

DEROGATORY COMMENT

AL asks PM to sack SQ Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition Awami League's women affairs sub-committee yesterday asked the prime minister to remove Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, her parliamentary affairs adviser, for his indecent remarks about opposition leader Sheikh Hasina.

"SQ Chowdhury's comment is not only derogatory for the opposition leader but also for the women community of the country as a whole," said Sultana Shafi, chairman of the sub-committee, while addressing a press conference.

The government has to take all responsibility for his derogatory remarks as the PM's adviser is a vital post in the government, she added.

Sultana, also a member of advisory committee of the AL, said, "This person (SQ Chowdhury) cast aspersions on Khaleda Zia earlier but the government nominated him to vie for the important post of secretary general of the OIC.

SQ Chowdhury's remarks about AL leader Suranjit Sengupta reflect his communal mentality, she added.

She also said that they would file defamation suit against SQ Chowdhury if the situation demands.

Among others, Prof Khaleda Khanom, secretary of the sub-committee, Ivy Rahman, Meher Afroz Chumki, Sagufta Yasmin and Fazilatunnesa Indira, were present at the press conference.

International SOS Children's Village Day today

UNB, Dhaka

International SOS Children's Village Day will be observed in 132 countries including Bangladesh today marking the birth anniversary of its founder Prof Hermann Gmeiner.

On the occasion, SOS Children's Village Dhaka has chalked out an elaborate programme including discussion, prize giving ceremony and cultural function.

Education Minister Dr M Osman Farruk will attend the programme at its Shyamoli office in the city at 10.00am.

A non-government organisation, SOS Children's Village, is working for the welfare of children across the globe.