

Tobacco Industry Interference (TII) Monitoring Report

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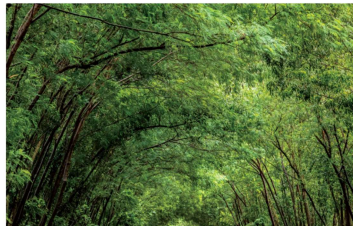
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Summary:

A total 09 industry interferences were reported in June, 2023. Notable among these we identified that, 'Banayan' will distribute 50 lakh forest, fruit and medicinal tree seedlings across the country on occasion on World Environment Day 2023. On the others hand a discussion meeting was held on the issue of printing new packet prices for cigarette products in the head office meeting room of the Department of Consumer Protection where British American Tobacco Company representative, Japan Tobacco Company representative was present.

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
TII on CSR		
04 June 2023	<p>The Bangladesh Bidi Sramik Federation held a discussion meeting on the proposed budget for the financial year 2023-2024 with four-point demands, including the ban on low- level cigarettes from multinational companies, at the Jahur Hossain Chowdhury Hall of the National Press Club in the capital. At this time, the labor leaders congratulated, thanked, and thanked the Prime Minister for not increasing the duty on bidi in the proposed budget.</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>নিম্নস্তরের সিগারেট বন্ধের দাবি বিডি শ্রমিকদের</p> 
05 June 2023	<p>'Banayan' will distribute 50 lakh forest, fruit and medicinal tree seedlings across the country. 'Banayan', the country's private sector-run tree planting program, has started a sapling distribution program across the country with the theme of 'Plant trees and build a healthy generation country -World Environment Day 2023. 'Banayan' is working in partnership with numerous public and private institutions and organizations including the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner, Rajshahi City Corporation, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and</p>	<p>সারাদেশে ৫০ লাখ বনজ ফলজ ও ঔষধি গাছের চারা বিতরণ করবে 'বনায়ন'</p> 

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		Bangladesh Agricultural University.	
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05 June 2023		A seedling distribution program was held on June 5 at the initiative of British American Tobacco at Chakaria police station in Cox's Bazar. At 10 am, the distribution program was celebrated by formally planting saplings on behalf of British American Tobacco in the premises of Chakaria police station. Officer-in-charge of Chakaria police station OC-Chandan Kumar Chakraborty was present in it.	<p>পরিবেশ দিবসে ব্রিটিশ আমেরিকান টোব্যাকো'র উদ্যোগে চকরিয়া থানায় চারা বিতরণ</p> <p>• প্রোগ্রাম শুরু করা হয়েছে • চকরিয়া, ৫ জুন ২০২৩, ১০:১০ অপরাহ্ন</p> <p>শেখর</p>  <p>কক্সবাজারে চকরিয়া থানা পুলিশ অফিসের চকরিয়া উপস্থানে জায়েদ আলী এ-কম্পানী কর্তৃক চারা বিতরণ কর্মসূচী।</p>
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11 June 2023		A discussion meeting was held on the issue of printing new packet prices for cigarette products in the head office meeting room of the Department of Consumer Protection. The Director General (DG) of the National Consumer Protection Directorate, A.H.M. Safikuzzaman, presided over the discussion on issues related to the printing of new packet prices for cigarette products after the budget. National Consumer Rights Protection Directorate Director Manzoor Mohammad Shahrir, Deputy Director Shahnaz Sultana, LTU-VAT representative, British American Tobacco Company representative, Japan Tobacco Company Head of Corporate and Fiscal Affairs Momshed Ali Khan, Akiz Group representative Kazi Md Anwarul Islam, Marvin Gomez, Consumer Association of Bangladesh (CAB) President Golam Rahman, and others were present in the meeting.	<p>জব্বি</p> <p>সিগারেট প্যাকেজের মূল্য মুদ্রণ নিয়ে জাতীয় ভোক্তা অধিকারের মতবিনিময় সভা</p> <p>৫ জুন ২০২৩</p> 
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11 June 2023		The Greater Kushtia Tobacco Growers Protection Committee besieged the income tax office and held a five-point demand, including the withdrawal of 10 percent income tax on tobacco purchases, the provision of government agricultural loans for tobacco farmers, and a benchmarking program. At the end of the human chain, they submitted a memorandum containing five-point demands to the chairman of the National Board of Revenue through the Kushtia Sub-Tax	<p>আমাক চাষীরা কৃষি ঋণ চায়</p> <p>৫ জুন ২০২৩</p> 

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		<p>Commissioner. Speakers in the human chain said that the government has introduced a 10 percent income tax on the purchase of tobacco for the current financial year due to the conspiracy of the British American Tobacco Company. We believe that if the 10 percent income tax is withdrawn for domestic tobacco companies, they will be able to contribute to the country's economy.</p> <p>Link</p>	
19 June 2023	<p>The Rangpur Tobacco Growers and Traders Association has surrounded the DC office with a five-point demand for standardisation, a protest march and the provision of agricultural loans to tobacco farmers.</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>সরকারী কৃষি ঋণ চেয়ে রংপুর তামাক চাষী ও ব্যবসায়ীদের মানববন্ধন</p> 	
24 June 2023	<p>The Tobacco Farmers and Traders' association held a program of protest and siege of the office of the Sub-Tax Commissioner at Lalmonirhat with a five-point demand, including the withdrawal of 10 percent income tax on tobacco purchases.</p> <p>Link Link</p>		
25 June 2023	<p>Since becoming the 1st company in Bangladesh to launch its ESG Report, BAT Bangladesh continues by launching its 2nd ESG Report for 2022.</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>বিএটি বাংলাদেশ প্রকাশ করল ইএসজি প্রতিবেদন</p> <p>পিত্তক অঙ্গসংক্রান্ত বাংলাদেশটোবাকোইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ লিমিটেড</p> <p>আগস্টে: ০৯৯৯ খ্রিস্টাব্দ, জুন ২৫, ২০২৩</p> 	
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30 June 2023	<p>Britain has taken steps to distribute 1 million e-cigarettes with the aim of making Britain completely cigarette-free by 2030. Health Minister Neil O'Brien said that this step has been taken to free smokers from smoking addiction. This project will be launched in England for now.</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>জনসংখ্যাকে বিনামূল্যে ১০ লাখেরও বেশি ই-সিগারেট দিচ্ছে ব্রিটেন</p> 	

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