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style**CARJACKING IN CITY OF LIGHTS**

Gunmen attack Saudi prince's convoy in Paris, take away 2,50,000 euros

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SHAKIB NO 1 AGAIN

Shakib Al Hasan topples India's Ravichandran Ashwin to claim top Test all-rounder's spot

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A plea goes in vain

Govt sought legal opinion, ignored it; JS to get power to impeach SC judges

SHAKHAWAT LITON and PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Ignoring the opinions of many eminent jurists, the cabinet yesterday approved a proposal on amending the constitution to restore parliament's authority to impeach Supreme Court judges on grounds of misconduct or

incapacity.

The existing constitutional provision for the chief justice-led Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) will cease to exist once the constitution amendment bill is passed in the upcoming parliament session beginning on September 1.

The latest move marks the Sheikh

Hasina-led government's change of stance on the SJC within a span of three years.

Her government retained the SJC system through the 15th amendment to the charter in June 2011.

As part of a process to bring about massive changes in the constitution,

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Some former chief justices and jurists at a meeting of the parliamentary body for constitutional amendment on April 24, 2011, strongly opposed restoring parliament's power to impeach judges by scraping the current supreme judicial council system. Some of them also informed the committee about the anxiety and fear among the apex court judges over the then move. On the basis of the meeting proceedings, Shakhawat Liton picks brief remarks of some judges and jurists on the issue.

Justice M Kamal

Opposing the move to restore parliament's authority to impeach Supreme Court judges, former chief justice Mustafa Kamal said it would undermine the

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**Justice Fazlul Karim**

Former chief justice Fazlul Karim said it was good to have the Supreme Judicial Council. Giving parliament the power could be good too.

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**Mahmudul Islam**

Former attorney general Mahmudul Islam spoke about the ineffectiveness of the Supreme Judicial Council but opposed giving parliament the power to

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**Mahbubey Alam**

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said the original constitution (of 1972) had empowered parliament with the authority to impeach judges, which had

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**Ajmalul Hossain QC**

Senior Supreme Court advocate Ajmalul Hossain QC spoke in favour of both the systems -- the existing Supreme Judicial Council and restoration of

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KIDNAPPED 3 MONTHS BACK UK BNP leader freed at last

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After over three months of their disappearance, BNP leader Mujibur Rahman, a Bangladeshi expatriate living in the UK, and his driver were released by their abductors in Gazipur yesterday evening. The duo were kidnapped in

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Mujibur Rahman

Malaysia to hire 12,000 more New job opportunities for Bangladeshis in 3 sectors

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Malaysia will recruit 12,000 more Bangladeshi workers for its plantation sector.

"Our cabinet has also agreed to hire Bangladeshis to work in the construction, manufacturing and service sectors," said visiting Malaysian Human Resources Minister Richard

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