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Declaration from CCC-YES Convention: Combined effort of all can curb corruption

The two-day long national convention of the Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC) and Youth Engagement and Support (YES) ended with a call for emphasizing combined efforts of the government, political leaders, civil society and general mass to strengthen anti-corruption movement for establishing dreams of independence, democracy, good governance and human rights.

Around three thousand participants participated in the convention of the CCC and YES group from Dhaka and 45 other locations of the country, held at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka, organized by the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB). This year the convention was dedicated to the memory of TIB's two former Chairs of the Board of Trustees: Samson H. Chowdhury and Professor Muzaffer Ahmad.

A message from Dr. Hugutte Labelle, Chair of Transparency International, was read out.

Expressing grave concern to the rise of corruption due to absence of political will, the convention stressed on building institutional capacity of anti-corruption commission for preventing corruption. It also demanded to set up a separate judicial bench for speedy disposal of corruption cases. A declaration was issued the end of the Convention.

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Public statement on various issues

During June 2012, TIB issued a number of public statements drawing attention of the authorities to take effective measures on June 7, 27 and 30.

TIB vehemently opposed the provision for legalizing black money in the budget terming it unconstitutional, unethical and discriminatory. TIB observed whitening black money was a clear violation of election pledge of the ruling party. It seemed that instead of punishing the black money-holders, the government is rewarding them. It is a sign of political bankruptcy of the government.

TIB urged the authorities to follow by the due process of public contracting for Bibiana-1 project of the power development board on June 27. TIB demanded strict adherence to the due process contracting, particularly to ensure unrestricted and fully competitive selection process in accord with the relevant rules which will also be consistent with the electoral commitment of the Government.

A remark by TIB Trustee Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed during the CCC-YES convention on 1st June created a storm in the parliament on June 2. Some MPs suggested that Prof. Sayeed be asked to appear before the parliament to submit unconditional apology for his alleged remarks. TIB took up the matter seriously and set audio clip of Prof. Sayeed's statement to the speaker of the parliament. It also arranged a press conference demanding to expunge unparliamentary words used in

the parliament against Prof. Sayeed on June 10. The speaker Advocate Mohammad Abdul Hamid apologized and expunged derogatory remarks from the proceedings.

On June 30, TIB termed the World Bank's decision to cancel financing of the Padma Bridge as regret-



Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed during the CCC-YES convention

table embarrassing and disappointing. It urged the government to form special judicial commission to investigate alleged corruption, and also called upon the World Bank to review its decision by engaging with the government.

The members of TIB urged the government to ensure good governance in the country and urged all to come forward with the spirit of liberation war to reduce the menace of corruption. This call has been made in the Annual Meeting of Members' (AMM) 2012, held on June 16 at Hotel Lakeshore, Dhaka.

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TIB members demands establishing good governance through combined efforts

The members of TIB made a call to build the country with the spirit of independence war. They also emphasized on to strengthen the anti-corruption movement for



Chairperson of TIB's Board of Trustees at AMM 2012

establishing democracy, good governance and human rights through combined efforts of govt., politicians, civil society and other concerned people. This call has been made in the Annual Meeting of Members' (AMM) 2012,

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held on June 16 at Hotel Lakeshore, Dhaka. The meeting was dedicated to the memory of late former Chairpersons of TIB's Board of Trustees Samson H. Chowdhury and Professor Muzaffer Ahmad. Dr. Md. Nuruddin, adviser of the TIB Trustee Board presided while the Chairperson of

TIB's Board of Trustees Advocate Sultana Kamal, members of the Board M. Hafiz Uddin Khan, Dr. A T M Shamsul Huda, and Rokia Afzal Rahman also attended the meeting, moderated by Executive Director of TIB.

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An Anti-Corruption Oath taking and warm reception of GPA-5 holders

Reception programmes for the GPA-5 holders in the S.S.C examination 2012 were held in different CCC areas to encourage the new generations in anti-corruption movement. Those receptions were held on 30 June in Muktagacha and



Reception programmes for the GPA-5 holders in the S.S.C 2012

Barguna; on 26 June Gazipur, on 24 June Chandpur, on 22 June Laxmipur, on 19 June Munshiganj, on 17 June Comilla, on 15 June Nilfamari, and on 14 June Dinajpur. Members of Parliament, Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Upazila Parishad Chairman, Mayor of Municipality, Upazila Nirbahi Officer, District Education Officer, Teachers, students, Guardians, Civil society members and media personality participated in these receptions where a paper has read out for the students who also took the anti-corruption oath.



Face the Public and Open Budget Declaration at pirojpur

Kustia: On June 22, a Face the Public & open budget declaration event was organized in Uzangram Union Parishad of Kustia. Among others Chairman of the Union Parishad, Members, local elites, Journalists, representative of NGO and general people of the locality attended. Secretary of the Uzangram Union Parishad announced the



Open budget declaration event at kustia

proposed budget of the fiscal year 2012-13. In the open discussion session, Chairman of the Union Parishad answered the questions of the participants related to services of the UP.

Pirojpur: CCC-Pirojpur organized an event titled 'Face the Public and Open Budget Declaration' in Kalakhali Union Parishad on June 14, Pirojpur Sadar Upazila. Upazila Nirbahi Officer Merina Najnin, Sadar Upazilla attended as chief guest while the CCC president presided. Secretary of the

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Kalakhali Union Parisad announced the proposed budget of the fiscal year 2012-13 in presence of local residents. Advocate Nasiruddin Ahmed, Chairmen of the Union Parishad answered the queries of the participants related to development plan in line with the budget. He also urged all to pay tax on time.

Kurigram: CCC-Kurigram organized an open budget programme and announced its 2012-13 fiscal budgets on June 26. Municipality authority answered the questions of the audiences regarding the problems of the Municipality. CCC President Md. Shahabuddin presided over the event; Mayor of the Municipality shared the updates of development work to the audiences. Among others, former Mayor Md. Abu Bakar Siddique and President of DUPROK Samiul Haque Nantu spoke.

Madaripur: On June 30, CCC-Madaripur organized a Face the Public and open budget declara-

tion event of Madaripur Municipality. Ms. Shahana Nasrin Rubi, President of Madaripur CCC presided over the event; the Mayor of Madaripur Municipality Md. Khalid Hossen Yeard announced the budget for 2012-13 fiscal.

Anti-Corruption Debate Competition

CCC-Laxmipur organized a daylong Anti-Corruption Debate Competition in Laxmipur Zila Parishad Auditorium on June 27. 'Corruption is the main barrier for development' was the theme



Anti-Corruption Debate Competition in Laxmipur

for the debaters of school and its equivalent level, and 'Ethical and moral values are more important than the law to combat corruption' was the topic for the debaters of college and its equivalent level. Md. Abu Sayeem, General Secretary of Laxmipur Debate Association moderated while Professor Mahbub Mohammad Ali, President of CCC attended as chief adviser. Around 130 debaters of different institutions of Laxmipur

Dhaka YES NEWS

International Anti-Narcotic Day Observed

YES Group-IBAIS University organized a drama and documentary show on June 27 in the auditorium of Dhanmondi campus to observe the International Anti-Narcotic Day 2012. Vice Chancellor of IBAIS University Dr. M. Delwar Hossain attended as chief guest, while Advisers of the YES group Mr. Azizur Rahman, Afroza Akter Tina, Faculty members of the university and around 100 students attended.

Movie Show

A day long Movie show was organized by the YES Group-Uttara University on June 23 at its Uttara Campus. Pro-Vice Chancellor of Uttara University Dr. Yeasmin Ara Lekha attended as chief guest. Professor Khairul Islam administered an anti-corruption oath taking session for the participants.

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