

English made compulsory from Class I to XII

The Council of Ministers at a meeting presided over by President Ershad on Monday night decided to introduce English as a compulsory language from Class I to Class XII, reports BSS.

According to an official source the Council noted with concern the deterioration in the standard of English which is the most important international language, and felt that this trend should be checked.

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students will have the option to appear in the examinations in English.

The Council of Ministers also decided to shift the campus of the Islamic University from its present premises in Gazipur district to Shantidanga on the border of Kushila-Jhenidah districts.

The Council approved the salt policy for 1988-89.

The total requirement for the year was fixed at 7.50 lakh tons including a buffer stock of one lakh tons.

The President directed the concerned ministries to ensure that the price of salt was not increased.

The council fixed the price of procurement of wheat for 1988-89 season at Taka 210 per maund. The Council also approved a number of measures for improving the conditions of the living standard of the tea estate workers. A standing committee was set up to review the situation in the tea gardens from time to time the source added.

President Ershad directed that the facilities at the Bhawal National Park should be improved. He also directed the Ministry of Culture to create motel facilities at Folk Museum at Sonargaon.