



Tobacco Industry Interference (TII) Monitoring Report

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Summary:

A total 09 industry interferences were reported in November, 2023. Notable among these we identified that, BAT Bangladesh has winning 2 awards in different categories. Dhaka Tobacco Industries, the country's second-largest cigarette manufacturing company, has been accused of tax evasion of To 11,000 crore.

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.

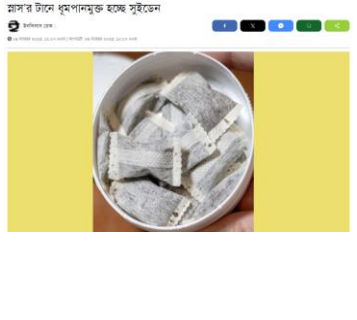
Date	News and source	Evidence
TII on CSR		
02 November 2023	BAT Bangladesh has winning three awards in different categories at the 23rd ICAB National Award for Best Presented Annual Reports 2022. Link	
09 November 2023	BAT Bangladesh has received the Gold Award under 'MNC Manufacturing Category' in the ICMAB Best Corporate Award 2022 Competition. The company received the award for the seventh time in a row. Link	

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<p>12 November 2023</p>	<p>BATB announce that Numayer Alam, serving as the Head of Commercial at BAT Bangladesh, has earned the prestigious title of 'Sales Director of the Year' at the Bangladesh C-Suite Awards 2023.</p> <p>Link</p>	
<p>19 November 2023</p>	<p>Interview featuring Shehzad Munim, the Managing Director of BAT Bangladesh. He becomes the first Bangladeshi to assume this role in the company's 113-year history. The pages of MW Magazine to explore a decade of his extraordinary leadership journey.</p> <p>Link</p>	
<p>30 November 2023</p>	<p>The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has published a list of the best VAT-paying companies every time. A total of nine organizations are being awarded the best VAT payer award in three categories: manufacturing, trade, and services. Akiz Bidi Factory at Rangpur, Akiz Bidi Factory at Lalmonirhat, Akiz Bidi Factory at Jessore, and Chan Bidi Factory at Madaripur have been nominated for the best VAT payer award at the district level.</p> <p>Link Link</p>	
<h3>TII on Misliding</h3>		
<p>09 November 2023</p>	<p>A type of tobacco called 'Snus' has become popular among smokers in Sweden. Young people keep this thing called snus under their lips. By doing so, they can stay away from smoking. In 2005, 15 percent of the country smoked, according to the government. Now that number has come down to 5.2 percent. Which is the lowest in Europe.</p> <p>Link</p>	

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<p>27 November 2023</p>	<p>In a recent study published in the British Journal of Healthcare Management, revealed that Tk. 6,165 crore can be saved on the health sector if people switch to vaping from smoking. According to the report published by UK Health Security Agency, vaping is 95 percent less harmful from other tobacco products. Considering the lesser harm, the Royal College Physician association suggested to encourage vaping.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link</p>	 <p>খুম্পান মেডে সেশিমে স্বাস্থ্যখাতে হাজারো কোটি টাকা সাশ্রয় হতে পারে : ইল্যাজেড গবেষণা</p> <p>১১ হাজার কোটি টাকার কর ফাঁকি</p> <p>প্রশংসিত টাকার টোব্যাকো</p>
<p>TII on Others</p>		
<p>07 November 2023</p>	<p>Dhaka Tobacco Industries, the country's second-largest cigarette manufacturing company, has been accused of tax evasion of To 11,000 crore. Customs sleuths have found evidence of evasion of a large amount of additional duty, VAT, surcharge, and VAT at source in the four years from 2014–15 to 2017–18 through various tactics. They have submitted their investigation report to NBR in this regard.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link Link</p>	 <p>১১ হাজার কোটি টাকার কর ফাঁকি</p> <p>প্রশংসিত টাকার টোব্যাকো</p>
<p>01 November 2023</p>	<p>A bidi factory is operating without a permit from the Department of Environment, next to a government primary school in Jaldhaka, Nilphamari. As a result, more than 150 primary school students have suffered from respiratory problems. In this regard, the headmaster of the school said that he had written complaints to the Upazila Nirbahi Officer last year and informed the Assistant Director of the District Environment Department several times, but the problem has not been resolved so far. However, Assistant Director of the District Environment Department, Kamal Kumar Barman, said that two notices have already been sent to the owner of the Bidi factory to close the factory. Legal measures will be taken on the spot to carry out the production activities of Bidi factories without permission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link</p>	 <p>স্কুলের পাশে বিড়ি ফ্যাক্টরি, তামাক শুড়ায় বিয়িত ক্লাস</p>