

## A comparative scenario of government representation in tobacco companies over the last ten years

Tobacco use is one of the leading causes of preventable death today. According to Global Adult Tobacco Survey data, more than 1 lakh 61 thousand people died in Bangladesh in 2016 due to tobacco-related diseases. Outbreaks appear to be exacerbated during these long-term and chronic illnesses. In addition to health, tobacco is harming the state economically and environmentally. Considering the dangers of tobacco, the government takes various steps to reduce its use. The use, advertising, and promotion of tobacco products have been banned, and patronage was regulated in 2013 with the enactment of the Tobacco Control Act amended, considering the overall harm of tobacco and reducing its use through legislation. Besides, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her commitment to building a tobacco-free Bangladesh by 2040 and included tobacco control in the Sustainable Development Goals and the Eighth Five Year Plan. Even after taking various steps by the government, it has not been possible to achieve the desired target in tobacco control.

According to Article 5.3 of the International Convention Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), unwanted intervention by tobacco companies, existing government shares, and representation at the policy-making level of administration in tobacco companies are considered major obstacles to tobacco control. According to the recent data from the Board of Directors of BATB, 21 high-ranking government officials have been involved in the tobacco company at different times and are still present for the last ten years. Below it is highlighted in detail:

Name	Government Position	Department	Year	Link
Mr. Kamrul Hasan	Former Secretary	Ministry of Defense	2010	<a href="#">Annual Report 2010, BATB</a>
Mr. K. H. Masud Siddiqui	Chairman, Former Secretary	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation , Ministry of Liberation War Affairs,	2010-2021	<a href="#">Annual Report 2010, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2011, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2012, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2013, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2014, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2015, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2016, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2017, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2018, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2019, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2020, BATB</a>

				<a href="#">BATB Annual Report 2021, BATB</a>
Mr. Md. Fayekuzzaman	MD	Investment Corporations of Bangladesh	2010-2014	<a href="#">Annual Report 2010, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2011, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2012, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2013, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2014, BATB</a>
Mr. Kamrul Hasan	Former Secretary	Ministry of Fisheries and Live stocks, Defense	2011-2014	<a href="#">Annual Report 2011, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2012, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2013, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2014, BATB</a>
Mr. Syed Monjurul Islam	Former Add. Secretary	Ministry of Finance	2011	<a href="#">Annual Report 2011, BATB</a>
Mr. Mohammad Moinuddin Abdullah	Managing Director, Sr. Former Senior Secretary/Secretary	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Housing & Public Works, Ministry of Industries	2012-2020	<a href="#">Annual Report 2012, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2013, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2014, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2015, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2016, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2017, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2018, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2019, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2020, BATB</a>
Mr. Jalal Ahmed	Chairman, Former Add. Secretary	Petrobangla, Ministry of Finance	2012-2017	<a href="#">Annual Report 2012, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2013, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2014, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2015, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2016, BATB</a> <a href="#">Annual Report 2017, BATB</a>
Mr. Md. Mosharraf	Former Secretary	Ministry of Industry	2014-	<a href="#">Annual Report 2014,</a>

Hossain Bhuiyan Ndc			2016	<a href="#">BATB Annual Report 2015, BATB Annual Report 2016, BATB</a>
Mr. Mikail Shipar	Former Secretary	Ministry of Labour and Employment	2015- 2017	<a href="#">Annual Report 2015, BATB Annual Report 2016, BATB Annual Report 2017, BATB</a>
Mr. Md. Iftikhar-uz- Zaman	Managing Director	Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB)	2015- 2016	<a href="#">Annual Report 2015, BATB Annual Report 2016, BATB</a>
Mr. Muhammad Abdullah	Former Secretary	Ministry of Industry	2017	<a href="#">Annual Report 2017, BATB</a>
Ms. Tahmina Begum	Former Add. Secretary	Ministry of Finance	2017- 2019	<a href="#">Annual Report 2017, BATB Annual Report 2018, BATB Annual Report 2019, BATB</a>
Kazi Sanaul Hoq	Managing Director	Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB)	2017	<a href="#">Annual Report 2017, BATB</a>
Mr. Md. Abdul Halim	Former Secretary	Ministry of Industries	2018- 2019	<a href="#">Annual Report 2018, BATB Annual Report 2019, BATB</a>
Mr. Kazi Sanaul Hoq	Managing Director	Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB)	2018	<a href="#">Annual Report 2018, BATB</a>
Mr. Md. Abul Hossain	Managing Director	Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB)	2019- 2021	<a href="#">Annual Report 2019, BATB Annual Report 2020, BATB Annual Report 2021, BATB</a>
Mr. Km Ali Azam	Senior Secretary, Secretary	Ministry of Public Administrations, Ministry of Industries	2020- 2021	<a href="#">Annual Report 2020, BATB Annual Report 2021, BATB</a>
Mr. A. K. M. Aftab Ul Islam	Director	Bangladesh Bank	2020- 2021	<a href="#">Annual Report 2020, BATB Annual Report 2021, BATB</a>
Ms. Mahmuda Khatun	Additional Secretary	Ministry of Finance	2020- 2021	<a href="#">Annual Report 2020, BATB Annual Report 2021, BATB</a>
Ms. Zakia Sultana	Secretary	Ministry of Industries	2021	<a href="#">Profile of the director 2021, BATB</a>