

## NATIONAL

### TIB concerned over rising political violence: Calls for immediate dialogue of the two top leaders

In a statement, Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of TIB expressed concern over rising political violence and called upon the two top leaders to sit for a dialogue to find ways to settle the political differences. He said, "the rising violence, chaos and disorder are deeply worrying, regrettable and unacceptable by any standard. At the core of these is a zero-sum game for power at the expense of public interest and basic rights of citizens to life, liberty, safety and other individual freedoms, especially of the children, women, minorities and other disadvantaged sections of the society. Failure to exercise restraint and stop the negative, confrontational and destructive political game can be of grave risk for our journey to democracy and democratic institutionalization".

"We call upon Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia to consider implications of the confrontational, violent and aggressive political game, for the people of the country, for whom they are involved in politics. This is the high time for you, Honorable Prime Minister and Opposition Leader, to call off the self-defeating contest of legitimacy, and place people's interest above anything else. This is the moment for you to demonstrate the political acumen, commitment to democracy and democratic rights of the people and to start dialogue, which is the only option to avoid any risks against progress towards democracy", he said.

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It further said, "the forthcoming national election being at the core of the on-going conflicts, we call upon the two leaders to find a negotiated settlement on how it can be held in a manner acceptable to both sides. The solution lies in a change of their mutual dislike and distrust, which is in their hands only".

"We call upon political leaders to adopt a set of legally-binding Code of Conduct for Hartal that would ensure that normal public life is not adversely affected by the illegitimate and unlawful use of this legitimate way of political protest", Iftekharuzzaman said.

### Appointment of CAG following due procedures: TIB

TIB urged the Acting President of Bangladesh to look into the matter regarding appointment of comptroller and auditor General which has been lying vacant for the last two months. In a statement, TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman deplored that the finance ministry had fully appointed one person in charge of this important constitutional post, which is contrary to constitutional provision.

### TIB introduced IJ Fellowship programme

TIB introduced an Investigative Journalism Fellowship programme-2012 in this year. Two journalists have been selected as TIB Investigative Journalism Fellow through a competitive process. The objective of this programme is to encourage investigative journalism to unearth systematic corruption in various institutions.

## TIB observed Independence Day

TIB observed Independence Day, the International Womens Day and the International Theatre Day on 27-28 March through a number of cultural activities and theatre performances at Dhanmondi Rabindra Sarobar. Eminent writer Selina Hossen urged all to develop the country imbued with the spirit of liberation war. On the first day Dhaka YES theatre group staged a drama on right to Information, Performances of Shwadhin Bangla Betar Kendra enthralled the audiences with liberation war songs. On the last day, two renowned artists performed poetry recitation while two dramas on independence war were performed in front of the capacity crowd.



## TIB organized a refreshers workshop on Investigative Journalism



More than 100 journalists attended a daylong refreshers workshop on investigation journalism organized by TIB on March 30 at BIAM. Eminent Journalist Mr. Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul delved on challenges of investigative journalism in Bangladesh. A panel of three teachers from the University of Dhaka moderated several sessions. Executive Director of TIB later distributed certificates among the participants.

## TIB placed nine points to ensure transparency in water sector

TIB in association with other some organizations observed the World Water Day by holding a human chain in front of National Press club, Dhaka on March 25. Speakers placed a nine point demand to ensure transparency and accountability of the water sector.

## Road show in Chapainawabgonj

CCC and YES group of Chapainawabganj organized a colorful road show on 24 March to disseminate anti-corruption messages among the local community. 20 kilometers road show stopped at various



gathering points to draw attention of public about the menace of corruption by leaflet distribution,

music, street drama and gamveera performance.

## CCC News

### Try party's meeting can act as a social accountability tool to improve quality of education

Apart of the continuous process to improve quality of primary education CCC of Brahmanbaria organized a sharing meeting with District Primary Education Office on March 18 presided over by the District Primary Education Officer (DPEO). Mr. Ali Akbar Majumdar, member of CCC presented the achievements of Mirahati Government Primary School through initiatives of CCC Brahmanbaria.

CCC representatives handed over a suggestion and complaint box to the DPEO during the meeting. Relevant officials of DPEO Office and Thana Education Office were also attended in the program.

### Debate competition

CCC of Barisal organized an anti-corruption debate competition at Barisal Model School and College auditorium on 21 March. Syed Hatem Ali College team became the champion.

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## CCC News

### Observing of National and International Days

International Women's Day was observed by different CCCs with the slogan- 'Raise your voice collectively to protect women's rights-right now'. Discussion meeting, rally, Human Chain, seminar, cultural programme, and talk show and quiz contests on women's rights were highlights of the day's observance. Speakers in different events urged people to work collectively to protect women's rights and prevent violence against women. They demanded strong and effective legal framework to prevent violence against women.



World Water Day was observed with the slogan- 'Lets protect our River and water bodies; we want transparency and accountability to prevent pollution and possession-right now'. Different activities

were organized to mark the day. CCC raised demands for rapid implementation of National Water Policy (1999), punish illegal possessors of river and water bodies, and initiate awareness raising programmes to prevent grabbing the river and wastage of water resources.



Several CCCs observed the Independent Day on 26 March by undertaking various activities which included discussion meeting and placing flower wreath on alter of victory monument. Speakers urged to strengthen the anti-corruption movement imbued with the spirit of liberation war of 1971.

## YES News

### Independence Day observed

Begum Fojilatunnesha Mujib Hall, University of Dhaka YES group observed Independence Day on 23 March at University Laboratory School through a number of activities. Amar Bandhu Rashed a film on liberation war by director Morshedul Islam was screened. A discussion was held on "Role of young generation to build a corruption free country". Later the students took anti corruption oath. YES group of IBAIS University also organized a film and documentary show on 31 March 2013 at their campus to observe the Independence Day. 'Joyjatra' directed by Towkir Ahmed and a documentary film "Narir Kotha" were screened.

### East West University YES organized a daylong anti-corruption campaign

YES group East West University organized a daylong anti-corruption campaign on 17 February at Banasree Ideal School in the capital. The objective of the initiative was to create awareness among students about Right to Information and anti-corruption. Students and teachers enjoyed anti corruption cartoon exhibition participated in a corruption game show and took anti-corruption oath.

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