



# Tobacco Industry Interference (TII) Monitoring Report

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### Summary:

A total 08 industry interferences were reported in January, 2024. Notable among these we identified that, A delegation of Akiz Group a courtesy call to Honorable Finance Minister Abul Hasan Mahmud Ali MP. on the other hand The National Board of Revenue's Large Taxpayer Unit (LTU) has given special honors to British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Limited. 'Corporate Award' of Universal Medical College Hospital gives to BATB.

With the technical assistance of the Union, 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
<b>TII on CSR</b>		
21 January 2024	<p>A delegation of Akiz Group a courtesy call to Honorable Finance Minister Abul Hasan Mahmud Ali MP. On Sunday they had a courtesy meeting at the finance minister's office around 12 noon. Meanwhile, the new Finance Minister Abul Hasan Mahmud Ali MP was greeted and congratulated by Sheikh Mohiuddin, chairman of Akiz Bidi Factory Limited.</p> <p>On behalf of Akiz Group, Director of Akiz Bidi Factory Limited. Kamruzzaman, Assistant General Manager. High-level officials including Ali Sadat Khan Majlish were present at the meeting.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	 <p>নতুন অর্থমন্ত্রীকে আকিজ গ্রুপের ফুলেল শুভেচ্ছা ও দৌজনা সাফাফ ১৯ জানুয়ারি ২০২৪</p>
21 January 2024	<p>The multinational tobacco company British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB) has been cheating the talented students of the country for two decades. The company selling tobacco products is continuing its campaign in the name of merit checks by offering jobs.</p> <p>It is known that every year British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB) organizes a talent verification</p>	<p>বিএটিবি'র 'ব্যাটেল অব মাইন্ডস' প্রতারণা চলছেই</p>  <p>BAT BANGLADESH</p> <p><b>Battle of Minds</b> Anything is possible</p> <p>শ্রেষ্ঠত্বের খেলায় সব মাইন্ড একতরফা চলেই</p>

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	<p>competition (Battle of Minds) for the students of different universities in the country to carry out their campaign.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	
22 January 2024	<p>The draft amendment to the Smoking and Tobacco Use (Control) Act was ordered to be further examined in the 11th Parliament Cabinet meeting at the end of last year. It is suggested that the draft be examined in light of reality, as businessmen related to the sector and the country's apex business body, FBCCI, have also opposed the draft. Now the new ministers and MPs formed through the twelfth parliament have raised the demand for the amendment of the law by various development organizations.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	
25 January 2024	<p>The National Board of Revenue's Large Taxpayer Unit (LTU) has given special honors to 54 public and private organizations as the highest taxpayers for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Other Category: British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Limited.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a> <a href="#">Link</a> <a href="#">Link</a></p>	
28 January 2024	<p>11 institutions received the 'Corporate Award' of Universal Medical College Hospital. The award was given at the 'Universal Medical College Hospital Corporate Night-2024' at the Samson H Center of Dhaka Club in the capital. British American Tobacco Bangladesh received the Universal Medical Corporate Award.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	

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<p>10 January 2024</p>	<p>Kaunas University of Technology Scientists 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><a href="#">Link</a> <a href="#">Link</a></p>	<p>জৈব জ্বালানির অন্যতম উৎস নিগারেটের ফিল্টার</p> 
<p>23 January 2024</p>	<p>Tobacco companies claim that 10 percent of the total domestic income comes from the tobacco sector. In the amount of taka which is about 30 thousand crores. Recently, demands have been raised to amend the Smoking and Tobacco Use (Control) Act. If the draft amendment is implemented, it will have an impact on the revenue sector. Also, the views of some ministries were not included in the draft, so the amendment was sent back to the Cabinet for further scrutiny and stakeholder feedback. They also feel it is important to ensure that the collection of the country's revenue is not disturbed in any way.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	<p>এনিআরে শুরু হলো বাজেটের কর্মসূচী</p> 
<p>TII on Others</p>		
<p>15 January 2024</p>	<p>Lalmonirhat, one of the most important agricultural districts of the country, once cultivated only vegetables and other food crops, but now poisonous tobacco has taken over that place. Due to problems in marketing, non-availability of fair prices, lack of incentives, and lack of proper supervision by the agriculture department, the cultivation of food grains and vegetables has decreased and the rate of tobacco cultivation has increased. Tobacco cultivation is constantly increasing as a result of encouraging farmers to grow tobacco by providing various facilities and incentives.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	<p>লালমনিরহাটে অস্বাভাবিক হারে বাড়ছে বিষবৃক্ষ তামাক চাষ</p> 

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