

SHARIF'S SACKING HC asks ACC to submit evidence

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The High Court yesterday directed the Anti-Corruption Commission to place before it the evidence regarding the termination of its official Md Sharif Uddin from service.

ACC's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan has been asked to submit a report with evidence by swearing an affidavit before the court by March 8.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman passed the order during a hearing on a writ petition that sought its directive on the authorities to conduct an independent enquiry into the reported allegations and counter allegations over the sacking.

The HC also asked writ petitioners' lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir to place an affidavit SEE PAGE 6 COL 6

Bangladesh's denim pioneer Nasir no more



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M Nasir Uddin, chairman of Pacific Jeans Group, passed away at a hospital in Bangkok yesterday after a long fight with cancer.

A visionary entrepreneur in the denim sector, Nasir breathed his last at 3:15 pm (Bangladesh time) in the intensive care unit of a hospital in Bangkok, where he has been since January 1, according to Swadhin Tayab, general manager (HR) of Pacific Jeans Group.

Nasir, who was 71 at SEE PAGE 6 COL 4



Rahima Begum holding her six-month-old child while waiting in line to get the Covid-19 vaccine at the Adhar Chandra High School in Savar on the outskirts of the capital yesterday, the last day of the special campaign to administer the first dose. Like her, many other mothers of infants were waiting in line for long to get vaccinated.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

3 divs lag behind in Covid inoculation

Barishal, Mymensingh, Sylhet have not given enough first shots

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Barishal, Mymensingh, and Sylhet divisions have yet to reach the target of inoculating 70 percent of the population aged 12 years and above.

The national average of first dose coverage is nearly 72 percent, according to data from the Directorate General of Health Services.

Sylhet division has the lowest numbers with 65.60 percent of its 1.21 crore people eligible to get the shots having had their first shot as of Sunday, the second day of the special vaccination campaign that ended yesterday.

In Mymensingh division, around 66.60 percent of 1.14 crore people received their first jab while in Barishal the percentage is 67.40.

Dhaka division performed the best with nearly 78 percent of the people inoculated, followed by Khulna division with 70.7 percent.

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Taxpayers pay for politically-linked people's greed Says a noted economist

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Allowing politically-linked rich people in Bangladesh to embezzle depositors' money is highly unethical and immoral, said a noted economist yesterday.

"It is highly immoral and unethical to let a few greedy politically connected ultra-rich people siphon off depositors' money and then the gap is filled with taxpayer money, thereby depriving critical services to the poor," said Sadiq Ahmed, vice-chairman of the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh.

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END OF 'DREAM'?

Russia destroys World's largest plane: Ukraine

CNN ONLINE

The world's largest aircraft, the Antonov AN-225, has been destroyed during the Russian invasion of Ukraine, according to Ukrainian officials, generating alarm and sadness among the aviation world in which it occupies almost cult status.

The enormous aircraft, named "Mriya," or "dream" in Ukrainian, was parked at an airfield near Kyiv when it was attacked by "Russian occupants," Ukrainian authorities said, adding that they would rebuild the plane.

"Russia may have destroyed our 'Mriya'. But they will never be able to destroy our dream of a strong, free and democratic European state. We shall prevail!" wrote Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba on Twitter.

There has been no independent confirmation of the aircraft's destruction. A tweet from the Antonov Company said it could not verify the "technical condition" of the aircraft until it had been inspected by experts.

Ukrainian state defense company Ukroboronprom, which manages Antonov, on Sunday issued a statement saying the aircraft had been destroyed but would be rebuilt at Russia's expense — a cost it put at \$3 billion.

"The restoration is estimated to take over 3 billion USD and over five years," the statement said. "Our task is to ensure that these costs are



covered by the Russian Federation, which has caused intentional damage to Ukraine's aviation and the air cargo sector.

In a later statement, the company said the airplane had been in on the ground near Kyiv on February 24 undergoing maintenance.

"According to the director of Antonov Airlines, one of the engines was dismantled for repairs and the plane wasn't able to take off that day, although the appropriate commands were given," it said.

Russian forces claimed to have captured Hostomel airfield, where the AN-225 was located, on Friday.

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"We will continue the special campaign in several places where the local target has not been reached."

Shamsul Haque member secretary of the National Covid-19 Vaccine Management Task force.



How much red meat is **TOO MUCH?**

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Studies have shown time and again that red meat is linked to high cholesterol. It also increases risk of cardiovascular diseases, as well as cancer.

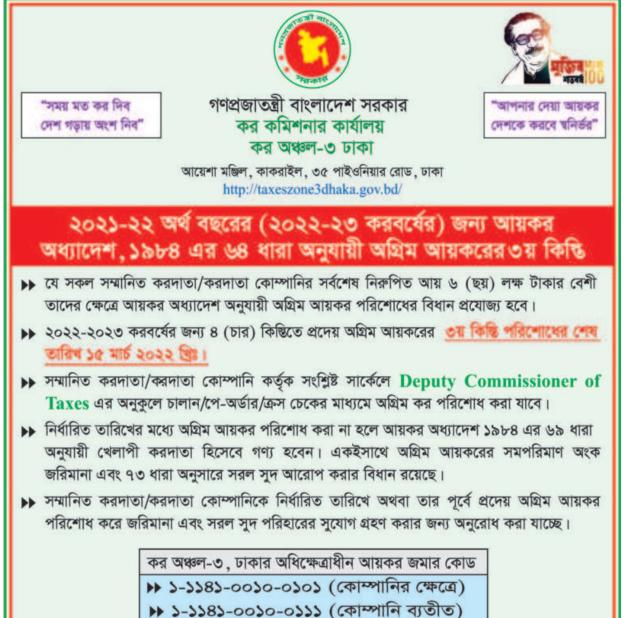
On the other hand, reduced consumption of red meat has long been associated with decreased rates of obesity in both children and adults.

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