

## Court asks Shawkat Mahmud to appear Apr 11

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked Shawkat Mahmud, BNP chairperson's adviser, to appear before it on April 11 in a case filed against him on charges of calling State Minister for Law Advocate Qamrul Islam "a Battalar Ukil".

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Shahadat Hossain passed the order after Advocate Moshir Malek, president of Bangabandhu Foundation, filed the case against Shawkat for making derogatory remarks about Qamrul.

In his complaint, Malek said Shawkat Mahmud, also president of National Press Club, at a rally organised by local BNP at a hotel in Cox's Bazar on March 20 called Qamrul Islam a low quality lawyer that had tarnished image of the state minister at home and abroad. It also hurt the complainant as an Awami League leader, he alleged.

The complainant appealed to the court for issuance of arrest warrant against the accused.

## GRAFT CASES

### Hearing on Hasina's petitions on April 4

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday adjourned till April 4 the final hearing on the petitions filed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for quashing the proceedings of four corruption cases against her.

After hearing on a petition yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Md Shamsul Huda and Justice Abu Bakar Siddiquee fixed the date.

The cases were filed against Hasina on charges of corruption in setting up of barge-mounted power plant and Meghnaghat power plant, in the appointment of consultants at the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority and in procurement of frigates.

The barge-mounted power plant graft case was filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission during the previous caretaker government, and three other cases were filed by the now-defunct Bureau of Anti Corruption during the rule of BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government.

Upon petitions filed by Hasina, the HC earlier stayed the proceedings against her in the cases and issued rules upon the government, Bac and ACC to explain why the proceedings of the cases should not be quashed.

Barrister Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh appeared for Hasina, while advocate Khurshid Alam Khan stood for the ACC.

## Flights rescheduled

METRO DESK

In view of the decision of not effecting the change in Daylight Saving Time from April 1, the Biman flights both on domestic and international routes will now be departing one hour in advance from the pre-scheduled time, says a press release.

Passengers already re-confirmed their tickets by March 24 for journey on and after April 1 will have to report to the airport one hour in advance accordingly.

For further information or for any queries, passengers have been requested to contact nearest Biman sales office for their convenience.

## Posters on Amar Ekushey, liberation war published

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two informative posters on the Amar Ekushey and the historic liberation war were published recently in an effort to project the true history to the young generation.

Classic Products, a publishing house, has published the posters titled '21 at a Glance' and '71 at a Glance', which were researched and designed by journalist and researcher Ferdous Arefin.

The posters display the true history of the language movement and the liberation war in photographs accompanied by short notes chronologically.

"It is necessary to mention here that February 21 is being observed as International Mother Language Day in 192 countries across the world. It is our duty to make people of those countries aware of our great language movement in details," said Arefin in a statement.

"Likewise, it's also our duty to display the worst ever genocide of 1971 before the world," he added.

The poster on Amar Ekushey displays events starting from September 1947 to February 21, 2000, the day when February 21 was observed as the international day for the first time worldwide, chronologically.

Similarly, the poster on the historic liberation war displays events starting from January 1971 to December 1971 chronologically.

The English version of the posters will be brought out soon.

## Roundtable on climate change on Sunday

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) will organise a two-day international expert roundtable on Security Implications of Climate Change in South Asia at a hotel in the city on Sunday.

Climate Change experts and scientists from Norway, Germany, Britain, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh will attend the roundtable.

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