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Dengue Situation: Lack of Coordination, Planning, Implementation to Blame



Press Statement

Dhaka, 08 July 2023: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has expressed serious concern over the deteriorating dengue situation in Dhaka and across the country. The organisation attributes the situation to lack of coordination, proper planning, preparedness, and effective implementation by the agencies concerned. TIB emphasises that absence of transparency and accountability, coupled with irregularities and corruption, has hindered efforts to combat the dengue outbreak.



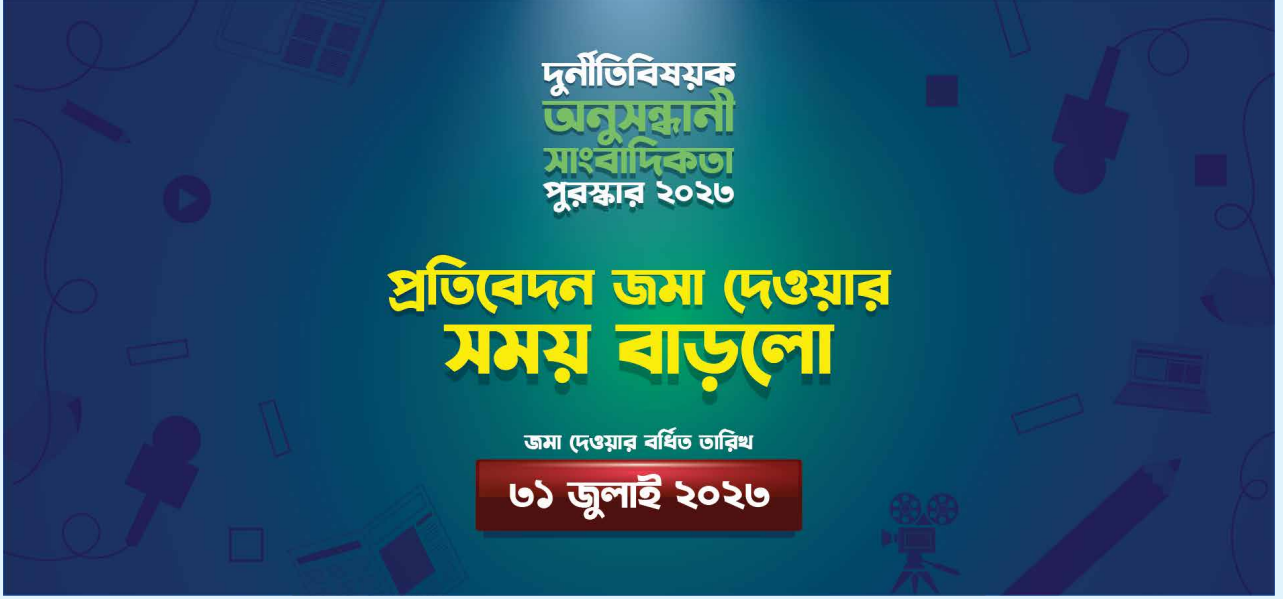
In a statement, TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman expresses deep concern and disappointment at the response of the city corporations tasked with preventing dengue in the capital. Despite warnings, the authorities lack long-term planning and coordinated efforts to address the dengue threat adequately.

He urges the city corporations to collaborate closely with the Health Department, emphasising the need for comprehensive mosquito control methods beyond the present reliance on profit-driven pesticide use. Drawing from the COVID-19 pandemic lessons, he suggests establishment of advisory panels comprising sector experts to guide regular activities.

TIB stresses the need for a round-the-year management plan for mosquito control, focusing on environment-friendly methods. It recommends intensifying public awareness campaigns and disseminating warning messages, particularly through social media. Additionally, urgent measures, such as forming area-based volunteer teams with involvement of public representatives, should be taken to ensure public involvement for coordinated mosquito control drives.

TIB declares the dengue situation a public health emergency and calls for formulation and implementation of a national-level strategy and integrated action plan for mosquito control with clear delineation of responsibilities for all the implementing agencies.

TIB Extends Deadline for Investigative Journalism Award



Dhaka, 15 July 2023: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has extended the deadline until 31 July 2023 for submission of reports for the Investigative Journalism Award on Corruption.

The award aims to honour outstanding investigative journalism, shedding light on corruption-related issues. Journalists working for Bangladeshi-owned and operated media outlets can submit their investigative reports for the award.

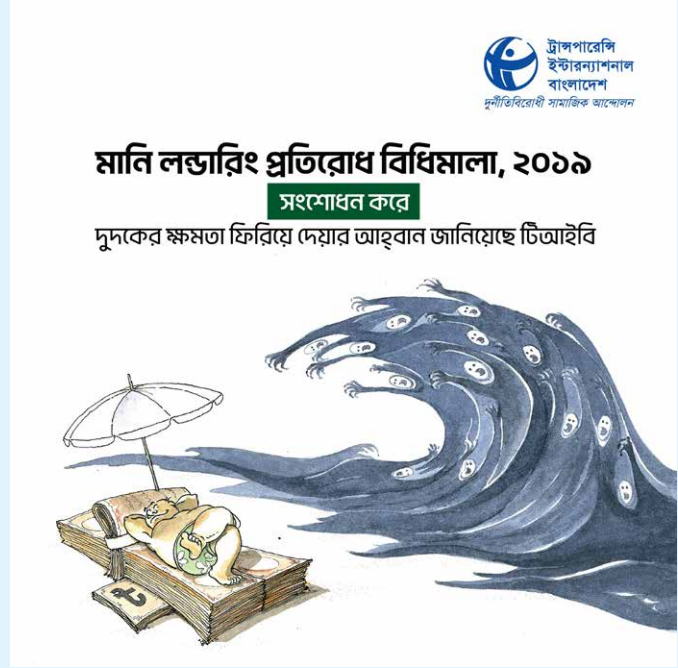
TIB hopes that the award would encourage more journalists to contribute to the fight against corruption in Bangladesh. The organisation remains committed to combating corruption as well as promoting integrity and transparency through initiatives like the Investigative Journalism Award on Corruption.

Revise Money Laundering Prevention Rules to Restore ACC's Power: TIB

Dhaka, 17 July 2023: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has urgently called for bringing amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering Prevention Rules 2019, alongside the Schedule, in accordance with the amended Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2012. TIB seeks to bring 27 types of crime-related money laundering under the jurisdiction of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

In a statement, TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman expresses concerns that legislative and administrative reforms have undermined the ACC's specific objectives. He cites the 2015 amendment to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2012, which removes the investigation of 'bribery and corruption' from the Schedule of the Money Laundering Prevention Rules 2019, stripping the ACC of its authority in this vital area.

Dr. Iftekharuzzaman urges the government to amend the rules and schedule of the Act to bring money-laundering offences under the ACC's jurisdiction. He calls upon the ACC to fulfil its responsibilities with unwavering determination, irrespective of the corrupt individual's identity or position, in combating all forms of corruption, including money laundering, while maintaining institutional integrity.



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