

HC summons cop for barring Hindu ritual  
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The High Court in its own move yesterday summoned a sub-inspector (SI) of police of Netrakona to it for stopping Nam Sankeertan, a religious programme of the Hindu community to sing incessantly the name of God, at Mohanganj of the district.

SI Borhan Uddin of Mohanganj Police Station has to appear before the HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain on February 24 to explain his role about stopping the religious event, Deputy Attorney General Bishwojit Roy told The Daily Star.

The bench also asked the authorities concerned of the government to take necessary steps so that the Nam Sankeertan at Sree Sree Jagannath Jeo Akra, a place of worship, can be held smoothly.

It issued the suomoto rule upon the authorities to explain in two weeks why stopping Nam Sankeertan by the police should not be declared illegal, he said.

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# Khoka denied bail again

Granted for Khandaker Mosharraf in money laundering case

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A Dhaka court yesterday again rejected bail petitions of BNP Vice-Chairman Sadeque Hossain Khoka in three cases including one for murder of Sub-inspector Md Shahjahan in May last year.

Meanwhile, the High Court granted anticipatory bail to BNP leader Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain for six weeks in a money laundering case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Judge Md Zahirul Haque of the Metropolitan Sessions

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Tawfiq Aziz Khan's 13th anniversary of death today

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Today is the 13th death anniversary of Tawfiq Aziz Khan, former executive editor of The Daily Star and a sports writer and commentator.

He died of lung cancer at the age of 64 on this day in 2001.

Tawfiq Aziz joined The Daily Star in 1990 as its founding managing editor.

Back in 1958, he joined the then Pakistan Observer as a reporter.

He also served the Dainik Bangla and Bichitra.

The first English sports commentator of the country, Tawfiq Aziz had worked with different broadcast media since 1958.

He was the resident editor of the Cricketer Asia

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# Telecommunications, ICT ministries merged

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The government has merged the posts and telecommunications ministry with the information and communication technology (ICT) ministry with an aim to ensure better coordination and reduce bureaucratic hassles.

The newly made Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology will have two divisions—Posts and Telecommunications Division and Information and Communication Technology Division, said a handout yesterday.

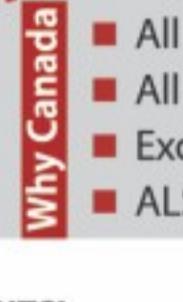
Abdul Latif Siddique, who was in the charge of the telecom ministry after formation of the new government on January 12, will continue as minister of the new ministry.

Mustafa Jabbar, president, Bangladesh Computer

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