



Anti-Corruption Focus

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Transparency International UK's
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Top Ten Stories

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

- 1 The Sunday Times | [Loophole lets former ministers hide links to business](#)
Article on the revolving door between government and business
- 2 Politics.co.uk | [The need for reform to party funding is palpable](#)
Chandu Krishnan comment on party funding reform
- 3 The Guardian | [Credibility of FIFA's anti-corruption reform is left in pieces](#)
Report on TI's decision to refuse a place on FIFA committee
- 4 The Times | [Sri Lankans pay price for management crisis](#)
Mike Atherton writes about cricket corruption and TI's work on the issue
- 5 Huffington Post UK | [Alarming failures in BAE settlement with Tanzania](#)
Report on BAE settlement for air traffic control system investigation
- 6 BBC News | [Russia and China come bottom of bribe-paying survey](#)
The Article reflects on the results of TI's 2011 Bribe Payers Index
- 7 The Guardian | [Corruption Index 2011 from TI: Find out how countries compare](#)
Article on the results of TI's 2011 Corruption Perceptions Index
- 8 Politics.co.uk | [UK can't back down on fraud inquiry](#)
Comment on fraud investigation involving arms manufacturers and Saudi Arabia
- 9 Huffington Post UK | [2011 - A Crisis in Governance](#)
Chandu Krishnan reflects on events of 2011 and the results of the CPI
- 10 Space for Transparency | [Anti-corruption: 2011 in words and pictures](#)
An illustrated, month-by-month look at some of the top corruption-related stories and trends of 2011

Dear Members and Supporters

The last quarter has been a particularly busy one for TI-UK. We launched several major publications, contributed to important inquiries on key public policy issues and responded to growing media interest in TI's work. Some of the highlights are presented in this newsletter.

UK Corporate Plea Agreements

In December Transparency International UK (TI-UK) published an evaluation of **UK corporate plea agreements** and civil recovery in overseas bribery cases. The UK has been criticised for a decade for failing to prioritise the investigation and prosecution of foreign bribery. The timely report, [Deterring and Punishing corporate Bribery](#), provided a comprehensive review and analysis of the outcomes of the foreign bribery cases that have been brought to date in the UK. It discussed the role of negotiated settlements in achieving justice, and what additional tools may be necessary to make the Bribery Act work effectively.

Anti-Bribery Training Toolkit

In 2011 TI-UK worked with FTI Consulting and Inmarkets to produce a free online training module to provide best practice anti-bribery training, and enable companies to benchmark their own training programmes.

[Doing Business Without Bribery](#) was launched on 18 January 2012. It provides free access to best practice training materials to help companies prevent and resist bribery more effectively and comply with the UK Bribery Act. The training toolkit represents the 'next generation' of anti-bribery training by providing employees with a range of in-depth realistic scenarios that require the participant to make decisions in challenging situations. The toolkit comprises an [online e-learning course](#), PowerPoint slides for a two hour training session, and a trainer's handbook to accompany the slides.

The e-learning course contains a wide variety of interactive scenarios. We encourage you to take a look! You can access the course at www.doingbusinesswithoutbribery.com

UK implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)

TI-UK, as part of the Bond Anti-Corruption Group, played a substantial role in the Group's independent, [parallel review](#) of the UK's compliance with two chapters (3 and 4) of UNCAC. The report, launched on international anti-corruption day, called on the UK Government to do much more to tackle the role that UK banks and companies play in fuelling and facilitating corruption overseas.

UK Aid Effectiveness

TI-UK contributed towards making UK aid more effective. TI-UK gave both [written](#) and oral evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on Economic Affairs during its inquiry into the economic impact and effectiveness of development aid.

Leveson Inquiry

TI-UK made a [submission](#) to the **Leveson Inquiry** on the culture, practice and ethics of the press. The Prime Minister announced a two-part inquiry investigating the role of the press and police in the phone-hacking scandal in 2011. The Inquiry has been considering issues related to the press and the public (module 1).

Transparency International UK Defence & Security Programme (TI-DSP)

In October, TI-DSP was invited to Wiesbaden in Germany to brief the senior staff of V US Corps on corruption and the on-going **anti-corruption activities** in Afghanistan.

At the invitation of UNODA, TI-DSP attended the **UN General Assembly** in New York to deliver a presentation at the 'UN Special Event on Transparency in the Global Arms Trade' in the very room where the UN First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) takes place and where the **UN Arms Trade Treaty** (ATT) is being negotiated. This was a good opportunity for TI-DSP to make the link between transparency and anti-corruption in the arms trade as well as defence and security more broadly.

In October 2011, TI-DSP launched a report on '[The Transparency of National Defence Budgets](#)'. The report includes an overview of current practices and the risks that arise at each stage of the budgeting process. It also ranks 93 countries according to their **defence budget transparency**. The launching of this report was a close collaboration between TI-DSP and TI National Chapters. In October the report was launched in Chile together with **Chile Transparente**, and in November it was launched in Malaysia together with **TI Malaysia**. Both of these launches were successful and drew interest on a national level as well as gaining extensive press coverage.

A new report on '[Counter-corruption reform in post-conflict countries](#)' was published in October. This report provides a review of the available literature on the challenges faced by three **post-conflict countries** in their attempts to **combat corruption**: Rwanda, Liberia and Serbia. It concludes that a combination of thorough legislation, institution-building, training and education programs, rationalisation measures and decentralisation policies have aided countries in reducing corruption.

The TI-DSP team continues to press ahead with research for both the government and company **defence indices**, both of which will be launched within the next year.

Launch of Anti-Corruption Parliamentary Group

November saw the launch of a dedicated Parliamentary group committed to the scrutiny of UK anti-corruption procedures and policies. The group is chaired by Catherine McKinnell, MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, and its formation was supported by the BOND anti-corruption group, of which TI-UK is a member. The launch featured a key note speech from John Githongo and a contribution from Ken Clarke, the Government's Overseas Anti-Corruption Champion.

The APPG on Anti-Corruption aims to establish a UK Parliamentary link to the Global Organisation of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC), joining a network of parliamentarians dedicated to good governance and combating corruption throughout the world. Currently there are over 900 members from 90 countries.

Corruption in Cricket

TI-UK, in consultation with TI-S and TI chapters from Australia, Bangladesh, Germany, India, Ireland, Kenya, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Trinidad & Tobago, prepared a [joint submission](#) to the [International Cricket Council](#)'s Governance Review headed by Lord Woolf. The submission was well received in the UK media with former England Cricket Captain and UK Sports Columnist of the year, Mike Atherton, prominently featuring the submission in [his column](#) for The Times. TI-UK is now coordinating a TI working group to press for ICC anti-corruption reforms.

FIFA

In December, the Transparency International Secretariat (TI-S) advised FIFA that an Independent Governance Committee cannot be composed of people who have been paid by FIFA in the recent past, and must have the mandate to investigate past allegations. Click [here](#) to read the full statement

Global Indices

TI-UK supported the Transparency International Secretariat (TI-S) in the launches of the 2011 [Corruption Perceptions Index](#) and the 2011 [Bribe Payers Index](#). Both indices received wide media coverage and I was interviewed on BBC1's Breakfast News programme.

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

With best wishes,

Chandu Krishnan
Executive Director, Transparency International UK

Dates for your diary

To attend any of the events below, please register with Kate Zechner, TI-UK: kate.zechner@transparency.org.uk

Regional events

TI-UK is hosting a series of events around the UK to present the findings of our [Corruption in the UK report](#).

Cardiff **19th March**

Location Glamorgan Building, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3WA
Timing 18.15 Registration and drinks reception
 18.45 Presentation & Q&A

Teesside **18th April**

Location Teesside University
Timing Presentation, Q&A and drinks reception, from 6.15pm

Manchester **15th May**

Location Ernst & Young, 100 Barbirolli Square, Manchester, M2 3EY
Timing 08.00 Breakfast
 08.30 Presentation, followed by Q&A

Edinburgh **TBC** (*Event is likely to take place in early May*)

Other events

- 20th June** **Corruption in the Arms Trade – Andrew Feinstein**
- Location* Norton Rose, 3 Moor London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ
Timing 18.00 Registration
 18.30 Lecture, followed by Q&A
 19.45 Drinks reception
- 3rd October** **Should the UK Give Aid to Countries with High Levels of Corruption?**
- Location* Norton Rose, 3 Moor London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ
Timing 18.00 Registration
 18.30 Panel debate, followed by Q&A
 19.45 Drinks reception
- November** **TI-UK AGM** (date TBC)
- December** **TI-UK Annual Lecture** (date TBC)

Upcoming conferences and courses

5th March **Anti-Bribery Workshop for Humanitarian and Development NGOs**

Transparency International UK and Mango are pleased to announce a new joint training initiative to address the challenge of bribery in the NGO overseas aid sector. For more information, please visit <http://www.mango.org.uk/Training/AntiBribery>

30th April **General Briefing on Anti-Corruption**

This is an introduction for anyone who is interested in corruption, its impact, and the latest developments in fighting it. For more information, please visit <http://www.transparency.org.uk/events>

6th & 7th September **Anti-Corruption Conference (London)**

This major international anti-corruption conference for academics and practitioners will be run jointly by the [Sussex Centre](#) and TI-UK. Further details will follow on our website.

7-10 November **15th International Anti-Corruption Conference (Brazil)**

The [15th IACC](#) will facilitate a cutting edge global exchange around three dimensions related to people: **public mobilisation**, **support for victims** and the **witnesses of corruption**, and most importantly, connecting a global community of people sharing a common mission to create change and crack corruption.

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