

Overview

In June, TIB's National Household Survey 2025 put the scale of everyday corruption into evidence that could not be dismissed: 17 service sectors, firsthand household experiences, and findings directed squarely at those with the power to act. Alongside it, a 100 Days monitoring report held the new government to its own commitments. A law review challenged draft human rights legislation that would undermine the very institution it was meant to create. Press statements addressed black money legalization, the government's budget, and a parliamentary challenge to TIB's research methodology. The Idea Contest 2026 gave over 300 students a platform to connect renewable energy innovation with governance. CCC and YES Group members marked World Environment Day and World Day Against Child Labour with rallies and memoranda, and held community meetings. Continue below to follow TIB's journey against corruption this June.

National Household Survey 2025

Corruption in Service Sectors: National Household Survey 2025

TIB's 11th National Household Survey on Corruption found that 81.6% of Bangladesh's households experienced corruption while accessing services in 2025, a 15.1% increase from 2023. Based on the direct experiences of 15,715 households across 17 service sectors, the survey put the national bribe burden at BDT 126.33 billion, 1.58% of the revised national budget. Agriculture saw the sharpest rise in corruption, nearly tripling from 2023. Low-income households spend 1.9% of their annual income on bribes, nearly three times the rate of wealthier households. The findings are directed at the government, policymakers, and the ACC: the evidence exists, the patterns are clear, and the case for action is documented.

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TIB Tracks the New Government's First 100 Days

A new government with a two-thirds majority and sweeping reform commitments had 100 days to show intent. TIB documented what happened. The abolition of MP duty-free privileges, visible ministerial accountability drives, and continued money laundering repatriation were genuine steps forward. The repeal of judicial independence ordinances, the suspension of the Human Rights Commission Ordinance, the reversal of ACC reform, and the appointment of a loan defaulter as Bangladesh Bank Governor were steps back. TIB's monitoring report names both, because holding a government to its own commitments is the foundation of everything else TIB does.

Law Review

TIB Calls for Major Reforms to the Draft Human Rights Commission Act

The draft National Human Rights Commission Act 2026 for Bangladesh compromises key protections for institutional independence. TIB reviewed the draft and found it strips away the protections that mattered most in the 2025 Ordinance: the explicit bar on government ministerial control, the Commission's power to independently investigate law enforcement violations, mandatory minority and women representation among commissioners, and financial independence from executive discretion. The draft also gives the ruling party disproportionate control over commissioner appointments and hands rule-making authority to the government rather than the Commission itself. TIB submitted 19 recommendations on 8 June 2026, calling for the draft to be brought into alignment with the Paris Principles before it becomes law.



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Concept Note



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The Transition to Renewable Energy Cannot Wait

TIB marked World Environment Day 2026 with a concept note calling for immediate and accountable action on renewable energy transition. Despite the urgency of Bangladesh's climate vulnerability, renewable energy development has not received adequate policy priority, environmental laws have been poorly enforced, and public awareness of governance gaps in the sector remains limited. TIB put forward recommendations for relevant stakeholders to address these barriers and ensure that the transition to clean energy is driven by accountability and citizen demand, not deferred by vested interests.

Red Card to Child Labour

Every morning, while most children head to school, 1.78 million children in Bangladesh enter the workforce, many in hazardous waste management. Marking World Day Against Child Labour 2026, TIB and its CCC network rallied nationwide under the banner "Red Card to Child Labour in Waste Management." Submitting memoranda to municipal administrators, TIB urged local governments, service providers, and citizens to enforce child protection laws and take shared accountability rather than relying solely on national policymakers.



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Legalizing Black Money Is State-Sponsored Impunity

TIB expressed deep concern at reports that the government was considering a provision to legalize black money in the 2026-2027 budget through unconditional amnesty. Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman was direct: this is not an economic stimulus measure. It is an attempt to normalize corruption under state backing, in direct breach of Article 20(2) of the Constitution and in contradiction of BNP's own electoral commitment to make no compromise with corruption. TIB called for permanent abolition of the provision and warned that reinstating it after the interim government had abolished it represents two steps backward for every one step forward.



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Dismissing TIB's Research Methodology Is an Attempt to Avoid Accountability

When the Home Minister and police authorities questioned the methodology of TIB's 100 Days report, TIB responded with clarity. The report's sources on law and order included Bangladesh Police and three recognized human rights organizations, as stated in the report itself. Claiming the report was based solely on newspaper clippings is inaccurate and, TIB argued, an attempt to divert attention from the substantive findings. TIB noted that elected representatives and institutions routinely rely on media-published information when making decisions, and that selectively discrediting such information to avoid accountability is a pattern TIB has documented before.

TIB Welcomes Black Money Exclusion, Demands Asset Disclosure

TIB cautiously welcomed the government's decision not to include a black money legalization provision in the proposed budget, while calling it an important but insufficient signal. TIB warned that past experience shows such provisions often return through Finance Bills, and urged the government to break the pattern for good. On the proposed new pay scale for public servants, TIB's position was equally clear: salary increases are justified after an 11-year gap, but mandatory asset disclosure must be a condition of eligibility. Those who benefit from public funding must be accountable to the public that funds them.



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Event



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Innovation Meets Integrity: TIB's Idea Contest 2026

Renewable energy is about far more than electricity. TIB's Idea Contest 2026 proved that, drawing over 300 ideas linking clean energy to healthcare, food security, and climate adaptation. BUET's Roddur AI won first place with a free solar feasibility platform. HealthPower and Solarcluster followed with renewable-powered rural healthcare centers and community solar mini-grids for coastal shrimp farmers. Students were challenged throughout: innovation without governance and accountability does not create lasting change.

TIB Launches New Healthcare Integrity Project

Quality healthcare in Bangladesh is undermined not only by resource gaps but by accountability failures. TIB's National Household Survey found 64.4% of households experienced corruption in healthcare and nearly one in three paid bribes. TIB responded by launching "Strengthening Integrity and Accountability in Sexual and Reproductive Health Systems in Bangladesh," supported by the Government of Sweden and Transparency International Global Health, placing governance at the center of healthcare delivery across 16 Union Health and Family Welfare Centers in Lakshminipur and Nilphamari.



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From Lalmonirhat to Chattogram: The Movement Grows Stronger

Learning Sharing Meetings in Lalmonirhat and Chattogram brought together CCC, YES Group, and ACG members to reflect on anti-corruption work and plan the path forward. Participants from schools, health centers, and land offices shared frontline experiences and committed to stronger action. Both meetings closed with anti-corruption oaths and a shared demand: socially boycott those who engage in corruption.



Corruption Cannot Persist When Young People Are Awake

The YES Group of CCC Bagerhat held a workshop titled "Sustainable Development and Institutional Good Governance: Role of Youth Organizers" to empower young leaders in curbing corruption and advancing national progress. Discussions focused on key principles of institutional governance, the Right to Information Act 2009, and the role of the rule of law in poverty alleviation. Bringing together 43 youth representatives from 13 local organizations, the event provided a platform to identify governance challenges, propose actionable solutions, and reinforce civic commitment through TIB's anti corruption oath.

Citizens Hold Sylhet Health Authorities Accountable

At a public hearing organized by CCC Sylhet at the South Surma Upazila Health Complex, citizens raised concerns about unauthorized fees, medicine shortages, inadequate facilities, and excessive ambulance charges directly with health authorities. The Civil Surgeon and Upazila Health Officer committed to corrective action and opened a complaint channel for citizens to report further irregularities.



CCC Rangamati Mobilizes Students to End Violence Against Women

Violence against women is not just a national statistic. CCC Rangamati brought it into ten secondary school classrooms through a discussion meeting that moved students from awareness to commitment. A TIB Board of Trustees member, a Hill District Council member, and the District Education Officer addressed over 100 participants on preventing gender-based violence. Students pledged to act when they witness abuse. CCC called for prevention committees to be activated across all secondary schools in the district.

YES Group Arms Students with the RTI Act

At Agrani School and College in Azimpur, nearly 100 students spent a morning learning something most citizens never do: how to actually use the Right to Information Act 2009. YES Group at Bangladesh-Kuwait Maitree Hall, University of Dhaka, walked them through RTI applications, appeals, and complaints, then tested their understanding with a competitive quiz. The session closed with an anti-corruption oath.



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