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## Corruption in public varsities Politics among teachers, students vitiates academic environ

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"Academic Institutions have been loosing its pure academic environment due to excessive political sycophancy. Party politics among the teachers and students is mainly responsible for the massive corruption in public universities of the country", speakers

opined on Thursday at a roundtable held at CIRDAP auditorium in the city.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) organised the roundtable on the occasion of releasing a research report on "Corruption in Public University.

Features and Solution".

Professor of Political Science, Department of Chittagong University, Mohammad Yahya Akhter presented the key report.

Presided over by the Chairman of TIB Trustee Board, Prof. Mo-

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zaffar Ahmed, the roundtable was participated by a number of renowned professors of the public universities, intellectuals, media personalities and civil society representatives voicing their opinion about corruption.

In the keynote paper, Prof. Akhter said, corruption in the public universities spread massively and all academic, administrative and financial sectors are getting involved everyday.

Participating in the discussion, Prof. Moinul Islam of Chittagong University said corruption in the public universities has become acute due to the practice of party politics among the teachers and students.

Prof. Mohabbat Khan of Public Administration Department of Dhaka University said 'political goodwill' is badly necessary to stop party politics in the public universities.

Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed of International Relations Department of Dhaka University said 'research' and 'teaching' should be the two main components of the university. But there is no accountability about teaching, he alleged.

Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University Dr Mosharaf Hossain, former Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University Prof. Mohaminad Ali, former DG of Bangla Academy Prof. Syed Anwar Hossain, former Chairperson of International Relations Department of Dhaka University Prof. Amena Mohsin, Editor of The Bangladesh Observer, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Professor of Dhaka University, Asif Nazrul, Treasurer of TIB, M. Hafizuddin Khan, TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuddin, Pro VC of Dhaka University, Yousuf Haider and Sociologist Prof. Sadeka Halim also spoke among others at the roundtable.