



Anti-Corruption Focus

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Transparency International UK's Quarterly Newsletter

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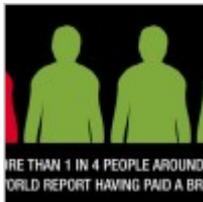
Leaks, press freedom & state surveillance: is this our fight?

Ever since the Wikileaks debate came to the fore, we have been wondering - to what extent should Transparency International be taking a stand on the issue? And what should that stand be? [Read more...](#)



The Lobbying Bill – a missed opportunity

Does the Government's new Lobbying Bill adequately address the problems presented by the status quo? [Read more...](#)



MORE THAN 1 IN 4 PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD REPORT HAVING PAID A BRIBE

The Global Corruption Barometer 2013

Corruption in the UK is increasing according to the world's largest public opinion survey on corruption from Transparency International, with survey participants identifying the media as the most corrupt sector, closely followed by political parties. [Read more...](#)



Was it a good G8 for transparency?

Back in January, in a speech at Davos, David Cameron announced that the theme of his G8 Presidency would be the 3Ts – Trade, Tax and Transparency. Great excitement ensued among the anti-corruption community. Now the summit is over, how much do we think have things changed? [Read more...](#)



The Bribery Act should not be watered down

According to reports, the UK Government is considering reviewing the Bribery Act, specifically the section on 'facilitation payments', otherwise known as bribes. Since the Bribery Bill was introduced in 2009 there have been concerted efforts by a small but vocal minority to water it down or prevent it passing into law. [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 | [Global corruption survey reveals one in four people paid a bribe in past year](#)

The Independent | [Phone hacking: Former Sunday Mirror journalist Dan Evans charged](#)

Reuters | [Dirty Money](#)

Reuters | [Bribery by GSK China was coordinated at company level: Xinhua](#)

The Telegraph (AFP) | [Cambodian opposition rejects Hun Sen election win](#)

Thompson Reuters Foundation | [Bribery in China - 10 lessons from recent cases](#)

The Wall Street Journal | [Bribery Act Review Considers Facilitation Payment Exception](#)

BBC News | [China's Bo Xilai: Disgraced politician charged](#)

BBC Sport | [Fenerbahce given two-year ban from European competition](#)

The Financial Times | [Lansley defends lobbying bill seen as 'sinister gag'](#)

G8 – The three T's: trade, tax and transparency

The run-up to the G8 Summit on 17-18th June saw great [pressure](#) on leaders to prove their willingness to respond to calls for greater transparency to strengthen efforts to stop corruption. David Cameron had promised that the UK presidency of the G8 would focus on 'three Ts': trade, tax and transparency.

Fifteen prominent anti-corruption figures, including Transparency International chair Huguette Labelle, called on the G8 summit to stop anonymous companies from being used to mask criminal activity and to require company registers to collect information on the ultimate owners of all companies, in a letter dated 7 June.

This year, TI-UK was actively engaged with government and other stakeholders in the run-up to the June summit. Although more could have been done by the Group of Eight, TI-UK viewed the Lough Erne Summit as an important [step forward](#) in the fight against corruption. The UK government prioritised transparency as one of its presidency's key themes, and specific asks were ambitious – such as public registers of beneficial ownership and extractive revenue transparency.

What matters now is whether sufficient momentum has been generated to turn words into [action](#). TI-UK will continue to monitor progress and push for effective change.

Bribery Act review

In May, TI-UK Executive Director Robert Barrington wrote a [letter](#) to Prime Minister David Cameron expressing concern about reports that the UK Government is considering a review of the Bribery Act only two years after its implementation. The Prime Minister [responded](#) stating that the government is strongly committed to the Bribery Act and have not made proposals for amending it.

In June the Bond Anti-Corruption Group - a collection of civil society organisations committed to tackling corruption and promoting international development – also [wrote](#) to the UK Government on the topic. The signatories were [CAFOD](#), [Public Concern at Work](#), [The Corner House](#), [Tearfund](#), [Global Witness](#), [Integrity Action](#) and [Transparency International UK](#). This resulted in a [letter](#) from the Ministry of Justice reassuring the Bond Anti-Corruption Group that the government has no plans to diminish or relax the role of the Bribery Act, and highlighting the importance of civil society in ethical business practice and its implementation. In August, the Ministry of Justice confirmed this in another [letter](#) to TI-UK.

Defence and Security Programme (DSP) News

In June [Transparency International UK's Defence and Security Programme](#) released its new report—'Raising the Bar'—detailing good anti-corruption practices in defence companies. 'Raising the Bar'—a spin-off from the [Defence Companies Anti-Corruption Index \(CI\)](#)—also identifies the seven topic areas that distinguish the better companies with respect to their anti-corruption practices. This report was launched with a panel discussion that was widely attended, including by international defence companies, and hosted by Norton Rose in London. It was also discussed at the 12th International Bar Association Anti-Corruption Conference in Paris, attended by our Defence and Security Programme Director Mark Pyman.

In August TI-DSP's senior consultant Nick Seymour participated in the 4th International Conference of the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in South Africa, where he presented a session on corruption as a cause and consequence of conflict together with Tapiwa Uchizu Nyasulu, TI's regional coordinator for Southern Africa. The conference gathers researchers, academics, policy makers and practitioners with an interest on crime reduction and criminal justice.

Mark Pyman also visited Afghanistan in August, at the request of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). Together with the Defence and Security Programme's senior advisor Alan Waldron, they reviewed ISAF's on-going anti-corruption work with the Ministries of Defence and Interior, and the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF).

News from the TI Movement

TI Rwanda and the rest of the movement were deeply saddened to hear news that a member of the chapter was murdered on the 17th July 2013. Gustave Sharangabo Makonene, 33, was working as a coordinator of the Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre in Rubavu. Transparency International has [called](#) on the police to undertake a full investigation to identify the motive for the brutal attack and bring those responsible to justice.

TI's partner in Brazil, [Amarribo Brasil](#), took part in a march in the north east of Brazil to demand accountability and an end to corruption in the water sector. In the towns and municipalities along the way, marchers helped people confront their local administrations & review public accounts to monitor spending. Read more [here](#).

Transparency International announced the winners of its 20th Anniversary Youth Photo and Writing Competition. The 1400 submissions revealed a deep understanding of how corruption affects society and needs to be stopped. Participants were asked to send images of its damaging effects on their world or to write an essay describing what people can do to stop it. View the winning entries [here](#), including a photo from the UK which received an honourable mention.

Recent Publications



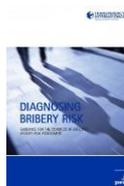
TI-UK Submission to Lobbying Bill Consultation (August 2013)

Having a strong Lobbying Bill is essential; TI-UK research indicates that there are serious and systemic problems with access to politics and policy-making in the UK; in practice, in oversight and in public trust. [Download](#)



Annual Report (July 2013)

TI-UK is part of the global Transparency International movement sharing one vision: a world in which government, politics, business, civil society and the daily lives of people are free of corruption. Read the movement's 2012 Annual Report to find out how we're turning our vision into reality. [Download](#)



Diagnosing bribery risk (July 2013)

This guide provides companies with specific, practical advice based on real-life experience on how to conduct an effective bribery risk assessment. Identifying and evaluating bribery risk is essential to the design and implementation of an effective anti-bribery programme. [Download](#)



Raising the bar: good anti-corruption practices in defence companies (June 2013)

'Raising the Bar' expands on our Defence Companies Anti-Corruption Index, Identifying and discussing seven areas that distinguish the better companies with respect to their anti-corruption practices. This collection of examples from the defence industry can also help raise the bar in other sectors, and enable their partners and customers to hold them to account. [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

Dates for your diary

To attend any of the events below please register here: events@transparency.org.uk

Full details of all our events, including external speaking engagements, can be found at www.transparency.org.uk/events



Corruption and anti-corruption: challenges and future perspectives

The Sussex Centre for the Study of Corruption (SCSC) will, in conjunction with Clifford Chance and Transparency International UK, be hosting its second annual conference. The event will take place over one day and will focus on the challenges of getting anti-corruption efforts right.

Time 09:30 – 17:15

Location Clifford Chance, 10 Upper Bank Street, London, United Kingdom, E14 5JJ

[More info...](#)



Corruption in local government

TI-UK will be launching a report on corruption in local government this October. This event will feature a presentation of the main findings of the report, and facilitate discussion and debate on the issue.

Time 18.00 - 20.15

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

[More info...](#)



Citizens against corruption

Pierre Landell-Mills, author of *Citizens against Corruption: Reports from the Front Line*, will be speaking about the importance of grassroots engagement, and sharing stories of how groups of courageous and dedicated citizens across the globe are taking direct action to root out corruption.

Time 18.45 - 20.15

Location FTI Consulting, Holborn Gate, 26 Southampton Buildings, London, WC2A 1PB

[More info...](#)



Doing business without bribery – an introductory course for Business Integrity Forum members only (free of charge)

Time 09:15-12:30

Location Transparency International UK, 32 – 36 Loman Street London, SE1 0E

[More info...](#)



Annual anti-corruption lecture

Speaker: Elena Panfilova, Director of Transparency International Russia.

Details to be confirmed at a later date.

Time 18.00 - 20.30

Location Clifford Chance, 10 Upper Bank Street, London, United Kingdom, E14 5JJ

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Transparency International UK

New Board members

TI-UK is seeking new members of its Board of Trustees.

We are looking for people who are passionate about integrity and good governance, and interested in supporting our work on anti-corruption in the UK and on the UK's impact on corruption around the world.

This is an opportunity to join the Board of the UK Chapter of the world's leading anti-corruption NGO, and provide strategic direction, guidance and support. Members of the Trustee Board are not paid, but travel and other expenses can be reimbursed.

In anticipation of forthcoming retirements from the Board, we are particularly looking for people with finance and business skills, including someone who would also be Chair of our Finance & Audit Committee.

Joining the Board of TI-UK is a senior non-executive appointment. Prospective members of the Board of Trustees should be able to demonstrate that they:

- Have professional expertise in a discipline relevant to TI-UK
- Are motivated to contribute to TI-UK's work
- Understand corporate governance and the role of boards and of charity trustees
- Have experience of contributing to the strategic direction of organisations
- Are willing to provide support to the work of TI-UK and are able to commit time to fulfil their Board responsibilities
- Appreciate that this is a voluntary, unpaid position

For more information about TI-UK, please see our website, www.transparency.org.uk.

To express your interest in this opportunity, please send your CV and a covering letter of no more than two pages, explaining why you are interested in joining the Board of TI-UK and outlining what skills and experience you bring to the role, to: Boardapplications@transparency.org.uk, no later than Monday 16 September.