission official, who had been arrested last month for his alleged involvement in leaking questions of medical college and university admission exams, died in Rab custody yesterday.  
 Rapid Action Battalion-4 had arrested Omar Siraj, an assistant director of the UGC, his accomplice Ishan Intiaj Hridoy and storekeeper of Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission Rezaul Karim on September 18 from the UGC office at the capital's Agargaon.  
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## BANGLADESHIS KILLED IN MINA STAMPEDE The count now 41

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The foreign ministry yesterday confirmed that 41 Bangladeshi pilgrims were among those killed in the stampede in Mina on September 24.  
 In addition, 61 Bangladeshis were being treated at different hospitals in Makkah and Jeddah, said a foreign ministry statement. The statement was based on a report received from the Bangladesh Consulate General in Jeddah.  
 Identities of 18 of the 41 victims have been confirmed, while names of 12 others have been found. Efforts are underway to identify others, said the statement.  
 Besides, at least 148 Bangladeshis are still missing,  
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## Misuse of icddr,b's name in product promotion

It has come to icddr,b's attention that the Drinkit Water Purifier machine by Durable Plastic Ltd, PRAN-RFL Group is currently being promoted with the claim that it has been tested by icddr,b.  
 icddr,b would like to state that it does not endorse any commercial products, including the Drinkit Water Purifier.  
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## US, Italy soften security alert

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**  
 Countries that had issued security alerts for their citizens in Dhaka following the murder of an Italian citizen last week have now started softening their tone of travel advisory.  
 The United States, which updated its security message for US citizens in Dhaka, has lifted the shelter-in-place order.  
 "The US Embassy in Dhaka has lifted the shelter-in-place order that was in effect until Tuesday morning [September 29]," according to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (OSAC) of US Department of State.  
 The Italian Embassy in Dhaka, which on September 29 issued a notice, written in red fonts, to Italian citizens, yesterday removed it from the embassy website.  
 The US Embassy in Dhaka, which declared optional leave on September 29-30 for its diplomats and staff members, was open yesterday and provided consular services.  
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**Condolence Message**  
 We deeply mourn the sudden demise of M. Mohsin Alam, General Manager - Project and Technical; due to cardiac arrest on 27th September, 2015 at around 7:05 AM. He had led the manufacturing team and contributed in manufacturing operation, quality assurance, technical support, building new plants for Pepsi soft drinks products in Bangladesh for a long time.  
 It was an honor to have known such a great person and we will truly miss him. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family.  
 May the Almighty ALLAH rest his soul in peace and give strength to his family to bear this irreparable loss.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and employees of **Transcom Beverages Limited**

**TOP QUOTE**  
 "The teachers are saying they will not work, conduct classes and hold exams. It won't be logical. I request them to go ahead with regular classes and admission tests."  
 EDUCATION MINISTER **NURUL ISLAM NAHID**  
 ON PUBLIC UNIVERSITY TEACHERS' AGITATION OVER NEW PAY SCALE

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