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22 univs go for integrated admission tests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-two public universities, including two new ones, have decided to hold integrated admission tests for 2021-22 academic session.

Students of science will sit for admission tests on July 30, humanities on August 13 and business on August 20.

Prof Sadequul Arefin, vice-chancellor of University of Barishal, confirmed it to The Daily Star yesterday afternoon.

The decision of integrated admission tests came at a meeting of the university authorities on Monday night, he said.

Besides, the students will be allowed to migrate to their desired universities, he added.

At the meeting, the authorities also decided to increase the admission fees from Tk 1,200 to Tk 1,500.

Asked, Prof Sadequul said the decision was made as the price of paper and other materials increased.

The universities that agreed to hold integrated admission tests are Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman University, Kishoreganj; Chandpur Science and Technology University; Jagannath University; Islamic University, Kushtia; Khulna University; Comilla University; Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University; Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur; University of Barisal; Rabindra University, Shahzadpur; Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University; Sheikh Hasina University, Netrakona; Shahjalal University of Science and Technology,

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Solid leather waste being burned at a dump yard inside BSCIC Tannery Industrial Estate in Savar yesterday. Such acts cause air pollution and harm public health. A parliamentary body recently recommended shutting down the estate over environmental rules violations.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Bangladesh can't buy Russian crude oil

State minister for power says refinery configured for only Middle Eastern oil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh would not be buying crude oil from Western-sanctioned Russia as its refinery is configured to process only oil from the Arab countries, said Nasrul Hamid, the state minister for power, energy and mineral resources.

That was why Bangladesh had to regretfully decline, he told reporters at the capital's Bidyut Bhaban at an event to mark the golden jubilee of the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB). Forum for Energy Reporters Bangladesh and BPDB jointly organised the event.

Russian crude oil is heavier than the Arabian crude oil and the country's lone

state-run refinery -- Eastern Refinery -- is designed to process fuel from the Middle East, according to an energy ministry official.

The country is buying oil as usual under long-term government-to-government

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agreements with Middle Eastern countries including Saudi Arabia and the UAE, Hamid said.

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is no shortage of oil reserves at our end."

The electricity tariff may be hiked to a reasonable level, he said.

"You should not expect to get electricity at the same rate as 13 years ago. In that times, people's income has increased."

Hamid also touched upon the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry's advice to shut down the quick rental power plants as those were raising the production cost of electricity.

"If fabric merchants get a say on which power plants we should get electricity from, it is not right. You should not advise us on what to do and what not to do."

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Covid booster dose campaign starts on June 4



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A week-long special campaign for administering Covid-19 booster jabs will start countrywide on June 4, said the Directorate General of Health Services.

In a circular released yesterday, the DGHS said any second dose vaccine recipient, aged 18 and above, can get a booster jab with an interval of at least four months.

The campaign will begin at 9:00am each day and the vaccines will be administered following WHO guidelines, read the DGHS circular.

A total of 11.76 crore people received their second jabs as of yesterday. Around 1.5 crore of them have already received their booster shots, as per the DGHS data.

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Egypt unearths trove of ancient mummies

REUTERS, Cairo



Archaeologists working near Cairo have uncovered hundreds of ancient Egyptian coffins and bronze statues of deities.

The discovery at a cemetery in Saqqara contained statues of the gods Anubis, Amun, Min, Osiris, Isis, Nefertum, Bastet and Hathor along with a headless statue of the architect

Imhotep, who built the Saqqara pyramid, Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities said on Monday.

The 250 coffins, 150 bronze statues and other

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Hundreds of farmers at Purangram village in Manikganj's Ghior upazila are being affected after a company illegally erected structures on an irrigation canal beside Manikganj-Tangail road. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ZAHANGIR SHAH

Israel signs first Arab free trade deal with UAE

AFP, Dubai

Israel signed a free trade deal with the United Arab Emirates yesterday, its first with an Arab country, building on their US-brokered normalisation of diplomatic relations in 2020.

Israel's ambassador to the oil-rich UAE, Amir Hayek, tweeted "mabruk" -- congratulations in Arabic -- with a photo of Emirati and Israeli officials holding documents at a signing ceremony in Dubai.

The Emirati envoy to Israel, Mohamed Al Khaja, hailed as an

"unprecedented achievement" the deal that, according to the Israeli side, scraps customs duties on 96 percent of all products traded.

"Businesses in both countries will benefit from faster access to markets and lower tariffs as our nations work together to increase trade, create jobs, promote new skills and deepen cooperation," Khaja tweeted.

The 2020 deal was part of the US-brokered Abraham Accords that also saw Israel establish diplomatic ties with Bahrain and Morocco.

Two-way trade between Israel

and the UAE last year totalled some \$900 million dollars, according to Israeli figures.

UAE-Israel Business Council president Dorian Barak predicted that trade would soon multiply between the regional powerhouse economies.

"UAE-Israel trade will exceed \$2 billion in 2022, rising to around \$5 billion in five years, bolstered by collaboration in renewables, consumer goods, tourism and the life sciences sectors," he said in a statement.

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"আমরা খাবলদী হব সকলে কর দিব"

২০২১-২২ অর্থ বছরের (২০২২-২৩ করবর্ষের) জন্য আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৪ ধারা অনুযায়ী অগ্রিম আয়করের ৪র্থ কিস্তি

- ❖ যে সকল সম্মানিত করদাতা/করদাতা কোম্পানির সর্বশেষ নিরূপিত আয় ৬ (ছয়) লক্ষ টাকার বেশী তাঁদের ক্ষেত্রে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ অনুযায়ী অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধের বিধান প্রযোজ্য হবে।
- ❖ ২০২২-২০২৩ করবর্ষের জন্য ৪ (চার) কিস্তিতে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়করের **৪র্থ কিস্তি পরিশোধের শেষ তারিখ ১৫ জুন ২০২২ খ্রিঃ।**
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- ❖ নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করা না হলে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৯ ধারা অনুযায়ী খেলাপী করদাতা হিসেবে গণ্য হবেন। একইসাথে অগ্রিম আয়করের সমপরিমাণ অংক জরিমানা এবং ৭৩ ধারা অনুসারে সরল সুদ আরোপ করার বিধান রয়েছে।
- ❖ সম্মানিত করদাতা/করদাতা কোম্পানিকে নির্ধারিত তারিখে অথবা তার পূর্বে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করে জরিমানা এবং সরল সুদ পরিহারের সুযোগ গ্রহণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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