

## JS body approves Admiralty Court Bill 2000

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry yesterday approved the Admiralty Court Bill 2000 updating old laws on settling water-transport disputes, reports UNB.

With its Chairman Suranjit Sengupta in chair, the parliamentary watchdog discussed in details the Arbitration Bill 1999 as well as the Admiralty Court

Bill 2000. The meeting was informed that some clauses of the Admiralty Act 1840, Admiralty Court Act 1861 and Court of Admiralty Act 1891 were inadequate to meet demands of present times.

With the increase in the transportation of cargoes by waterways investors do not feel encouraged to invest under the existing laws.



Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak speaking at a discussion in observance of Jail Killing Day at National Museum auditorium yesterday. Jatiya Char Neta Parishad organised the discussion. — Star photo

## Primary Edn Week begins November 9

Primary and Mass Education Department has chalked out a week-long programme to observe the National Primary Education Week 2000 from November 9 to 13, reports BSS.

Education Minister A S H K Sadique will inaugurate the week by planting a sapling on the Azampur Government Primary School premises in the city on November 9.

On the inaugural day, rallies and gatherings of the children and cultural functions with the participation of members of

school managing committees, guardians and local elite would be held at all primary schools across the country.

The programme also includes "home visit" of the students who are not regular in their classes aimed at motivating them to attend classes.

As part of the central programme, a colourful rally would be brought out from the Central Shaheed Minar to Osmant Memorial Hall in the city on November 10. A workshop on

Standard of Primary Education would be held on November 11.

The concluding ceremony of the week-long programme would be held at the Osmant Memorial Hall on November 13.

On the day, teachers and students of primary schools across the country would be awarded for their best professional and academic excellence. Prizes would also be given to the best primary school and the members of the best managing committee in the programme.

## DU finance dept refutes news reports

By DU Correspondent

The Department of Finance and Banking of the Dhaka University protested a news item published in different dailies alleging that students of the dept led an attack on the supporters of Mass Communication and Journalism Dept during a football match on Saturday.

A statement, signed by the teacher-in-charge of sports of the department Muhammad Mushfiq Uddin, said that a complaint had been lodged protesting such allegations with the concerned authorities in this regard on behalf of the department.

## BCL demands posthumous trial of Zia

By DU Correspondent

Ruling party backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus to mark the 'Sepoy Killing Day' today.

Following the procession, BCL held a rally in front of DUCSU Building on the campus at noon.

At the rally, the BCL leaders blamed late president Ziaur Rahman for the killings and demanded his posthumous trial for the killings.

Among others, Ajay Kar Khokanand Alamgir Hasan addressed the rally.

## Commemorative stamps issued

Bangladesh Post Office yesterday issued a set of two commemorative postage stamps of Taka 4.00 and Tk 6.00 denominations on Archaeological Relics of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

A First Day Cover valued at Taka 6.00 was issued and a special cancellor was also used.

State Minister for Post and Telecommunications Md Abdur Rouf Chowdhury formally released the stamps at a simple ceremony.

All additional director generals and other senior officials of Bangladesh Post Office were present on the occasion.

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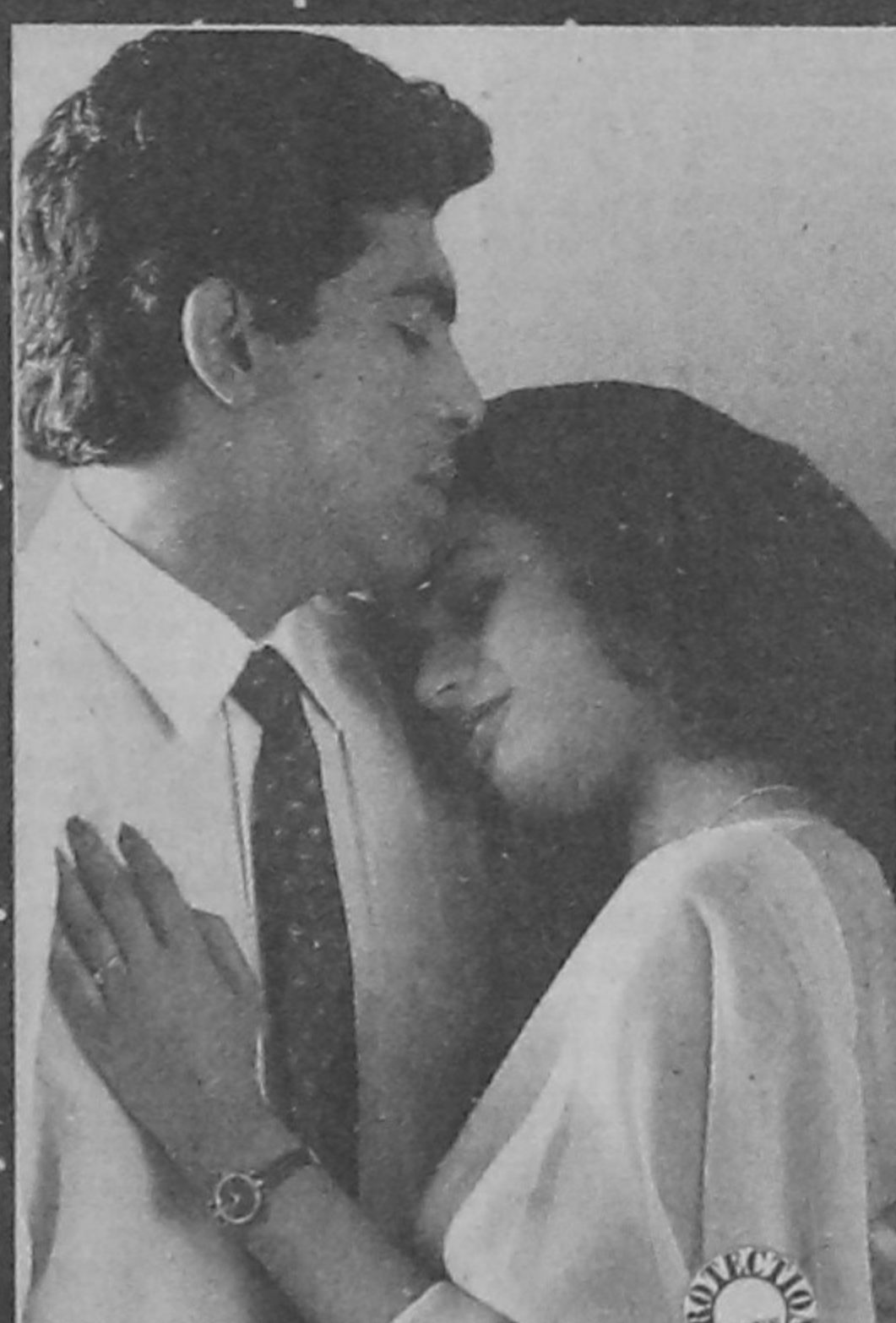
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