

## Cops top corrupt

*Finds TIB in its maiden public opinion polls; Bangladeshis keep faith most in govt for fight against graft*

### DISHONOUR ROLL

(In people's opinion)

Top corrupt sectors	Top petty graft-takers
Police <b>79%</b>	Police <b>76%</b>
Civil Servants <b>68%</b>	Judiciary <b>64%</b>
Political Parties <b>58%</b>	Land service <b>48%</b>
Judiciary <b>43%</b>	Registry, permit service <b>47%</b>
Parliament <b>32%</b>	Utilities <b>34%</b>
	Educational system <b>28%</b>

- Ways to fight graft**
- Trust must be restored in politics, parliament, police, public service
  - Involving people in the crusade (90pc found willing)
  - Making anti-graft body, judiciary effective, functional

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The police are the most corrupt institution followed by the civil service, political party and the judiciary in Bangladesh, shows the first public opinion survey of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB). Global Corruption Barometer 2010, the biggest worldwide survey on people's perception and experience about corruption, said most Bangladeshi respondents favour the government over other organisations to fight corruption. The corruption watchdog released the survey at a press conference at the Brac Centre Inn yesterday. It is the first time Bangladesh has been included in the yearly survey initiated in 2003 covering 44 countries. Of the 86 countries surveyed, Bangladesh has the highest number of citizens to prefer the government to fight corruption with 60 percent of them opting for it against a global percentage of 22, says the survey of 1,049 Bangladeshis in 64 districts between June 9 and 10 this year. The media is the second choice of Bangladeshi respondents for fighting corruption with 16 percent of them giving opinion in its favour. However, the highest number of respondents (25 percent) worldwide picked the media as the most

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A crane lifts a compartment at the site of a train wreck in Narshingdi around 3:30am yesterday. Carriages of Mahanagar Godhuli and Chattola Express went off the tracks after the two collided head-on at Narshingdi Rail Station Wednesday. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Train driver guilty

Found in primary probe; confusion over death toll

**KAILASH SARKAR and WASIM BIN HABIB, from Narshingdi**

Signal violation by the loco master of Chattola Express was the main reason behind Wednesday's train collision at Narshingdi, revealed preliminary findings of an investigation team. Md Habibur Rahman, Dhaka divisional railway manager (DRM) who formed a four-member probe committee in connection with the accident, said exceeding the speed

2010 sees 590 train accidents

**SHAHNAZ PARVEEN**

Unguarded level crossing, frequent mechanical and human failures, dilapidated rail tracks and outdated signalling system were the main reasons behind 590 rail accidents this year.

According to the Bangladesh Railway (BR) statistics, some 51 persons died while another 149 were injured in the accidents

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## Hasina takes a swipe at Khaleda

JS session prorogued

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday in parliament said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia had illegally kept 60 kathas of military land in her possession during her stay in the cantonment house. "Although the cantonment house was on 168 kathas of land, she had kept 228 kathas of land in her possession," Hasina, who also has the defence portfolio, said in her wrap-up speech to the seventh session of this parliament.

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