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DHA, Karachi**FOR RELEASE on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011****NOTE:** All materials are **embargoed until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011** at 0.01 .GMT time .**Protests that marked 2011 show anger at corruption in politics  
and public sector**

*Berlin-Karachi, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011* – Corruption continues to plague too many countries around the world, according to Transparency International's 2011 [Corruption Perceptions Index](#) released today. It shows some governments failing to protect citizens from corruption, be it abuse of public resources, bribery or secretive decision-making. Transparency International warned that protests around the world, often fuelled by corruption and economic instability, clearly show citizens feel their leaders and public institutions are neither transparent nor accountable enough. "This year we have seen corruption on protestors' banners be they rich or poor. Whether in a Europe hit by debt crisis or an Arab world starting a new political era, leaders must heed the demands for better government," said Huguette Labelle, Chair of Transparency International.

**Corruption Perceptions Index 2011: The results**

The index scores 183 countries and territories from 0 (highly corrupt) to 10 (very clean) based on perceived levels of public sector corruption. It uses data from 17 surveys that look at factors such as enforcement of anti-corruption laws, access to information and conflicts of interest. Two thirds of ranked countries score less than 5.

New Zealand ranks first, followed by Finland and Denmark. Somalia and North Korea (included in the index for the first time), are last.

Pakistan 2011 Corruption Perceptions Index Score is 2.5 out of 10, and ranked as 42<sup>nd</sup> most corrupt country out of 183 countries. In 2010 its score was 2.3 and rank was 34<sup>th</sup> most corrupt country out 178 countries.

"The arrest of complacency about the corruption problem in Pakistan, is a good sign. Now we need strong action to make our public institutions more accountable to citizens," said Transparency International Pakistan Chairman Sohail Muzaffar.

Signs of progress in Pakistan include,

- the good performance of Public Accounts Committee, which recovered Rs 115 Billion from 2008-2011
- the introduction of a Judicial Policy in 2009 which announced “zero-tolerance for corruption in judiciary”,
- Ministry of Defence efforts to apply long-standing public Procurement Rules 2004 in the armed forces departments.
- Institutions such as Federal Tax Ombudsman considered as one of the cleanest institution.

However, this progress has been overshadowed by on- going corruption cases: the NICL, RPP and 201 Haj Scandal in which the Supreme Court has affected recoveries of Billions of Rupees.

“2011 saw the movement for greater transparency take on irresistible momentum, as citizens around the world demand accountability from their governments. High-scoring countries show that over time efforts to improve transparency can, if sustained, be successful and benefit their people,” said Transparency International Managing Director, Cobus de Swardt.

Eurozone countries suffering debt crises, partly because of public authorities’ failure to tackle the bribery and tax evasion that are key drivers of debt crisis, are among the lowest-scoring EU countries. Most Arab Spring countries rank in the lower half of the index, scoring below 4. Before the Arab Spring, a Transparency International [report](#) on the region warned that nepotism, bribery and patronage were so deeply engrained in daily life that even existing anti-corruption laws had little impact.

**Transparency International; Corruption Perception Index  
Pakistan Score and Ranking**

Year	Pakistan Rank/Score	Pak Most corrupt Rank	India Rank/Score	India Most corrupt Rank	B'desh Rank/Score	B'Desh Most corrupt Rank	No of Countries Ranked
2011	141/2.5	42	94/3.1	89	120/2.7	63	183
2010	143/2.3	34	88/3.3	91	134/2.4	43	178
2009	139/2.4	42	84/3.4	95	139/2.4	42	180
2008	134/2.5	47	85/3.6	96	147/2.1	34	180
2007	138/2.4	42	72/3.5	108	162/2	18	179
2006	142/2.2	20	70/3.3	94	156/2.1	8	163
2005	144/2.1	16	88/2.9	72	158/1.7	2	159
2004	129/2.1	19	90/2.8	58	145/1.5	3	147
2003	92/2.5	42	83/2.8	51	133/1.3	<b>1</b>	133
2002	77/2.6	26	71/2.7	32	102/1.2	<b>1</b>	102
2001	79/2.3	13	71/2.7	21	91/0.4	<b>1</b>	91
2000	N/A	N/A	69/2.8	22	N/A	N/A	90
1999	87/2.2	13	72/2.9	28	N/A	N/A	99
1998	71/2.7	15	66/2.9	20	N/A	N/A	85
1997	48/2.53	5	45/2.75	8	N/A	N/A	52
1996	53/1	2	46/2.63	9	51/2.29	4	54