

AL did not compromise with Hefajat

Says Quader; rules out alliance with it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said his party did not "compromise or forge an alliance" with the Islamist party Hefajat-e-Islam.

"We neither compromised with Hefajat-e-Islam nor did we forge an alliance with them," Obaidul said in reply to a query at a press conference at party president Sheikh Hasina's Dhanmondi office.

"True progressiveness is the ability to take realistic decisions considering the sentiment of the people," Quader said. "Progressiveness is nothing beyond reality."

Those who are alleging that we are using religion in politics or claiming that we have compromised with the communal forces are in fact the ones who are using religion as a political weapon, he said.

His statement came in purview of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent meeting with some 350 representatives of Qawmi madrasas where Hefajat chief Shah Ahmed Shafi, also chairman of Qawmi Madrasa Education Board, were present.

From the meeting the PM announced that the government will recognise the Dawra degree of Qawmi madrasa as equivalent to master's degree.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks during the inauguration of an amphitheatre and a musical fountain at Hatirjheel lake in the capital through a videoconference from her Gono Bhaban residence yesterday. PHOTO: PID

ARSON, VANDALISM CASES AGAINST KHALEDA

HC stays trial proceedings

BNP chief again expresses no-trust in judge in Zia orphanage case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed the trial proceedings against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in four separate vandalism and arson cases.

The court also issued four rules asking the government to explain as to why the proceedings of the cases against Khaleda should not be scrapped.

The HC bench of Justice Md Miftah Uddin Chowdhury and Justice ANM Bashir Ullah came up with the order and rules after hearing four petitions filed by Khaleda seeking stay on the trial.

Deputy Attorney General Shaikh AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir told The Daily Star that the government would move appeals before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for staying the HC order.

The cases were filed during anti-government agitation enforced by

BNP-led alliance in 2015.

Khaleda recently filed the petitions with the HC challenging the legality of the trial proceedings of the cases.

Lately, the HC stayed trial proceedings against Khaleda in three other cases including a sedition case.

Meanwhile, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday again expressed no-confidence in another judge who was dealing with the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case filed against her.

Opposing the petition, Public Prosecutor Mosharruf Hossain Kajol said the BNP leader had earlier moved a petition with the High Court seeking the transfer of the case to any other court.

On March 8, the HC gave an order to transfer the case from the Special Judge Court-3 to the Senior Special Judge's Court, and asked the latter to dispose of the case in 60 days.

After the hearing, Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah fixed April 27 for

placing Khaleda's self-defence statements in the case.

Yesterday, Khaleda also filed a petition for transfer of the Zia Charitable Trust graft case to any other court fearing that she will not get justice from the court.

After hearing, Judge Abu Ahmed Jomader of the Special Judge Court-3 asked the BNP chief to file a transfer miscellaneous case with the High Court as he had no jurisdiction in this matter.

The court also fixed May 18 for the next hearing on the petition.

The court on March 30 warned that legal order would be passed if Khaleda Zia fails to appear before it yesterday for placing her self-defence statements in connection with the Zia Charitable Trust graft case.

Earlier in the day, BNP chief appeared before the makeshift court at Bakshibazar in connection with Zia Charitable Trust and Zia orphanage graft cases.

HC JUDGE APPOINTMENT

Plea adjudicated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday adjudicated a seven-year-old writ petition, which sought a guideline for appointment of its judges.

Delivering a short verdict, the court said, "The petition is disposed of with some observations".

The bench of Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice Krishna Debnath, however, did not disclose the observations.

The verdict means that the observations will be known when the full verdict will be available, the petitioner's lawyer MS Hassan Azim told The Daily Star.

It is not known when the full text will be released, he added.

A Supreme Court lawyer, Barrister Raghob Rauf Chowdhury, filed the petition in June 2010, saying the existing process of selection of people for the post of HC judge lacked transparency and competitiveness since there was no specific guideline in this regard.

SC chamber judge stays trial of Moudud in Niko graft case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed until May 7 the trial proceedings against former BNP law minister Moudud Ahmed in Niko corruption case following a petition filed by him.

He sought a stay on a High Court verdict that cleared the way for a lower court to resume the case's trial proceedings. The chamber judge sent the stay petition to the full bench of the Appellate Division for its hearing on May 7.

The ACC filed the case in 2007 over charges that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and several others abused power to award a gas exploration and extraction deal to Canadian company Niko when she was prime minister from 2001 to 2006.

Gazipur mayor

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criminal case, he said. The lawyer said the government had earlier suspended Mannan on a similar ground and the HC had stayed his first suspension order. Mayor Mannan is now on bail in all the cases filed against him, Advocate Rana added.

HELNETAS BANGLADESH *Call for Expression of Interest (EOI)*

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