

Staff Reporter

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed on Sunday called upon all to get united to build a non-communal country with the spirit of 1971 Liberation War.

He made the call while addressing a rally of the Hindu community at Polashi crossing in the city prior to the start of a Janmashtami procession.

The country's Hindu community is celebrating Janmashtami, marking the birth of Lord Krishna, in festivity and with due religious fervour.

Tofail said the 72 constitution was formulated emphasizing equality to create a non-communal society but a vested quarter started politics based on religion changing the 72 charter after killing Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. "The country has seen many riots since then because of religion-based politics."

The veteran Awami League leader said time has come for all Banglalis to be united again with the spirit of the Liberation War. "We all should get united under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to build a non-communal Bangladesh," he added.

Leaders of the Hindu community, including Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad and Mohanagar Sarbajaneen Puja Committee, were present.

Later, Sabayet (priest) of national Dhakeshwari temple Sree Pradip Kumar Chakrawarti inaugurated the traditional Janmashtami procession, taken out from Polashi intersection around 4:10 pm and ended in Bahadur Shah Park area after parading different city streets.