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## **Abstract**

We are living in an information age. Information is the oxygen of the modern era, as stated by Ronald Regan in his speech to the English-Speaking Union in 1989. Keeping pace with the global change, Bangladesh is also in the process of turning into an information society. The mass media is still in the claw of the government. The paper examines how the government's different activities obstruct the freedom of media especially the press media in Bangladesh. To fulfill the requirements of the paper both the secondary literature on the mass media and primary data are accumulated by interviews with government officials, journalists, lawyers, teachers, students, and by reviewing a large stake of newspapers, books, journals. It seems to me that in many cases the government policy is diverting the media and the owners sometimes work as government part. Lack of the institutional shape of democracy, and encroachment of the corrupt people both in politics and media are another main reason.