



Tobacco Industry Interference (TII) Monitoring Report

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Summary:

A total 07 industry interferences were reported in December, 2023. Notable among these we identified that, Golam Mainuddin, Chairman of British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Limited, has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI). BAT Bangladesh has again received the award as the best tax-paying organization in the fiscal year 2022- 2023.

With the technical assistance of vital strategies, WBB Trust has collected all the information and prepared a brief report about the interferences done by the tobacco companies.

Date	News and source	Evidence
TII on CSR		
01 December 2023	Golam Mainuddin, Chairman of British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Limited, has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI). Link	
06 December 2023	BAT Bangladesh has again received the award as the best tax-paying organization in the fiscal year 2022-2023. On this occasion, the National Board of Revenue awarded BAT Bangladesh in the 'Other' category at a function organized at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the capital. Link Link Link	

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<p>06 December 2023</p>	<p>Hakimpuri Zarda (tobacco product) businessman of Old Dhaka was selected as the best taxpayer for 15 consecutive times.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link</p>	<p>১৫ বারের মত সর্বোচ্চ করদাতা কাউছ মিয়া <small>আগামী ২০ ডিসেম্বর অনুষ্ঠিত হবে ১৫ জন ব্যক্তি ও প্রতিষ্ঠানের ট্যাক্স কর্তা পুরস্কার।</small></p> 
<p>14 December 2023</p>	<p>BAT Bangladesh circulates Xceed Talent Ambassador Program. Xceed is BAT Bangladesh's year-long ambassador program where students will get to be at the forefront of everything in campus, while receiving ample opportunities to work with BATB directly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link Link</p>	
<p>20 December 2023</p>	<p>British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB) has become the first Company in the country to be certified as a Top Employer for the fourth time presented by the Top Employers Institute. The Top Employer Award for the fourth time by the Top Employers Institute for both global and Asia Pacific Region categories.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link</p>	
<p>TII on Misleading</p>		
<p>28 December 2023</p>	<p>Scientists from Kaunas University of Technology in Lithuania, in collaboration with the Lithuanian Energy Institute, have discovered a method to produce environmentally friendly and renewable biodiesel from cigarette butts. An article about their research was published in the Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis last November. As a result, it will be possible to produce eco-friendly biodiesel at a low cost, which will reduce environmental pollution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link</p>	<p>সিগারেটের ফিল্টার থেকে হবে পরিবেশবান্ধব জ্বালানি</p> <p><small>সিগারেটের জ্বলন্ত অংশ, ফিল্টার ও স্মোকিং ক্যানের মতো বর্জ্য পদার্থের মাধ্যমে পরিবেশবান্ধব জ্বালানি তৈরি করা হবে। তা থেকে উৎপন্ন হবে পরিবেশবান্ধব জ্বালানি।</small></p> 

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<p>30 December 2023</p>	<p>Scientists from Kaunas University of Technology in Lithuania, in collaboration with the Lithuanian Energy Institute, have discovered a method to produce environmentally friendly and renewable biodiesel from cigarette butts. An article about their research was published in the Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis last November. As a result, it will be possible to produce eco-friendly biodiesel at a low cost, which will reduce environmental pollution.</p> <p>Link</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows a news article in Bengali. The title is 'প্লাস্টিক নাক, পরিবেশে রক্ষা করবে সিগারেট' (Plastic nose, cigarettes will save the environment). The article discusses a research finding from Lithuania where scientists discovered a method to produce eco-friendly and renewable biodiesel from cigarette butts. The article mentions that this discovery could lead to a significant reduction in environmental pollution and the production of a low-cost, eco-friendly biodiesel. The article is dated 30 December 2023.</p>
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