

**Qulkhwani**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Lt Col (ret) Syed Kalimuallah, the first managing director of Sena Kalyan Sangstha, will be held today after Asr prayers at House No-17, Road No-65, Gulshan-2, in the capital.

His relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.

Kalimullah died on June 11 this year due to old age complications.

**Anjuman Ara Jaman**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Qulkhwani of Anjuman Ara Jaman, founder member of Gulshan Ladies

Community Club, will be held today after Asr prayers at House-13, Road-108 in Gulshan-2 of the capital.

Anjuman, mother of Dr M u h a m m a d Ohiduzzaman, former president of Gulshan Youth Club, passed away on June 9 at the age of 71.

She left behind her son, three daughters, a host of relatives and admires to mourn her death.

# PM directs SSF not to hinder her contact with people

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the members of the Special Security Force (SSF) to be more careful so that her contact with the common people and party leaders and workers is not hindered in any way in the name of ensuring her security.

She said this while addressing a function marking the 26th founding anniversary of SSF at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Hasina said public representatives are accountable to people and the SSF should keep vigil so that the people do not get hurt with their behaviour while ensuring security to the public representatives.

The Prime Minister said the main goal of her politics is to ensure welfare of the common people.

"My door for all kinds of people, irrespective of the poor and the rich, is always open. So your behaviour with them should be up to the mark so that no one is hurt. You'll have to look after this matter very carefully," she directed the SSF personnel.

She also mentioned that her politics is always for the poor people and she is always like to serve the common people of the country.

Hasina expressed her hope that the SSF will make their activities more dynamic and time befitting through tough practice, and using their knowledge and experiences.

The advancement of the SSF will con-

tinue with their able leadership, appropriate guidelines and professional devotion and sincerity.

Praising the SSF for their loyalty, professionalism and efficiency, Hasina hoped that the members of the SSF will continue to do their duties with utmost trustworthiness.

The premier said the type and techniques of militant and terrorist activities have changed across the globe with the development of technology, and terrorists can now carry out their operations from any part of the world.

"So, the level of security measures has been increased across the world and her government also ensured various facilities, including digital technology for the SSF to modernise the force as well as enhancing their capability," she added.

Hasina said the National Defense College and Military Institute of Science and Technology and other training institutes have been established to provide impart training to the military personnel.

She said many foreign trainees are taking part in various training courses at military training institutes of Bangladesh.

Security Adviser to the Prime Minister Major General (ret) Tarique Ahmed Siddique, Ambassador-at-Large M Ziauddin, the chiefs of the three services and Principal Secretary and Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, among others, were present on the occasion.

# Govt to enact law on HC judge appointment: law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government plans to enact a law for transparent appointment of judges to the High Court, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shafique Ahmed told parliament yesterday.

"The law will be made in consultation with the chief justice and in accordance with the constitutional provisions," he said, replying to lawmakers' queries.

There was no other policy except the constitutional provisions for such

appointment, he said in a scripted reply.

According to Article 95 (2), a person shall be qualified for appointment as a Judge if he is a citizen of Bangladesh and has been an advocate of the Supreme Court for at least 10 years; or has held judicial office in the territory of Bangladesh for at least ten years; or has such qualifications as may be prescribed by law for appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

No government has taken the initiative to formulate the law in the last 38 years. In its absence, the judge appoint-

ment process has reportedly been politicised over the years, sometimes leading to appointment of unfit people.

Legal experts said the current criteria allowed governments to pick people, loyal to them, as SC judges without scrutinising their academic qualifications, professional ability, goodwill and honesty.

Addressing a function in 2007, the then chief justice Mohammad Ruhul Amin said it would take at least 20 years to rid the judiciary of the effects of irregularities in the judge appointment process.

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