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In an exclusive interview to The Daily Star, the World Bank President Barber B Conable talks to the paper's Guest Columnist M Syeduzzaman, a former Finance Minister of Bangladesh, on issues and problems facing the developing world, including Bangladesh. The wide-ranging discussion took place in Washington DC recently during Syeduzzaman's visit to the United States.  
**IT IS IN TOMORROW'S STAR. DON'T MISS IT.**

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Shantibahini abducts five**  
 From Our Staff Correspondent  
 CHITTAGONG, July 2: Outlawed Shantibahini abducted five tribals from Bagachari under Dighinala upazila of Khagrachari district on Monday night.  
**Student leaders discuss DU situation**  
 By DU Correspondent  
 Leaders of the now defunct All Party Student Unity (APSU) met Tuesday night at the office of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front to discuss the situation of Dhaka University campus and means to improve the academic atmosphere.  
**Court disqualifies Pak MP**  
 LAHORE, July 2: A Pakistani court has disqualified a former member of Parliament in the second judgement against members of the government of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, court officials said on Monday, reports Reuters.

**Khaleda moves Constitution amendment bill : Strict provisions to check floor crossing**

## Parliamentary system proposed

**Star Report**  
 The Prime Minister and Leader of the House Begum Khaleda Zia placed the Constitution Twelfth Amendment Bill in the Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) on Tuesday for switching over to a parliamentary form of government.  
 Some strict provisions have been incorporated in the bill to check floor crossing and cut some arbitrary powers of the president who will be the titular head of the state.  
 The Opposition in Parliament welcomed the introduction of the bill and thanked the Leader of the House for taking the initiative. But the Opposition called for a dialogue to reach a consensus on the bill.  
 Article 70 of the Constitution has been proposed to be amended providing for vacation of seats by the members of Parliament.  
 A member of Parliament will lose his membership if he resigns from the party, loses its membership or is expelled from it forms, together with

some other members of the party any group within that party, acts in Parliament against the decision of the party and votes in Parliament against the party.  
 If any member loses his seat due to the above reasons he shall be disqualified for election as a member of Parliament for a period of five years from the date of his seat falling vacant.  
 In limiting the power of the President the amendment proposed that the President shall not dissolve Parliament without written advice from the Prime Minister.  
 Regarding the election of the President the proposed amendment provides for the election to be arranged by the Speaker.  
 The posts of Vice-President and Deputy Prime Ministers have been dropped in the bill.  
 On the formation of the cabinet the amendment proposed that the cabinet shall be headed by the Prime Minister and one fifth of its members can be taken from non-members.



Begum Khaleda Zia proposing switchover to Parliamentary democracy through the Constitution amendment bill placed before parliament Tuesday evening.—PID photo

**Commentary**  
**A historic day for nation**

By Reazuddin Ahmed  
 It was a historic day for the nation. Parliament was chock-full of members and visitors. All were in a festive mood and were eagerly waiting for the bill to switch over to parliamentary democracy to be tabled.  
 It was an auspicious moment for everybody in the House to experience and enjoy as the long awaited amendment bill — fulfilling the long cherished desire of the people — was placed in Parliament by the Leader of the House Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday.  
 The Constitution amendment bill is likely to be backed by all opposition parties except ousted President Ershad's Jatiya Party. "The Awami League, major opposition in parliament, welcomed the move by the Treasury Bench but offered dialogue for reaching a consensus on this fundamental national issue."  
 The Prime Minister Khaleda Zia accepted the dialogue offer and they are expected to meet soon to pass the bill unitedly in line with a Joint declaration by the mainstream political parties in November last year which forced Ershad to resign on

**Shahabuddin's return to the Bench proposed**  
**Bill to ratify Acting President's actions**

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz introduced the Eleventh Amendment Bill in Parliament Tuesday providing ratification and confirmation of the appointment of the Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed as Vice-President and all actions taken by him.  
 The amendment bill which will be a part of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution also sought to send back Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed to the Bench as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in accordance with the assurances

given to him by the principal political alliances.  
 Mirza Golam Hafiz also paid tributes to the Acting President for his outstanding performance in discharging the responsibility entrusted upon him during the critical juncture of the nation.  
 He said that the bill should be passed unanimously for the greater interest of the nation and for fulfilling the commitment of the major alliances and the people of the country.  
 During the introduction of the bill Independent member

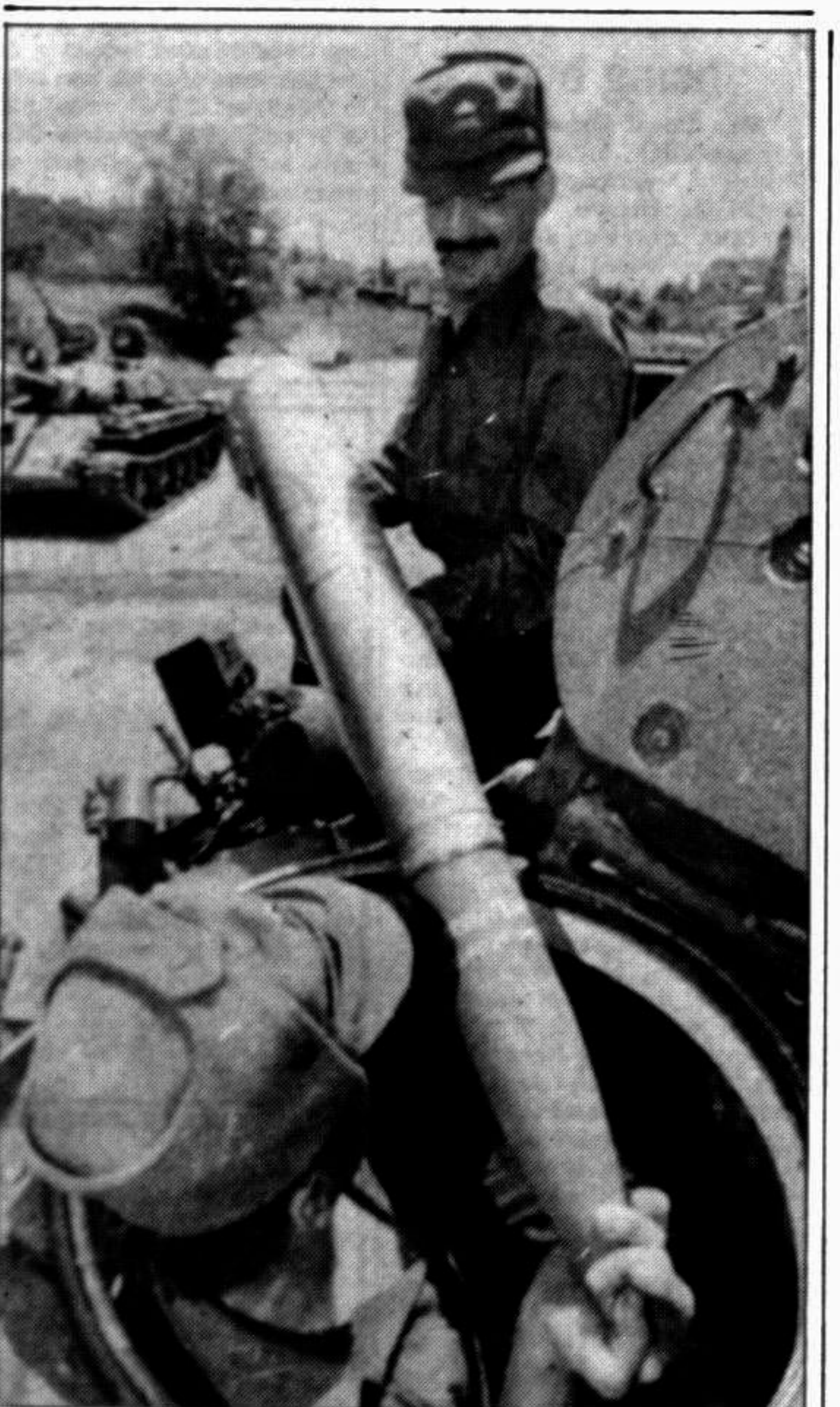
**Let's create history by passing bills: PM**

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Tuesday urged all parties in the Parliament to create history by unanimously passing the 11th and 12th Constitution amendment bills to switch over to a parliamentary system.  
 Making a short statement just before introducing the 12th amendment bill in the House, Begum Zia said she looked forward to the introduction of such a parliamentary system which suited the mental make-up, hopes and aspirations of the people.  
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**Detention of Mizan declared void**

The detention of former Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury Tuesday was declared void by a Division Bench of the High Court, reports BSS.  
 The court, comprising Justice M Abdul Jalil and Justice M Badruzzaman, ruled that the detention had been without any lawful authority and the government is directed to set free the detenus immediately if he is not connected with any other case.  
 The verdict of the court came on a writ petition moved by Moudud Ahmed on behalf of detenu.  
 Majeda Islam, daughter of Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, filed the writ petition challenging the detention of Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury.  
 Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury was arrested on April 21 from his Gulshan residence under the Special Powers Act, 1974, and is under treatment in the P G Hospital under custody.  
 Moudud Ahmed and Azizul Huq appeared for the petitioner.  
 Syed J R Modasser Hossain, Deputy Attorney General, and Obaidur Rahman Mostafa, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the state.

**Economy to be further deregulated : Saifur**



SENTILJI, Yugoslavia: Members of the Slovenian security forces transfer shells July 1 from one T-55 tank to another which they have captured during clashes with the Federal Army near here. The Slovenians demand that the army returns to its barracks, after laying down their weapons.  
 — AFP Photo

**Star Economic Report**  
 The government will further deregulate and decontrol the economy to reduce the burden of the loss-making public enterprises and organizations on the public exchequer and to help promote investments.  
 The programme for this will be announced after the current budget session of the Jatiya Sangsad.  
 This was indicated on Tuesday by the Finance and Planning Minister Saifur Rahman at a discussion meeting on "Resource mobilisation for stepping-up investment in Bangladesh", organised by the American Bangladesh Economic Forum at a city hotel.  
 The US Ambassador to Bangladesh William B Milam made the opening remarks at the meeting.  
 President of the Forum SH Kabir, and its Executive Director Mahub Zameel also addressed the inaugural function.  
 The Finance Minister told the meeting that the government would like to limit its role to maintenance of a favourable or hospitable climate for investments and productive activities through a stable overall policy framework.  
 He felt that there was a greater need for entrepreneurship to prepare the ground for a market-oriented competitive economy.  
 "Death of entrepreneurial ability and management capability is the main constraint to sustained growth and economic progress", he observed.  
 He said that the forthcoming disinvestment programme would be implemented after a careful consideration of all



**by Mahfuz Anam**  
 The hour had struck, the event was at hand, and the moment was now. In an emotion charged, spectator packed tense House, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia presented the eagerly awaited 12th Amendment Bill proposing the change over from the Presidential to the Parliamentary form of government. At exactly 7.40 p.m. the Speaker declared his acceptance of the bill and thereby

**Hasina welcomes amendment bill**

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina thanked the Leader of the House Khaleda Zia for introducing the Constitution amendment bill Tuesday for switching over to parliamentary system.  
 While speaking on the amendment bill placed by the Prime Minister before the House in the evening, Sheikh Hasina said, "though belated, the bill was brought bowing down to public opinion."  
 She called upon the Treasury Bench to arrange introduction of Awami League's amendment bill on the same



Sheikh Hasina : We have been fighting for parliamentary democracy since 1978.

## Fresh fighting flares in Slovenia

BELGRADE, July 2: Federal forces launched air and artillery raids Tuesday in Slovenia, knocking out communications and attempting to free an armoured unit attacked by militias in the breakaway republic, reports agencies.  
 Slovenia's Information Ministry reported several deaths on both sides during two battles near the Croatian border but had no details.  
 Police in southern Austria also reported new fighting at the Slovene border. They had no details.  
 It was not clear who controlled Slovenia's borders. Slovenia and neighboring Croatia declared independence last Tuesday, and the federal government responded with a show of force Thursday to take control of borders.  
 Ljubljana, Slovenia's capital, briefly lost radio and television service after transmitters outside the city were attacked from the air, the Information Ministry said. Broadcasts were resumed on alternate frequencies.  
 The power was knocked out

after the Yugoslav military used warplanes and artillery in an effort to free two armoured units under attack by Slovene forces near the border of neighbouring Croatia.  
 Croatian television said the airport in the Croatian capital of Zagreb was closed at 10.45 am (0845 GMT) because of the proximity of the fighting.  
 The nuclear power plant at Krsko, in the immediate vicinity of the fighting, was shut overnight, media reports said.  
 German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who was to help mediate the hostilities in the splintering nation, canceled a trip to the Slovene capital for security reasons. He was in southern Austria.  
 The hostilities began before dawn Tuesday when a tank unit that had been surrounded by Slovene forces in the Krakovski forest near the Croatian border attempted to break free, news reports and witnesses said.  
 Slovene radio said there were "many victims" and half the tanks were destroyed

when Slovene forces tried to stop the armoured unit.  
 A federal armoured column of reinforcements was sent to aid the unit under attack, the Tanjug news agency said.  
 The reinforcements a column of five tanks, five armoured personnel carriers and several trucks encountered a Slovene barricade and was attacked, according to witnesses.  
 Jets streaked overhead and fired into the ground. At least two soldiers were taken away by ambulance.

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