

Intransigent Politics

Jeopardises Public Interest: TIB

Dhaka, 26 November 2023:
Erosion of Election Neutrality Raises Concerns: TIB expresses deep concern over lack of neutral and conflict-free governance during the 12th parliament election, highlighting the Election Commission's failure to ensure key objectives outlined in its action plan.

Risk in Political Violence Undermining Democracy: TIB raises alarm on escalating political violence, emphasizing the risk that such unrest poses to democratic processes.

Call for Accountability Amidst Political Turmoil: TIB calls for stringent accountability in probing acts of violence, urging fair and unbiased investigation.

Demand for Inclusive and Fair Election Process: TIB opines that a non-inclusive, one-sided election may ensure power but not democracy. The statement emphasizes the importance of an election process that upholds the people's right to vote.

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PROPOSED RMG MINIMUM WAGE HOLLOW SHAM

TIB OPINES

Dhaka, 21 November 2023:
Concern Over Garment Workers' Minimum Wage: TIB expresses concern over the reported 52-56 per cent increase in the minimum wage for garment workers, emphasizing that the actual rise is significantly lower.

Inflation Impact on Minimum Wage: TIB analysis reveals that when factoring in inflation, the previous wage structure, and appreciation of the dollar exchange rate, the real-term increase in minimum wage is less than 30 per cent, urging a reassessment.

Discrepancy in Proposed Basic Wages: TIB highlights a significant discrepancy in the proposed basic wages for the grade-five workers, indicating that despite claims of a 63 per cent increase, it has actually risen by 28.04 per cent, consistent across other grades.

Total Wage Increase Lower Than Claimed: Examining gross wages, TIB reveals that the claimed 56 per cent increase in the total wage for grade-five workers is, in reality, a 26.09 per cent increase when inflation is taken into account, echoing similar patterns across other grades.

[For more details, click here](#)

FOSSIL FUEL ENTERPRISES' AGGRESSIVE EXPANSION TURNS COP-28 INTO MOCKERY: TIB

COP28

Dhaka, 29 November 2023:
TIB Terms COP-28 a 'Conference of Mockery': Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) criticises the latest COP-28, hosted by the UAE, as it is a 'conference of mockery', expressing concern over aggressive investments in fossil fuels by the developed nations, contrary to their climate change commitments.

Developed Nations Escalating Fossil Fuel Investments: TIB highlights the contradictory actions of the developed nations, as they are escalating fossil fuel investments despite global climate commitments.

Calls for Prioritising Climate Solutions: TIB urges the stakeholders concerned to shift focus from escalating fossil fuel investments to prioritising loss and damage funds, reducing fossil fuel usage, and increasing investments in renewable energy for effective climate solutions.

Criticises UAE's Dual Role in Climate Conference: TIB criticises the UAE, the host of COP-28, for its dual role as a significant investor in fossil fuels and the organiser of the climate conference.

Urges Transparency and Accountability in COP-28: TIB demands unconditional grants, not loans, for the proposed "loss and damage" fund to support the affected countries like Bangladesh, calling for transparency, integrity, and accountability in the COP-28 decision making.

[For more details, click here](#)

TIB Raises Concern Over Election-Time Govt's Approval of DPA

Dhaka, 28 November 2023: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) expresses concern, as the cabinet grants approval in principle to the Draft Data Protection Act 2023 (DPA) during the ongoing national election, raising questions regarding the rushed process. TIB highlights the significance of the legislation and its potential impact on citizens, criticising lack of meticulous scrutiny and incorporation of stakeholders' feedback. TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman underscores conflicts of interest, particularly the government's control over the supervisory authority, and calls for a more thorough and transparent approach in formulating the law.

[For more details, click here](#)

Participatory Election Unlikely: TIB

Dhaka, 30 November 2023: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) voiced scepticism over the upcoming national election, expressing concern over its participatory nature and people's confidence in its fairness. TIB also presented 76 recommendations for fostering democracy, improving governance, and ensuring integrity in political activities, including changes to the election laws and pre-election codes of conduct. TIB's Executive Director, Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, emphasised the need for an unbiased election-time government and suggested amendments to the constitution to enhance parliamentary effectiveness.

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Open Letter to States Parties to UNCAC

Dhaka, 01 November 2023: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and 105 other global civil society organisations have issued an open letter to the states parties to the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). The letter urges attention to the opportunity to enhance the UNCAC implementation through a resolution on public procurement in the 10th Conference of States Parties (CoSP) in Atlanta, Georgia.

[For more details, click here](#)

Drama for TIB Staff during 16 Days of Activism against GBV

Dhaka, 30 November 2023: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) organised the event 'My Role Against Gender-Based Violence', featuring a powerful street play titled 'No More Silence' as part of its celebration of 16 Days of Activism against GBV (gender-based violence). The play, presented by the theatre troupe 'BotTala,' highlighted real-life stories of violence against women, prompting reflection on the audience's role in preventing GBV. TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, in his speech on the occasion, emphasised the connection between corruption and violence against women, underscoring the organisation's commitment to combating all forms of violence through collective action and awareness.

[For more details, click here](#)

Citizen Engagement

Empowering Citizens: Information Fairs Promote RTI Awareness

Moulvibazar & Madaripur, 2, 6 & 7 November 2023: Information fairs were recently held in Sreemangal, Moulvibazar, and Madaripur to raise awareness about the Right to Information Act 2009 (RTI), and its application.

[For more details, click here](#)

Hospital Authority Addresses Public Concerns in Kishoreganj

Kishoreganj, 06 November 2023: In a "Face the Public" program organized by the Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) at Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam Medical College Hospital, the hospital authority, led by Director Dr. Helal Uddin, engaged with the public to address grievances and discuss improvements.

[For more details, click here](#)

YES Groups Advocate Youths' Role in Anti-Graft Movement

Dhaka, 28-29 November 2023: On the eve of the International Anti-Corruption Day, the YES Group in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University spearheaded a discussion on the 'Role of Youths in Anti-Corruption Social Movement'.

[For more details, click here](#)

CCC's Public Hearing in Kushtia

Kushtia, 06 November 2023: Kushtia Sadar Upazila Land Office is now actively working to address all land-related issues properly. To solve any land-related problems, individuals are encouraged to contact the land office directly rather than relying on brokers.

[For more details, click here](#)

Mehedi Hasan, Abrar Jahin Elected for TIB GA

Mehedi Hasan Abrar Jahin

Dhaka & Gaibandha, 29 November 2023: In the recent YES Representative Election 2023, conducted online by YES Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), Md. Mehedi Hasan from the Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC), Gaibandha and Abrar Jahin Raïen from the Institute of Social Welfare and Research (ISWR), Dhaka University, emerged victorious.

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