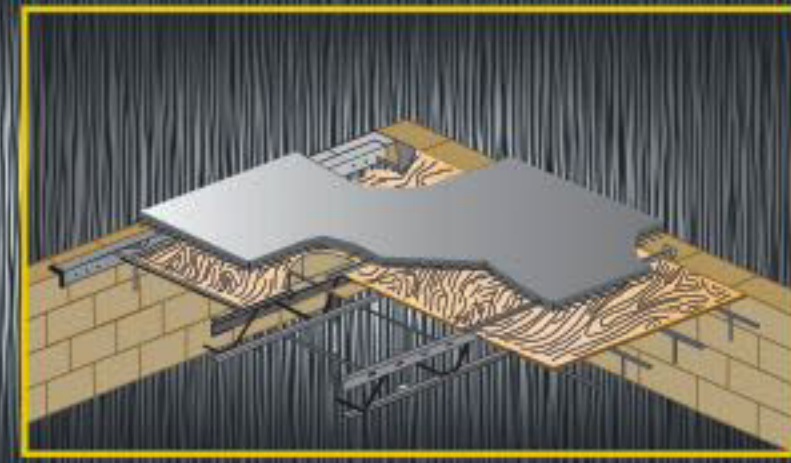


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# Cantonment on both sides of the Padma

*Ecneec approves; returns proposal for relocating secretariat*

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON

The government is going to establish a full-blown cantonment on both sides of the Padma Bridge to ensure security to the largest ever structure to be built in the country.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) at a meeting yesterday approved Tk 750-crore "Establishment of 99 Composite Bridge for Safety and Security of Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project".

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina chaired the meeting held at the NEC conference hall at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

However, ECNEC suspended a proposal for building a secretariat complex beside the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar until the original design of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban made by internationally reputed architect Louis I Kahn is collected.

Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal after the meeting said all the components of a fully-fledged cantonment would be there though it would be a brigade.

A planning ministry proposal says the under construction Padma Multipurpose Bridge is the biggest infrastructure in the country so far and will cost an estimated Tk 28,000 crore.

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A student walks on the rubble at her damaged school, which was used before as a military camp for forces loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad, in the rebel-controlled town of Ain Qurei in the southern countryside of Idlib, Syria on Monday.

## SC VERDICT REVIEW Mojaheed, SQ Chy to file pleas today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War criminals Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and Salauddin Quader Chowdhury will appeal to the Supreme Court today to review its judgments upholding their capital punishment for the crimes committed during the 1971 war for independence.

The review petitions were almost ready, said Khandker Mahbub Hossain, principal counsel for both the convicts, yesterday.

The defence would seek reconsideration of the judgments on the grounds that their clients had been sentenced to death on the basis of false and fabricated testimonies of the prosecution witnesses, he said.

If the witnesses' statements are properly examined, their death penalty will be scrapped, the defence counsel claimed.

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GULSHAN ACCIDENT

## No legal step yet

*Pressure from underage driver's family cited as reason*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Even a day after a reckless underage driver injured four people, neither the victims nor the police took any legal step allegedly under pressure from the "influential family" of the accused, said a senior police official yesterday.

Sixteen-year-old Fareez Rahman, nephew of a former Awami League lawmaker, rammed the sports utility vehicle he was driving into two rickshaws in the capital's Gulshan on Monday afternoon. Two rickshaw pullers, a passenger and a pedestrian were injured in the incident.

A sub-inspector (SI) of police, who visited the spot immediately after the incident, told this correspondent that Fareez was drunk while driving, and police had found evidence of that inside the vehicle.

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## Russian-made missile hit flight MH17

*Moscow, West trade blame over Dutch probe report*

AFP, Gilze-rijen

Investigators yesterday concluded that Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 was shot down by a Russian-made BUK missile fired over war-torn Ukraine, but 15 months after the disaster Russia and the West remain locked in a bitter blame game.

The Dutch-led inquiry did not identify who launched the missile that crashed into the Boeing 777 on July 17, 2014, killing all 298 people on board.

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## Nominations of Kader, wife scrapped

*Loan default charges cited*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Nominations of Abdul Kader Siddique, president of Krishak Sramik Janata



League (KSJL), and his wife Nasrin Siddique for Tangail-4 (Kalihati) by-polls were scrapped yesterday on loan default charges.

Returning Officer (RO) Mohammad Alimuzzaman told The Daily Star that the decision was taken on getting a fax from the Credit Information Bureau of Bangladesh Bank on Monday.

According to the fax, Kader Siddique's firm Sonar Bangla Engineering defaulted on a Tk 10.88 crore loan from Agrani Bank. Nasrin Siddique is a director at the organisation, he said.

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## ISIS, al-Qaeda warn Russia amid air strike

*Moscow says 86 'terrorist' targets hit in 24 hours; rockets hit Russian embassy compound in Damascus*

AFP, Beirut

Moscow yesterday said it had carried out its most intense day of air raids yet in Syria, as jihadists called for revenge attacks and rockets hit the Russian embassy in Damascus.

With Russia's involvement having an increasingly dramatic effect on Syria's conflict, President Vladimir Putin slammed Washington for refusing to cooperate with Moscow.

The defence ministry in Moscow said Russia's air force had hit 86 "terrorist" targets in Syria in the past 24 hours, in the highest one-day tally since it launched its bombing campaign on September 30.

The ministry said it had hit several positions of the Islamic State group, which Russia insists it is targeting in the air campaign.

Washington and its allies -- who are carrying out their own air war against

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MINA STAMPEDE

## Bangladesh death toll 92

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of Bangladeshi pilgrims killed in the Mina stampede during Hajj last month now stands at 92, while at least 80 others still remain missing.

Golam Moshi, Bangladesh ambassador to Saudi Arabia, confirmed the death toll while talking to reporters there yesterday.

However, sources at Bangladesh embassy in Saudi Arabia said the death toll might go up.

Among the deceased Bangladeshis, the identities of 78 have been confirmed, and 55 of them have been buried in Saudi Arabia with due respect.

The Saudi government was trying to identify the remaining victims by

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## Son kills mother

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An elderly woman was stabbed to death by her "mentally ill" son in Chittagong yesterday afternoon.

Rawshan Ara, 60, wife of Amirul Hoque, was stabbed by her elder son Jahirul Hoque Sabuj, 40, at their tin-shed house at Hafiz Colony around 5:30pm, said police.

She died on the spot, said SM Shahidul Islam, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Chandgaon Police Station.

Sabuj, a cancer patient, fled the scene and went into hiding, he said.

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OCTOBER 14

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