



# TIB activities

## Workshop on confrontational politics

A workshop on 'rethinking confrontational politics' was held at a local hotel in Khulna on 16 January 2001. Transparency International Bangladesh, Actionaid Bangladesh and Jagrata Jubo Sangha jointly organized the workshop. Around 70 representatives from among local politicians, educationists, lawyers, social and women activists took part in discussions on the papers presented by TIB Executive Director Manzoor Hasan and FEMA Secretary General Firoz M Hasan. Manzoor Hasan delivered the Address of Welcome.

Elaborate recommendations divided into four groups were adopted at the workshop on political parties, effective and meaningful parliament, bicameral parliament, reform of the election process, holding of free, fair and democratic elections, freedom of government-owned mass media, participation of women in law-making process, etc.

## Executive Director visits Indonesia and Thailand

The Executive Director of TIB Manzoor Hasan visited Indonesia on 14-15 March at the invita-



*A section of discussants at the workshop on confrontational politics*

tion of 'Partnership for Governance Reform' (formed with assistance from ADB, World Bank and UNDP). During the trip, he held meetings with officials of various organizations including TI-Indonesia and spoke on the experiences of TIB, especially with regard to the civil society.

Manzoor Hasan also went to Thailand on a 2-day trip on 24 March at the invitation of National Democratic Institute (NDI). He was invited as an instructor for the workshop on 'campaign for popular democra-

cy' held in Bangkok on 24 March. Manzoor Hasan dwelt on the programs being implemented by TIB for curbing corruption in Bangladesh. 'Campaign for Popular Democracy' has decided to conduct a pilot survey in Thailand by following the TIB model.

## TIB in Job Fair

A nationwide Job Fair was held for the first time on 31 March on the Baridhara campus of North-South University. Sixty local and foreign



*TIB stall*

## Democracy Festival

A 'Democracy Festival' was held at the Institution of Engineers, Dhaka on 22-23 March under the auspices of Democracywatch. Apart from discussion sessions, attractive stalls set up by 23 local and foreign organizations were its attraction. The participants included 'Ain O Shalish Kendra', Actionaid Bangladesh, Asia Foundation, ADB, Australian High Commission, Amnesty International Bangladesh, BELA, BLAST, BRAC, British Council, Canadian High Commission, CARE Bangladesh, European Union, FEMA, Grameen Trust, NDI, Royal Netherlands Embassy, STD, TIB, UNIC, The American Center, World Bank, and Democracywatch.