



# Anti-Corruption Focus

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### Transparency International UK's Quarterly Newsletter

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## Latest News

You can keep up to date with the latest corruption news by visiting the TI-UK Newsroom: [www.transparency.org.uk/newsroom](http://www.transparency.org.uk/newsroom)

or by signing up for TI's [Daily Corruption News](#)



### Visualising Corruption: Infographic competition winners revealed

Last year, TI-UK launched its first infographic competition. The winners were announced at our event [Global Corruption: A Russian Perspective](#) last week. Check out their visualisations and the thinking behind them here. [Read more...](#)



### Stopping the corrupt: What should the UK be doing to recover stolen assets?

When corrupt individuals steal public funds, they prefer to keep those funds in safe havens like the UK. These funds laundered in and through the UK represent misery for millions of people around the world. But what should the UK be doing to return these stolen assets to their rightful owners? [Read more...](#)



### Cameron, China and corruption: Some unanswered questions

As David Cameron promises to create a "partnership for growth and reform" in China, is there a risk that a blind eye will be turned to difficult questions relating to issues such as corruption? [Read more...](#)



### Efforts to educate players and officials about match-fixing must be increased

Six people were arrested in the United Kingdom this week on suspicion of match-fixing following an undercover sting operation. Incidents such as these highlight why education and prevention in all leagues is so important. But what are we doing about it? [Read more...](#)



### Exposed: Why millions are shining a light into secrecy of corruption

This week saw the launch of the EXPOSED campaign by faith based organisation Micah Challenge International. We invited them to contribute a guest blog and explain some of the motivations behind the campaign. [Read more...](#)

## Top Ten Stories

Transparency International UK's selection of 10 interesting articles or reports about corruption published during the past quarter:

The Guardian | [UK 'should tighten controls on those with dubious sources of wealth'](#)

The Telegraph | [ICC condemned after giving total control to 'Big Three' of Australia, England and India](#)

The Huffington Post | [Is the UK Helping Russia Win the Gold Medal for Corruption?](#)

BBC News | [Corruption across EU 'breathtaking' - EU Commission](#)

The Telegraph | [SFO launches formal bribery investigation at Rolls-Royce](#)

The Guardian | [Drug companies accused of holding back complete information on clinical trials](#)

BBC Business | [Secret owners of 'shell' companies to be made public](#)

The Independent | [Exclusive: 'Police corruption cannot be eliminated' admits head of special Met unit following Independent stories](#)

The Times | [Chinese companies condemned as 'opaque'](#)

BBC News | [Turkish corruption probe row deepens](#)

## **The UK and the fight against corruption: Some encouraging steps**

As lead Co-Chair of the [Open Government Partnership \(OGP\)](#), the UK Government launched its action plan at the OGP Summit in October, outlining how it plans to push forward the transparency agenda. There are two developments in particular that could make a real difference to the fight against corruption in the UK:

The UK government committed to bring together all of the UK's anti-corruption efforts under one [cross-government anti-corruption plan](#). This has been a major goal for TI-UK for several years, and both the Cabinet Office and the Home Office have approached us to consult on what the plan should consist of.

The UK government committed to create a [public register of beneficial owners](#) (those who ultimately own and control UK companies), meaning that it will become much harder to hide illicit funds in Britain through banks and into property and investments.

## **Turning TI-UK research into action: Local government and asset recovery**

In December TI-UK launched '[Closing Down the Safe Havens](#)', which describes the blocks in the system that are preventing recovery of the proceeds of grand corruption located in, or routed through, the UK.

Since then, our recommendation about a new law against corrupt enrichment - which would allow suspicious assets that vastly outweigh the declared wealth of a politician or public official to be seized until proven legitimate - was mentioned in a Parliamentary debate, and TI-UK has held several meetings with the Cabinet Office and Home Office who are reviewing the UK legislation on asset recovery. We have also commissioned a taskforce on corrupt enrichment.

In October, our publication '[Corruption in UK Local Government: The Mounting Risks](#)' was released. The report was launched as the Local Audit and Accountability Bill was progressing through the House of Commons, and TI-UK has since worked with several MPs who drafted amendments to the Bill, based on our research. TI-UK also submitted written evidence and gave oral evidence to the Communities and Local Government Committee Local Government Procurement inquiry.

The Government made amendment to the Bill so that a person providing commercial or consultancy services to an authority may not audit those services. The Minister also stated that if the proposed guidance for private sector contractors is not effective, the Government will consider extending freedom of information contracts to private suppliers.

## **Defence and Security Programme (DSP) News**

In February, Transparency International released a report on [corruption as a threat to stability and peace](#), which shows a robust connection between corruption risk and violent conflict. The study, a joint research project commissioned by TI Germany, was launched at the [Munich Security Conference](#). In Munich, a panel chaired by TI founder and senior advisor Ould-Abdallah and featuring e.g. UK Secretary of Defence Philipp Hammond and Libyan Foreign Minister Abdul-Aziz discussed the issue further.

In September the Defence and Security Programme (DSP) released a report into legislative oversight, "[Watchdogs: the quality of legislative oversight of the defence in 82 countries.](#)" The [report](#) was launched with a panel discussion hosted by Security & Defence Agenda, and was discussed the following day at a civil society workshop with the Global Governance Institute. DSP also launched a report on corruption and peacekeeping in New York – this generated an on-going debate on the topic within the UN, who will provide follow-up comments shortly.

In September DSP started a new [partnership with the UK Defence Academy](#), to build anti-corruption capacity in the frame of the Building Integrity Programme. The aim is to continue training military officials in e.g. Bosnia, Georgia, Serbia and Ukraine, and to educate trainers so that they can deliver the anti-corruption modules to their peers. DSP also hosted three military establishment secondees from Georgia, who worked on the foundations of an anti-corruption strategy and anti-corruption training to develop in their country, and two secondees from Croatian NGOs working on military land conversion and defence procurement.

## News from the TI Movement

The movement celebrated [20 years fighting corruption](#) and gave Integrity Awards to Chinese journalist Luo Changping and Angolan journalist and human rights activist Rafael Marques de Morais.

Organisations in [Jordan \(Rasheed Coalition\)](#), [South Africa \(Corruption Watch\)](#) and [Tunisia \(I Watch\)](#) joined the TI movement at the end of 2013.

Amidst protests in Kiev at the end of last year, [TI Ukraine's](#) Executive Director was sent to court to face administrative charges for a case that was initially dismissed months ago due to falsified evidence. This was [viewed](#) as a political manoeuvre attempting to stop the chapter reacting to the events which were unfolding in Ukraine.

The [TI Secretariat](#) published the [Global Corruption Report: Education](#) showed that corruption has a devastating impact on developing nations, particularly in Africa, hindering progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and jeopardising social and economic development. Money laundering involving overseas students at British universities was also mentioned in the report.

## Recent Publications



### **How to Bribe: A Typology of Bribe Paying and How to Stop it (January 2014)**

From excessive hospitality to offshore agreements, How to Bribe draws on Transparency International's global experience of legal cases and real-life stories to illustrate how bribes are paid in practice, and how individuals and companies can anticipate, recognise, avoid, and resist bribery. [Download](#)



### **Anti-Bribery Principles for Not-For-Profit Organisations (January 2014)**

This tool aims to provide anti-bribery advice for not-for-profits of any size in the educational, voluntary, charitable, arts & heritage and related sectors. [Download](#)



### **Closing down the safe havens (December 2013)**

This paper describes the blocks in the system that are preventing recovery of the proceeds of grand corruption located in, or routed through, the UK. [Download](#)



### **Corruption in UK local government: the mounting risks (October 2013)**

This report warns that an unintended consequence of changes such as the Localism Act and those proposed in the Local Audit and Accountability Bill may be to create an enabling environment for corruption. [Download](#)



### **Anti-corruption scorecard (September 2013)**

This Anti-Corruption Scorecard gives the Coalition Government a mid-term 'corruption health-check', drawing on Transparency International's research. The assessment will be repeated in future years and used as a basis of analysing the Government's commitments to an anti-corruption agenda and the major parties manifesto commitments before the next general election. [Download](#)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in the fight against corruption. To keep abreast of TI-UK's perspective on developments through our news releases, blog posts and publications, please visit our website [www.transparency.org.uk](http://www.transparency.org.uk)

## Dates for your diary

Full details of all our events, including external speaking engagements, can be found at [www.transparency.org.uk/events](http://www.transparency.org.uk/events)



### Can Individuals Fight Corruption?

Professor Dan Hough, Director of the Sussex Centre for the Study of Corruption at the University of Sussex, will speak on the topic of the role of the individual in the fight against corruption. [More info...](#)

*Date* 7 April 2014

*Location* Norton Rose Fulbright, 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ



### One World Media Awards (Corruption Reporting Award sponsored by TI)

The One World Media Awards are now in their 26th year. They reward “the most outstanding coverage of the developing world and recognise the unique role of journalists and filmmakers in increasing cultural understanding and promoting fairness and justice worldwide”. This year, TI is sponsoring their new ‘Corruption Reporting Award’ The goal is to highlight and encourage the coverage of corruption around the world. [More info...](#)

*Date* 6 May 2014

*Location* Kings Place, 90 York Way, London, N1 9AG



### TI-UK Event

On the 23rd June 2014, Transparency International UK will hold an event - title and speaker TBC. [More info...](#)

*Date* 23 June 2014

*Location* Norton Rose Fulbright, 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ



### ‘Lifting the Lid’ on Lobbying

On the 14th October 2014, Transparency International UK will launch its upcoming research into lobbying. Details to follow. [More info...](#)

*Date* 14 October 2014

*Location* Norton Rose Fulbright, 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ

### 16<sup>th</sup> International Anti-Corruption Conference

The International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) is the world’s premier global forum for bringing together heads of state, civil society, the private sector and more to tackle the increasingly sophisticated challenges posed by corruption.



The theme of the 16th IACC in Tunis, Tunisia, is People. Integrity. Action. 2,000 anti-corruption fighters from more than 130 countries and all sectors of society will meet and take stock of where we are in the fight to end corruption and where we need to be. [More info...](#)

*Date* 21- 24 October 2014

*Location* Tunis, Tunisia

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