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### National News

#### TIB organizes Annual Members Meeting Expressed concern over law and orders

Members of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) called for establishing democracy, good governance, human right and urges Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and other Government organizations to act effectively, independently and impartially. They also put emphasis on engaging people more in local and national level to strengthen anti-corruption social movement. Those recommendations were placed in TIB's Annual Members Meeting held in 19 May in at TIB's office.

The members demanded solid actions on ensuring security in banking and finance sector, building trust among the investors by restraining corruption and establishing good governance, curbing the effect of black money and syndicates in trade and commerce, securing the investment of common people and blocking all kind of provisions in legalizing black money. They also insist on holding the persons accountable for such irregularities through proper legal process. Strong demand was placed to take initiatives specially to the media and other organizations to establish the whistleblower protection law.

Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of TIB, Advocate Sultana Kamal was present in the meeting. The program was presided over by TIB's member Advocate Md. Shamsuddin while TIB's Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman was present as moderator. "As a citizen of an independent country, we all have some accountability. Corruption, violation of human rights, injustice and felony can be prevented if the conscious citizens fight together against those." Sultana Kamal said in her speech.

Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said, "Our mandate is limited. We call for strengthening the Anti-Corruption Commission, Judicial Department and law enforcement agencies so that they can act properly. Our duty is to cooperate Government and create the demand for prevention of corruption."

TIB's members express grave concern on the bribery, nepotism, lobbying and other corruptions in Government recruitment system.

They said that the Sundarbans will be severely affected if the Rampal Power station is built without proper investigation. They also apprehended that dishonest and incompetent candidates are being selected in the Union Parishad Election by showing their wealth and muscle power.

A declaration was addressed by the members in the event. They demand for justice and establishment of the rule of law in the context of extra-judicial killings, rape, kidnapping, murders of writers, teachers, bloggers and intellectuals by the extremists. They also urged for impartial and professional attitude from the respective authorities and law enforcement agencies.



## **Water Integrity Global outlook 2016 launches**

### **Urge for participation of every stakeholder to ensure good governance in water sector**

Each year, no less than 10 per cent of water sector investment is lost to corruption. But improved governance as well as integrity and anti-corruption measures can win back an estimated US\$ 75 billion for global investment in water services and infrastructure annually. These data were shared in a programme arranged on 12 May to mark the launch of global report of Berlin based Water Integrity Network (Win).

Water Integrity Global Outlook 2016 (WIGO) was published in a programme organized by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and Bangladesh Water Integrity Network (BAWIN) in TIB's Dhanmondi Office. Programme Coordinator of WIN Mr. Binayak Das presented an analysis on this reports in the programme. Network Members and Members of the Advisory Board of BAWIN Dr. Khairul Islam, Country Director, Water Aid; Dr. K Azharul Hoque, President, Bangladesh Water Partnership; Md. Shahidul Hoque, former Chief Engineer, LGED; S M A Rashid, Executive Director, NGO Forum were present in the programme. Commercial Manager of Dhaka WASA Mr. Uttam Kumar Das, TIB's Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Deputy Executive Director Dr. Sumaiya Khair, and Project Coordinator of Bawin, Sanjib Biswas Sanjoy also attended.



The report states how the lack of transparency, accountability, and participation in water service delivery has contributed to costly inefficiencies and failures in water sector globally. WIN's report also stresses for the protection of whistleblowers to prevent corruption and ensure accountability.

The fund tracking system in Bangladesh is cited as a successful attempt for good governance in this report. Many recommendations in this report included, ensuring full involvement of stakeholders, generating reliable data on the extent of corruption in the water sector, and building 'integrity walls' that keep out corruption.

In his speech, Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said, "People who are affected by poor water governance are mostly women, children and the landless. If we can ensure accountability and transparency, positive results will be seen and the losses due to poor governance can be mitigated."

This is to be mentioned that with the motivation of TIB, BAWIN has been working as a catalyst in ensuring good governance in water sector of Bangladesh since 2014. It is consisting of 19 network members and 5 advisory committee members.

## **Workshop on video documentary making**

Workshop on video documentary making and anti-corruption campaign for two YES groups were held on 4 May, 2016 in TIB office. YES members of the Stamford University and Institute of Social Welfare, University of Dhaka (DU) participated in the workshop. Professor and Director Dr. Tania Rahman and Assistant Professor Mohammad Hafiz Uddin Bhuiyan of the Institute of Social Welfare, DU attended in the opening program. The participants learnt to make video documentary as a part of a tool to aware people against corruption. In her speech Dr. Tania said, "It was a good opportunity for the YES to build their capacity which will help them to fight against corruption."

### **TIB took part in NGO fair**

TIB participated in the NGO fair on 7- 8 May in Bangladesh Shishu Academy premises which was organized by NGO Coordination Council of Dhaka District Administration. Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of TIB Advocate Sultana Kamal was present in the opening program. More than 40 international and national NGOs attended in the fair.

TIB's publications, theme song, TVC and other Public Service Announcements were displayed in the stall. Anti-corruption cartoon and photograph were also displayed there. TIB arranged a quiz competition to aware people about corruption. A large number of people visited the stall to know about TIB, they also showed interest to work with TIB in the social movement against corruption.

### **Call for raising voice to ensure governance on land sector through drama**

Dhaka YES Theater group performed two shows named Berajal to raise awareness to ensure governance in land sector. The shows were arranged on 16 May at Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University Campus and 19 May at Daffodil International University, Ashulia.

Land sector in Bangladesh has been replete with numerous anomalies and corruption. According to TIB's National Household Survey on Corruption 2012, 59% households experienced corruption while receiving services and nationally estimated total amount of bribe given by Bangladeshi households was found to be Tk. 22610 million.

Berajal is a production of Dhaka YES theatre that portrayed various anomalies like violation of environmental law, violating the rules of law and human rights. In the end of the drama, the performers urged people to raise the voice to save the earth and urged for improving the situation by establishing governance in land sector to the authority.



### **Satellite AI-Desk at DMCH**

Two-day long Satellite AI-Desk activities took place on 30 May and 31 May, 2016 at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). 5000 leaflets were distributed among the patients and viewers and service provided to around 2700 people. Before setting up the desk, 15 YES members from various YES group took part in an orientation programme on 29 May, 2016 at TIB office for participation on AI-Desk activities. Service recipients expressed gratitude for this kind of services. They desired to get this on a regular basis.

### **CCC News**

#### **Municipality to arrange Climate Change campaign in Patuakhali**

Patuakhali Municipality will take initiatives to organize campaigns for reducing challenges occurred from the effects of climate changes. This was announced by the Mayor Dr. Md. Shafiqul Islam in a public hearing meeting organized by CCC, Patuakhali. The program was held in Patuakhali Municipality on 31 May 2016 with an aim to uphold citizen's expectations to the climate projects of the municipality. CCC President Md. Abdur Rob Akon presided over the program while Swajan Coordinator Sayed Mizanur Rahman moderated the session.

As the chief guest, Mayor Dr. Md. Shafiqul Islam addressed citizen's questions on municipality's implemented project titled 'Development of Infrastructure to tackle climate change impact in Patuakhali Municipality'. He said, "Awareness is an important tool to protect people from climate change effect." He upheld a detail development plan for reducing challenges for climate change, structural development, water supply and beautification of Patuakhali Municipality.

Mr. Pijus Kanti Hari, the convener of CCC sub-committee on Climate Finance Governance Issues delivered the welcome speech where Md. Zakir Hossain Khan, Senior Programme Manager of TIB also addressed the importance of such events on climate projects. Youth Engagement and Support (YES) group of CCC arranged a Satellite Advice and Information Desk campaign in that program and disseminated leaflets on citizen's rights among the participants. Other members of the CCC, Swajan, YES and YES Friends also participated the program.

### **ADC Chandpur assures to take initiatives for development of school**

Mohammad Shahadat Hossain, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Chandpur District assured to take initiatives for development of structural facilities at Uttar Shreeramdipur Govt. Primary School, Chandpur while addressing as chief guest in a multi-stakeholders meeting of that school on 29 May 2016. Locally elected representatives, President and members of the School Management Committee (SMC), Parents and Teachers Association (PTA), Active Mothers Forum and Civil Society members participated in the program. With an aim to improve the quality of education, the meeting was organized by the school in association with CCC, Chandpur.

Participants of the meeting, especially parents, raised various issues including building a boundary wall around school, improving the playground, increasing the number of classrooms and bench for students, arranging first aid box etc. Md. Shahjahan Siddique, the Head Teacher, shared problems of the school and Md. Shah Alam Mallik, president of SMC, shared development plan of the school in the program.

In response to their demands, ADC of Chandpur district assured in the meeting to provide his efforts level best to address the problems. Kazi Shahadat, President of CCC, Chandpur presided over the program where Mr. Akter Hossain, District Primary Education Officer, was present as special guest. Among others, Assistant Upazila Education Officer Ms. Sheikh Sahida Akter and teachers of the school attended the meeting.

### **Participatory Budget to Promote Transparency at Union Parishad in Jessore**

With an aim to make the Union Parishad (UP) budget in participatory process, CCC, Jessore organized an open budget session at 12 No. Fatehpur on 29 May 2016. The program was presided over by existing Chairman of the UP Md. Anzurul Haque and moderated by CCC President M. R. Khairul Umam. Newly elected Chairman Md. Rabiul Islam along with other UP members were also present in the program. Prof. Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, member and Ex-President of CCC, Jessore delivered welcome speech in the meeting.

UP Chairman Md. Anzurul Haque presented the proposed budget of the union parishad for the fiscal year of 2016-2017 mentioning an expected income of BDT 1,40,03,132 and estimated expense of BDT 1,39,74,032 with a surplus of BDT 29,100. Guests and participants along with local people discussed on the proposed budget and raised various demands including special allocation for women, differently abled and vulnerable people. They also demanded more specific allocation regarding health and family planning sector.



Existing chairman and newly elected chairman assured to take initiatives to meet the demands within their capacity with priority on incomplete work to be finished. Newly elected chairman Md. Rabiul Islam made commitment to continue the ongoing projects/tasks to be completed soon. Among others, members of CCC, Swajan, YES and YES Friends were also present in the program.

### **Chairman Candidates in Dinajpur pledge for Citizens Friendly Union Parishad**

Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC), Dinajpur organized 'Chose the Right Candidate' programme with a view to aware people for selecting their representatives in Union Parishad Election 2016. As part of this initiative, CCC Dinajpur organized the programme in No. 4 Sheikhpura Union Parishad on ahead of its election on May 18, 2016.

Md. Ariful Islam Talukdar, Mr. Mawlana Motiur Rahman, Md. Babul Akhter and Md. Faridul Islam, candidates for Chairman position of the election, were present in the program and made commitment to work for a transparent, accountable and citizen friendly union parishad. They also upheld their union development plan, which they promised to implement if they get elected. CCC President Md. Shafiqul Haque Chhutu presided over the program.

Citizens took oath to elect the right person who is honest and dedicated to provide service to citizens. CCC member Dr. Bidhan Chandra Halder moderated the oath taking session. Participants from different Wards asked questions to the candidates and the candidates made answers to them along with their own commitment to resolve the raised problems.

### **Journalists will work for combatting corruption in Jhenaidah**

Journalists working in Jhenaidah will work for combatting corruption in association with CCC, Jhenaidah. They expressed such willingness in an opinion sharing meeting with CCC, Jhenaidah held on 22 May 2016 at CCC office.

Md. Abu Taher, President of CCC Jhenaidah, presided over the program where Jhenaidah Press Club President Md. Alauddin Azad and General Secretary Mr. Mahmud Hasan Tipu delivered their speech. They urged to work as a pressure group with a combined effort of Mass Media, CCC and TIB for ensuring transparency and accountability. Other CCC members and journalists also upheld their opinion regarding this issue. CCC shared the BIBEC intervention areas for creating awareness and scope of reducing corruption in the meeting. Journalists suggested various issues to the CCCs too.



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