

## **Press Release**

## TIB hails govt for passing RTI bill

**Dhaka, Monday, 30 March 2009**: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) hailed the government for passing the bill on the right to information (RTI) in the Jatiya Sangsad. Terming the passage of the bill a timely decision reflecting the popular demand, TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said this law is a must for curbing corruption. Through enacting the law government fulfilled one of its election manifestos for ensuring good governance.

In a statement, he also demanded that the government make Anti-Corruption Commission independent and stronger, uphold the independence of the judiciary, ensure honesty and neutrality of the administration and strengthen the local government to establish good governance.

Dr Iftekharuzzaman hoped that the government would form an independent and strong information commission and play a proactive role in implementing the law. To benefit the citizens from this law everyone including the media will play active role he expected.

TIB is also ready to contribute to any necessary steps for the implementation of the new law, Dr Zaman added.

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