

## Tobacco Industry Interference (TII) Monitoring Report

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### Summary:

A total of 33 industry interferences were reported in October. Notable among these we identified that, A Better Tomorrow CSR Awards 2021 and A total of 19 companies in 6 categories are shortlisted including British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Limited (BATBC) for the President's Industrial Development Award 2019.

With the technical assistance of the Union, WBB Trust has collected all the information about the interferences done by the tobacco companies. A brief report on the activities of tobacco companies has been prepared in recent times.

Date	News and source	Evidence
	TII on TAPS	
30 October 2021	In Munshiganj town, Muktarpur, Sepahipara and Mirkadim in different places, retailers are displaying advertisements for various tobacco products. Although there is a public tobacco product policy, the shopkeepers are promoting the products in front of the shops at the persuasion of the companies. Not obeying the tobacco law. This puts young people and teenagers at risk of being attracted to smoking.	Special across variety across 1204 or
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	TII on CSR	
30 October 2021	A Better Tomorrow CSR Awards 2021 Top officials of six organisations Banglalink, BSRM Group, Dutch-Bangla Bank, Nestlé Bangladesh, Prime Bank and Standard Chartered Bangladesh that won A Better Tomorrow CSR Awards, and five individuals Amiya Prapan Chakraborty Arka, Esrat Karim Eve, Ahmed Imtiaz Jami, Tawhida Shiropa and Ratul Dev honoured as the Young Humanitarian of the Year with Planning Minister MA Mannan, during the award ceremony at Le Meridien Dhaka last evening. Keynote speakers Rajiv Prasad Shaha, chairman and managing	CSP AWARDS

	director of Kumudini Welfare Trust of Bengal, Shehzad Munim, MD of BAT Bangladesh, and The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam.  Link Link	
03 October 2021	including British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Limited (BATBC) for the President's Industrial Development Award 2019. <u>Link</u>	রাষ্ট্রপতির শিষ্প উন্নয়ন পুরস্কার পাছে ১৯ প্রতিষ্ঠান  প্রস্থার বিশি  প্রস্থার বিশ্ব  পর্বার বিশ্ব  স্থার ব
12 October 2021	'Bondhusheba' is a web-based messaging platform to support the farming community. This platform will help us to reach our farmers on time to provide required information regarding weather, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Sustainability, Crop Planning etc. through SMS. To ensure success of farmers in all aspects of farming, BAT Bangladesh have undertaken a number of initiatives to enrich farmer's livelihood and pave a path towards A Better Tomorrow.  Link	BONDHUSHEA A DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR PARMEN
14 October 2021	Xceed Campus Ambassador program is back! BATB asking to work with a team that shares avid curiosity & ambition, step up to represent one of the largest multinationals on campus.  Link	Unleash your True Potential Be A Talent Ambassador

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BAT Bangladesh pledges to contribute to 8 SDGs 27 October directly and to partner with the government to achieve 2021 the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 - in its plight to take the country to newer heights – in pursuit of 'A Better Tomorrow' they said. Link TII on Tax The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has demanded 07 October Tk. 2,471.10 crore from British American Tobacco 2021 Bangladesh Limited (BATBC), a food and accessories company listed on the stock exchange. According to NBR the special order of 2017, high rates of VAT and **TOBACCO** supplementary duty are applicable to international জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড, বাংলাদেশ brands of cigarettes. This order was canceled in 2018. But before that, cigarettes are subject to high tariffs. Link Link ভেড়ামারায় মূসক চালান বিহীন ১ লাখ ২০ Customs Excise and VAT Department Kushtia Circle-10 October হাজার শলাকা বিডি জব্দ 2, officials seized revenue evaded 40,000 Jamuna Bidi 2021 and 80,000 Ayan bidi without VAT invoice worth Tk. 86,400 at Baromile bus stand area in Bheramara of Kushtia. Link নবীগঞ্জে নক জরিমানা 12 October A mobile court led by Nabigani Upazila Executive 2021 Officer and Executive Magistrate Sheikh Mohi Uddin fined three traders Tk. 7,000 for producing and selling revenue evaded fake bidi at Gujakhair market in Nabiganj of Habiganj.

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16 October 2021	A mobile court led by Assistant Commissioner (Land) Executive Magistrate Uttam Kumar Das in Nabiganj Upazila, 25,000 fake bidis were seized revenue evaded and Md. Akib Hossain fined Tk. 10,000 for selling fake bidi at Gujakhair Bazar of Sadar Union.  Link	তাহ চলাগ বৌশুৰ্বি কৰিবল প্ৰতিৰ্বিদ্ধ প্ৰতিয়ান পালাগ বিধি কৰেবল কৰে হাতিকে ১০ হাজাই দিলা কৰিবলা লোগ হাজামাল আলাকাহ। লোগত সংকাৰণ বিধি কৰেবল কৰিবল কৰিবলৈ বুলিট্ট নিৰ্বিদ্ধ আছিলট্ৰট ইনৰ কুমান পালাগলৈ কৰিবল ১০খালিলা সুন্ধাৰ নোধাৰিল লোগত কৰিবলৈ কৰিবলৈ কৰিবলৈ কুমান কৰিবলৈ কৰিবলৈ কৰিবলৈ কৰিবলৈ ১০খালা লোগত কুমান কৰিবল কুমান কৰিবলৈ কৰিব
23 October	In Atpara Upazila of Netrokona, under the management	নেত্রকোনায় ৭৫০০০ শলাকা নকল ব্যান্ডরোলযুক্ত বিড়ি জব্দ
2021	of Revenue Officer Masudur Rahman Masud, the Customs Excise and VAT Department seized revenue evaded 75,000 fake bidi including fake band-roll from 12 shops. <u>Link</u>	a comparable a comparable
25 October 2021	Deputy Director, Consumer Rights Protection, Sylhet in association with Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) seized revenue evaded illegal Nasir bidi, Akib bidi with fake band-roll and various illegal items from 9 shops and fined Tk. 46, 000.	ত নামান কৰা বাবল কৰিব কৰিব কৰিব কৰিব কৰিব কৰিব কৰিব কৰিব
28 October 2021	Link  A mobile court led by Gangni Upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land) and Executive Magistrate of mobile court Nazmul Alam associated with RAB-7 Gangni Camp, destroyed fake cigarettes worth Tk. 50,000 has fined businessman named Asif Hossain Tk. 30,000 for possessing and sentenced him to one year imprisonment for non-payment at Gangni in Meherpur.  Link Link	সকল দিগারেট রাখার দায়ে ব্যবসায়ীর জরিমান। ভাগিত থকা আগার, ১২১৮ হন্ড প্রক এ  অথ প্রথম মন
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	TII on Smuggling	
02 October 2021	A team led by Sanitary Inspection Officer Faruk Hossain seized 29 and a half bags of illegal tax evaded bidi from in Jagannath Basudebpur area. Later, in Thakurgaon Sadar Upazila Jagannathpur Parishad, evidence was found that 15 bags of bidi were removed from the 29 and a half bags kept in custody.  Link	Two held with smuggled cigarettes in C'nawahganj  to Companies C STANGE 2012 1100 AM O PRINTING  THE ANGINERATION.
12 October 2021	Rapid Action Battalion arrested Md. Azgar Ali with revenue evaded 4,420 pieces foreign cigarettes at Khilkhet in Dhaka.  Link	বিশক্তেতে ৪,৪২০ পিন বিদেশী নিগারেটসহ আটক ১  Release In Advance In States I
13 October 2021	Bangladesh Textiles and Chemical Fiber Industry Limited, an importer of Cumilla EPZ, imported two containers of goods from China under the Bond facility, announcing textile and textile equipment. But after opening the container, the declared product was not found in the consignment, instead 1.13 crore cigarettes arranged in layers were found; the market value including duty is Tk. 34 crore and the estimated import value is Tk. 7 crore. Of this, the amount of duty is Tk. 27 crore. The customs team of Chattogram Customs seized the consignment of illegal customs and illegal cigarettes.  Link	কাপড়ের বদলে এলো সিগারেট—ফেসে যাচ্ছেন আমদানিকারক ও সিএন্ডএফ নিজর প্রতিবেদক 🗈 ১০ অঞ্জির ১০১১ ১১০০০ পূর্বাক
16 October 2021	In Chapainawabganj at Shibganj upazila, members of the Rahanpur Battalion, 59 Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) led by Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Md. Amir Hossain Mollah recovered 59 kg of ownerless bidi and many other illegal items in a separate operation at the Indian border.  Link	চাঁপাইনবাবগপ্রের সীমান্তে ৫৯ বিজিবি'র হেরোইন-বিভিন্ন পাতা উদ্ধার  প্রবিহনতার প্রাপ্তিন:  ত্রমিন ১৯ মারাল ৪০১  বিভিন্ন সামান্ত বিজিবি র হেরোইন- বিভিন্ন  কর্মন ১৯ মারাল ৪০১  বিজিব বিজিব বিজিব বিজিবি র হেরোইন- বিভিন্ন  কর্মন বিজিব বিজেব বিজিব বিজেব বিজিব বিজেব বিজিব বিজেব বিজিব বিজেব বিজিব বিজেব বিজিব

21 October 2021	An operation team of Rapid Action Battalion (RAB)-5's camp raided and arrested Md. Selim (34), a smuggler with 154,000 Indian bidi at Shibganj in Chapainawabganj.  Link	চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ: এক চোরাকারবারী ও এক পলাতক আসামী গ্রেফতার Posted on আলম ১), ১৯১১
24 October 2021	Border Guard Bangladesh has seized a large quantity of goods in different border areas of Sunamganj district. The patrol team of Nagaon BOP seized revenue evaded 6,000 pieces of Indian bidi from Chhamednagar in Rangarchar Union under Sunamganj Sadar Upazila, valued at Tk. 10,200. The patrol team of Mathgaon BOP seized revenue evaded 77,000 pieces of Indian Nasir Bidi from Darpagram in Laxmipur Union under Doarabazar Upazila, valued at Tk. 130,900. The patrol of Chinakandi BOP seized revenue evaded 7,000 pieces of Indian Nasir Bidi from Kapna in Dhanpur Union under Bishwambharpur Upazila, valued at Tk. 11,900.	কৰ্মাত বিভল্পি ইছৰ লগ এবই দিন সুনানগছ সদৰ উপাৱলাকৈন বাগান্তৰ ইটানিয়নে হামনগৰ নামক হুন যাত ৬,০০০ পিব ভাবটা জীৱন বিদ্ধি আঁচৰ কৰে, যাৰ অনুযানিক হুল ১০ হছাৰ, ২৭- টিয়া। এবই ইছিল লগ এটান এবই ইটিনিয়ন আইন কৰিছে নাম এই ইটিনিয়ন আইন এটান এই ইটিনিয়ন আঁচৰ কৰে কৰা কৰিছে এই
26 October 2021	In a separate operation of RAB-10, 2 cigarettes black-marketeer along with revenue evaded 4,099 pieces of foreign cigarettes were seized from Sabujbagh area of the capital, said a press release.  Link	সন্তুজবাণে ৪ সহমাধিক পিস বিদেশী সিণারেটসহ আটক ২  [ Patent lim II 000201 Updated lim II 000201  *** The state of the state
	TII on Misleading	
11 October 2021	Adolescents' boys and girls in UAE and Arab region attracted to vaping (electric cigarettes) instead of cigarettes. They claim that because of its different flavors, young people more inclined towards vaping.  Link	ষ্যাশনের অংশ হিসেবে ভ্যাপিং এর দিকে খুঁকছে কিশোর-কিশোরীরা  । ত্রী স্থান করে ১০১১ ও পর্কানিক  । ত্রী স্থান করে ১০১১ ও পর্কানিক  । ত্রী স্থান করে ১০১১ ও পর্কানিক  । ত্রী স্থান করে ত্রী স্থানিক খুঁকছে কিশোর-কিশোরীরা
12 October 2021	According to an analysis of Property Rights Alliance among four countries researchers found, developed countries such as the United Kingdom, France, Canada and New Zealand achieved great success to reduce smoking by encouraging vaping.	গবেষণার তথ্য : উন্নত দেশে ধূমপান হ্রাসে সহায়ক ভেপিং  তালিংচ ঘটোলঃ ১২, ২০২১, ১২০০ পূর্ণন্থ  থাপটেট ঘটোলঃ ১২, ২০২১, ১২০০ পূর্ণন্থ

	Rate of smoking reduction in these countries is on average almost double that of other countries.  Link	
13 October 2021	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States of America's food and drug regulator approved E-cigarette to keep smokers away from cigarettes and to control buying and selling of cigarettes in country. However, FDA has legalized only three e-cigarettes with tobacco flavor. These products are R.J. Reynolds brand.  Link	ইংগ্যান্তে 'চিকিৎসাপপোর' সীকৃতি পাছে ই-সিগারেট প্রকাশন বেদ ্ব নি মার্টান, ১৯৯ ১৯৫৪ স্থান, ১৯ ১৯৫৪ ১৯৫৪ তি কি কিছিল বিশ্ব বিশ
22 October 2021	Link  False declarations are being made day after day infront of the eyes of the customs. On September 17 this year, customs seized revenue evaded two containers full of foreign cigarettes at Chittagong port. Bangladesh Textile and Chemical Fiber Industry Limited imported 13 lakh cigarettes from China by announcing the import of textiles and textile equipment. According to the customs authorities, there was an attempt to evade revenue of Tk. 27 crore including customs and taxes.  Link	ক্রমণ্টনে 'মিথ্যা ঘোষণা', নথি গানেব চলত্তেই  ক্রমণ্টনের ভারতির বিশ্বর ব
24 October 2021	A study by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that menthol cigarettes are far more harmful than regular cigarettes. Menthol cigarettes are preferred by more than half (about 54 percent) of smokers under the age of 30 worldwide. According to experts, the effects of menthol in these cigarettes cause a feeling of cold in mouth, throat and lungs, which doubles the risk of blood pressure, heart disease and cancer compared to regular cigarettes.  Link	সাধারণ সিগারেটের চেয়ে বেশি ক্ষতিকারক মেছল সিগারেট

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### Brand Ambassador of Voice of Vapors, where speakers 25 October said, vaping is one of most effective ways to reduce the 000000 2021 risk of smoking, according to webinar researchers. Among them were Michael Landl, director of the World Vapor Alliance, Shahriar Arifin, deputy general manager of Unimed Unihealth Pharmaceuticals, former registrar of the surgery department at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, and Dr. Rajiv Joarder and Sumon Zaman, President of Bangladesh Electronic Nicotine Delivery System Traders Association spoke. Link Link Others লালমনিরহাটের বিডি শ্রমিকরা দীর্ঘমেয়াদি জটিলতায Golden, Bengal, Abul, Mansur, Akij and Moti bidi 07 October 2021 factories situated in Lalmonirhat. Children to elderly, man and women are working in these bidi factories. Bidi workers fetching health complications. Experts saying, bidi factory owners ignoring workers health hazard. link 13 October Even with written complaints in various departments, 2021 poisonous tobacco leaves crashing machines in open space not stopped at Kaliganj upazila in Lalmonirhat. Tobacco leaves powder blowing with wind and polluting area. Link After reviewing and approving the audited financial অন্তর্বর্তীকালীন লভ্যাংশ ঘোষণার পরও দাম কমেছে 27 October 2021 statements for the quarter discussed at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Limited (BATBC), the company announced the dividend in light of the latest quarterly (July, 2021- September, 2021) financial results and declared an interim 125 per cent cash dividend. However, the company's share price is seen declining in the first hour of trading in the Dhaka market.

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27 October 2021	Tobacco sector contributes 11 percent of government's internal revenue, where 5 million people directly and indirectly employed. Tobacco industry authorities said, in recent years, desired revenue not coming due to inconsistent price rise and policy-related inequality in tobacco products and various anti-tobacco organizations and NGO's interventions. They urged to include tobacco- industry representatives while forming any tobacco related policy.  Link	সূত্র জানায়, গত মাসে শ্বুমপান ও আমাকজাত দ্রব্য বাবহার (নিয়ন্ত্রণ) আইন ২০০৫ (২০১৩ সালে সংশোধিত) সংশোধনের জন্য একটি কমিটি ও একটি সারকমিটি গঠন করা হয়। কিন্তু এই কমিটি ও সারকমিটিগে বিভিন্ন এনজিওর উপস্থিতি ও শ্বাংশের বেশি। কমিটির ১৯ জনের মধ্যে ১৮ জনিবিং। প্রতিবেশী দেশ ভারতে তামাকসংক্রান্ত নীতি প্রণয়নে ভূমিকা রাখে ব্যাবসায়িক সংগঠন 'টোব্যাকো ইনস্টিউউ অব ইন্ডিয়া। বিশ্বের ৬০ শতাংশ টোব্যাকো ট্রেন্ডের নিম্বন্ত্রক কিন নীতি থৈরিকে বাবসায়ি অংশাজনের ভূমিকাকেও গুরুত্ব দিয়েখা খেলানে ভারত ও চীন অংশীজনের গ্রকত্ব দেয়ে সেয়ানে বাংলাদেশে কী উদ্দেশ্যে এনজিওগুলো গুরুত্ব পায় তা রহস্যজনক বলে মনে করেন সংগ্রিষ্ট বান্ডিরা।
27 October 2021	British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Limited (BATBC), a global tobacco company, declared 125 per cent interim cash dividend for its shareholders. This dividend declared based on reviewing its audited financial statements in 9 months during July, 2020 to March, 2021.  Link	শ্রিটিশ আমেরিকান টাব্যাকো বাংলাদেশ অর্থবন্ধন্তের নয় মানের কব্য ১২৯ শতাংশ নগদ লভাংশ খোষণা করেছে ব্রিটিশ আমেরিকান টোয়ামের বাংলাদেশ। ২০২০ সালের জুনাই থেকে ২০২১ সালের মার্চ মান পর্যন্ত ৯ মানের জন্য বিনিয়োগকারীদের এই মূর্যাবা মেরে এই তামাক কোম্পার্টি।
31 October 2021	Covid had a negative impact on the business of local and multinational companies last year. Tobacco listed multinational British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company (BATBC) Limited has earned Tk. 24,443 crore in first three quarters of current financial year. Where in same period of previous financial year income was 20 thousand 380 crores. During this time the company's revenue has increased by about 20 percent. Due to increase in revenue, company's aftertax net profit has increased by 32.59 percent during this period.  Link	ভিন প্ৰাধিকে তাদিকায়ক বহুমাতিক কোম্পদিব বাৰদায় প্ৰধৃষ্টি  তাম্পদি  অধিকাশন  অধিক