

### Anti-corruption concert December 29

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Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) is going to organise the first ever anti-corruption concert in the country on December 29 with a view to inculcating anti-corruption values in younger generation.

With the slogan 'Invincible youth shall resist corruption', the concert will be held at Gulshan Youth Club in Dhaka from 2:00pm to 10:00pm. The concert can be viewed by a live webcast via a special link on TIB website ([www.ti-bangladesh.org](http://www.ti-bangladesh.org)). Highlights of the concert will be telecast on Channel i on the day.

The corruption watchdog, in association with Channel i, Banglavisision, The Daily Star, Radio Today and Radio Foorti, will bring together country's frontline pop singers, music bands and folk singers at the concert.

The performers include Azam Khan, Hayder Hussain, Shahed, Fahmida Nabi, Mehrin, Rab Fakir, Shahjahan Fakir, Aklima, LRB, Miles, Renaissance, Souls, Feedback, Warfaze, Dalchhut, Black, Pentagon, Artcell, Shiro-namheen, Orthoheen, Face2Face and Meghdal.

Eminent personalities, including Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus, Chairman of TIB Board of Trustees Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, former adviser to



TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman speaks at a press conference at National Press Club in the city yesterday. On his left are Radio Foorti Executive Director Shakil Manzur and TV star Sharmin Lucky.

the caretaker government Sultana Kamal, noted writer Prof Zafar Iqbal, will attend the programme to express solidarity against corruption, organisers said at a press conference yesterday.

"The main objective of the concert is to motivate the young generation to combat corruption. The TIB is working to develop youth leadership who will resolutely say 'no' to corruption and play the leading role in resisting corruption," said Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of TIB, at the National Press Club.

The concert is part of TIB-sponsored programme 'Youth Engagement and Support' (YES),

which aims at raising awareness among the youths about democracy, good governance and anti-corruption values.

Interested persons can collect free entry coupons of the concert from TIB office at Progress Tower, House-1, Road-23, Gulshan-1. Students and youths will be given preference during the distribution of coupons. Coupons will also be available at Channel i, Banglavisision, The Daily Star, Radio Today and Radio Foorti offices.

TIB Senior Advocacy Officer Sazzad Hussain, Executive Director of Radio Foorti Shakil Manzur and model and TV star Sharmin Lucky also spoke at the press conference.

### LDP candidate finds him 'dead' on voter list

UNB, Mymensingh

A Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) candidate on Monday found his name struck off and mentioned as 'dead' in the voter list.

Shahidullah Shaheed, joint organizing secretary of LDP, went to the returning officer's office here to file his nomination paper for contesting the election from Phulpur (Mymensingh-2) constituency. But he found his name struck off and mentioned as dead.

He immediately protested and applied for correction. The nomination paper was submitted after correction of the voter list.

Election officials explained that the name of Shaheed was struck off the voter list by mistake during the recent correction. The Awami League-led alliance had insisted on correction of the voter list that reportedly included 1.4 crore fake voters.

### Father donates daughter's eyes

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A father donated his deceased daughter's eyes to Sandhani International Eye Bank yesterday, says a press release.

Abdul Jalil, father of Halima, 30, who died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday, has set an example by donating her own daughter's eyes.

Sandhani authorities expressed gratitude to and thanked Halima and her families for this noble gesture.

### 'Formulate law on domestic violence'

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a workshop here yesterday underscored the need for formulating a specific law on domestic violence.

"There is no specific law on domestic violence in the country, while India has already enacted a law on it," they said.

The national consultation workshop on 'Legal reform on domestic violence' was organised by Action Network to Combat Violence Against

Women (ANCVAW) at the Spectra Convention Centre in the city.

The speakers said women are repressed in their families in various ways.

"But most of the victims do not know that it is a criminal offence," they added.

ANCVAW Chairperson Syed Nurul Alam said, "We should create awareness among people about domestic violence so that an effective law can be formulated."

Talking to BSS, Alam said the law

commission has already formulated a draft law on domestic violence.

The commission should examine the draft elaborately and accept opinions from all stakeholders before its enactment, he added.

Advocate Fawzia Karim Firoz and Barrister Sara Hossain presented two keynote papers at the workshop.

Advocate Salma Ali and Assistant Professor of law department of Dhaka University Dr Nusrat Amin also addressed the workshop.



Owners begin to deposit licensed arms to different police stations at the instruction of the home ministry ahead of the general election. The photo was taken from Gulshan Police Station in the city yesterday.

### ALL-PARTY POLL BODY Adviser Shafiqul says Prof Yunus' proposal to create problems

UNB, Dhaka

Adviser Shafiqul Haq Chowdhury yesterday said Prof Yunus' proposal to form all-party committee in all polling centers is not acceptable, as it will create various problems.

"I don't agree with him, it will create problems, this is not possible in any country of the world," he told reporters at a press conference in the PIB conference room.

The press conference was arranged on the occasion of National Youth Day.

Nobel laureate Prof Yunus at a function here on Monday proposed forming all-party committee in all polling centers of the country, which will announce whether the polls were free and fair.

### 'Stop money game in polls'

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Leaders of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday urged the Election Commission (EC) to follow the electoral procedures strictly to stop money game in the upcoming election.

They also said it is essential to stop the money game in the election to ensure participation of the honest politicians in the election.

A total of 32 CPB candidates so far have submitted nomination papers, according to CPB central office.