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## English made compulsory, Islamic Varsity to be shifted to Shantidanga

The Council of Ministers at a meeting presided over by President Ershad tonight 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.

In the higher level the 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 in the border of Kushtia-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.