

Media Release

TIB observes International Youth Day with a call to stop sexual harassments in educational institutions

Dhaka, 10 August 2011: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) held a human chain today at TSC, Dhaka University to protest sexual harassments of female students and also demanded that a code of conduct should be enforced to prevent incidents of harassment and abuse in the educational institutions of the country. The human chain was organized as a part of TI Bangladesh's series of programs to observe the International Youth Day 2011 on 12 August. The Vice Chancellor of the university Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurated the program while TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman was also present. Youth members of TIB supported YES groups and members of various like-minded organizations took part in the human chain.

Dr. Iftekhar while talking about the growing trend of sexual harassments in educational institutions demanded exemplary punishment for the criminals and also demanded that government should develop and enforce a code of conduct for everyone related to educational institutions to prevent such crimes in future. He also called upon the students to raise their voice against any kind of sexual harassment in their institutions. Professor Arefin Siddique commended TIB's initiative and also expressed his concern over the recent incidents of abuse and harassments of female students. He also pledged his support for the youth movement of TIB's YES groups in Dhaka University campus. Later a cartoon exhibition and anti-corruption game show were organized in the same venue where students took part. TIB is also organizing a street cartoon exhibition, a seminar on **Youth Leaders of Bangladesh: Achievements and Challenges** and an anti-drug campaign to observe the International Youth Day with the support of its volunteer YES members.

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