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TIB inspired by the verdict against crime against humanity
Calls for completion of all other cases in the due process

In a media statement on 22 January, TIB has expressed deep satisfaction over the verdict against Abul Kalam Azad alias Bachchu Rajakar for genocide and crime against humanity during the liberation war, and called for immediate all-out action to implement it. TIB has demanded completion of all other similar pending cases in the due process free from any pressure, influence and fear.

Reacting to the historic judgment issued by the International Crimes Tribunal, Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of TIB said, “this is a milestone of glory, and a befitting tribute to the millions of freedom fighters, particularly those who sacrificed their lives and experienced inhuman sufferings in the hands of barbaric perpetrators of war crime”.

He further said, “21 January will remain a red letter day in the history of Bangladesh marking the beginning of a glorious phase of truly proud and meaningful Victory, relieving the national agony of unmet justice for too long”.

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“We are particularly satisfied that a pernicious impunity that the war criminals enjoyed for 41 years by shameless commission and collusion has now been effectively challenged. We want the process to be completed in the due process by bringing to justice all others against whom there are allegations of similar crimes, so that no such violation happens in the territory of Bangladesh anytime in the future” he said.

“The judgment should also be viewed as the beginning of a process that will hopefully ensure that any other forms of impunity, including all forms of abuse of power and violation of constitutional rights, are unacceptable in Bangladesh,” the statement added.

“We also call upon the relevant authorities to conduct a highly professional and credible investigation into the context and process through which Bachchu rajakar escaped inspite of being under surveillance. Those found guilty must face consequences not only for negligence of duty but also possible complicity with perpetrators of war crime and crime against humanity”, it said.

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Dhaka YES groups observed Candle-light vigil at Central Shahid Minar

TIB’s YES group observed a candle-light vigil on 13 January at the Central Shahid Minar and demanded to stop violence against women and children and punishment for sex offenders.

Prof. A A M S Arifin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University; women rights activists Maleka Begum, Rokeya Rafique Baby, Poet Kazi Rozy and TIB’s Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman spoke in the event. Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of TIB urged both Prime Minister and the leader of opposition to close their ranks to take strong steps for preventing violence against women and children.

The YES group placed few demands which included proper implementation the Women and Children Act-2000, creating conducive climate for law-enforcers, compensations to the victims and their families and ensuring punishment to the culprits.

TIB took part in 6th International Children’s Film Festival Bangladesh

The 6th International Children’s Film Festival Bangladesh organized by Children’s Film Society (CFS) Bangladesh on the theme of “Future in frames” was held from 19 to 25 January 2013 where TIB contributed as associate partner. Over 200 films from 42 countries were shown in 22 different venues all over the country. The main spirit of the festival was the enormous enthusiasm of our children. TIB’s anti-corruption cartoon, TVC and IEC materials were disseminated.

TIB therefore aimed this initiative to strengthen the moral and ethical structures of the society by sensitizing the participants of the festival about the values of honesty, integrity, transparency, and accountability in all spheres of life.

Annual Review Convention 2013 held

Annual Review Convention 2013 of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) was held at Auditorium of the BIAM Foundation on 28-30 January under the theme ‘Change: Expectation, Gain and Way out of future’.

Several sessions including group works were held looking back at past works and moving forward with lessons learnt from anti-corruption social movement. A colourful programme at the BIAM auditorium and sports event at Physical Education College energized more 250 staff who renewed their pledge to take the anti-corruption movement forward.

In two day’s discussions several topics had been focused including the latest information of running project activities and what should be done in the coming 5th year. Side by side a draft concept paper on the next project was presented and a detail discussion was held on the basic component of the upcoming project.
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**CCCs observed Candle light vigil and Human chain**

Committees of the Concerned Citizens (CCC) observed candle light vigil and formed human chain on 13 January across the country to stop violence against women and children including all kinds of oppressions and gang rape. Civil society members, YES, Shojon, YES friends and local youths also joined.

Speakers urged the government to ensure punishment of the culprit, enacting laws to stop violence against women and children and demanded proper implementation of ‘Women and Children Violence Act 2000’.

**KCC Mayor in Face the Public Program**

To ensure transparency, accountability and good governance of Local Governance Institutions, Committees of the Concerned Citizens (CCC) of Khulna observed a ‘Face the Public’ programme on 12 January at Shahid Hadish Park in the town. Talukder Abdul Khalek, Mayor of Khulna City Corporation faced the public, who asked questions about various problems. A video documentary showing Mayor’s electoral pledges and present condition of KCC was screened. Mayor reiterated his commitments to ensure welfare of people. He also briefed the current development activities of KCC and assured people to finish planned activities on time.

**Information Fair at Muktagacha**

Committees of the Concerned Citizens (CCC) of Muktagacha arranged a two-day long Information Fair on 12-13 January at the premise of Muktagacha R. K High School in cooperation with Muktagacha Upazila Parishad. A total number of 17 Government and 10 NGO and Autonomous Institutions participated in the Fair. Discussion and cultural programme were also held in the event.

**Theatre Show & Anti-Corruption Oath in Khagrachor**

YES group of Khagrachory organized a theatre show and Anti-Corruption Oath taking programme to honor the students of class nine of Khagrachori Technical School & College on 15 January. Engineer Nurul Hakim, principle of Khagrachorhi Technical School & College presided.