

Media Monitoring September 2nd Week (12 - 18 September 2026)

Highlights the issue in the media:

1. Proposed Tobacco Product Restrictions Draw Responses from Industry and Local Governments

The government's proposed implementing regulations under Government Regulation No. 28/2024 include restrictions on tobacco product additives and flavorings, as well as maximum nicotine and tar levels. Several tobacco industry representatives and local government officials responded to the proposed measures, citing potential effects on consumer preferences, tobacco farmers, employment, legal production, and state revenue. A study cited by the Deputy Chair of the Supervisory Board of the Financial Services Authority reported that restrictions on flavor variants could increase the estimated share of illegal cigarettes from 6.90% to 25.61% under one scenario. Meanwhile, research cited in another report found that 90% of respondents perceived a possibility that consumers could switch to illegal cigarettes if flavored products were prohibited.

2. Tobacco Industry and Local Governments Continue to Emphasize Economic Contributions and Support for the Tobacco Sector

Several local government officials and tobacco industry stakeholders highlighted the economic contribution of the tobacco sector and raised concerns about policy changes affecting the industry. The Situbondo Regent emphasized the sector's role in local employment and state revenue while noting the use of tobacco excise revenue-sharing funds for public programs, including the procurement of 38 ambulances and a Rp26.2 billion allocation to the Health Office in 2026. In Bangkalan, the local government continued preparations for the proposed Madura Tobacco Special Economic Zone to connect tobacco, investment, industry, agriculture, communities, and farmers. Meanwhile, the Indonesian Tobacco Farmers Association urged the government not to significantly increase cigarette excise and called for stronger enforcement against illegal cigarettes, tighter control of tobacco imports, improved use of tobacco excise revenue-sharing funds, and government coordination with manufacturers to absorb the remaining 2026 tobacco harvest.

3. Illegal Cigarettes and Alleged Excise Stamp Transactions Remain Prominent in Media Coverage

Illegal cigarette circulation and cigarette excise stamp issues remained prominent during the week. A report on an alleged illegal cigarette factory in Malang described cigarettes without excise stamps, incorrectly allocated or personalized excise stamps, counterfeit excise stamps, and reused excise stamps, with the products reportedly sold at lower prices than legal cigarettes. Separately, allegations concerning the alleged involvement of Commission XI of the House of Representatives Chairman Mukhamad Misbakhun in cigarette excise stamp orders were denied by Misbakhun and his former expert adviser, while the Indonesian Association of Functional Forces called for the allegations to be professionally verified based on documents, electronic data, transactions, communications, and official information. The reports also emphasized that the allegations had not established legal wrongdoing and that verification and evidence were required.

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Monitoring Area	Date (DD/MM/YY)	Headline (Source)	Summary	Spokesperson
Tobacco Industry Participation in Policy Development	FACE Indonesia 12/09/26	Tobacco Industry Sustainability Remains a Concern in Situbondo	Situbondo Regent Yusuf Rio Wahyu Prayogo emphasized that the tobacco industry remains important to the local economy and employment, as many residents depend on the sector for their livelihoods. He said changes in tobacco policy could directly affect workers and the local economy, particularly because alternative employment opportunities are not yet sufficient. Rio also highlighted the contribution of the tobacco sector to state revenue and the role of DBHCHT in supporting public programs. In Situbondo, DBHCHT was used to purchase 38 ambulances for village communities, while the Health Office received Rp26.2 billion in DBHCHT allocation in 2026. He argued that restrictions on the tobacco industry should consider their potential impact on communities. Rio also raised concerns about implementing regulations under Government Regulation No. 28/2024, including maximum nicotine and tar limits and restrictions on added flavorings, which he said could affect the sustainability of the tobacco industry. Meanwhile, the local government is encouraging investment in cigarette factories and preparing a “Tobacco Day” to recognize tobacco as an important local commodity with economic, cultural, and social significance.	Yusuf Rio Wahyu Prayogo — Regent of Situbondo
	Nusantara 13/09/26	Tobacco Industry Caught in the Crosshairs of Economic Interests	Nadia Ulfah discusses the government’s efforts to regulate tobacco products through proposed regulations on pictorial health warnings on cigarette packaging, as part of the implementation of PP 28/2024. The regulations cover restrictions on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, sales near educational institutions, and tobacco product ingredients. Hailuki, Deputy Chair of the Bandung Regency DPRD, said restrictions on tobacco products could negatively affect the tobacco business ecosystem and state revenue, emphasizing the industry’s significant economic contribution. The commentary also argues that tobacco companies have opposed government interventions that could restrict their business activities and questions the motivations behind international anti-smoking campaigns, which it portrays as potentially linked to competition for market and economic interests. The piece ultimately argues that tobacco should be more strictly regulated to protect public health, including through higher excise and restrictions on the tobacco industry. It also calls for businesses to shift away from tobacco-related activities and for tobacco farmers to transition to other agricultural sectors.	Hailuki — Deputy Chair of Bandung Regency DPRD .

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	Sindo News 13/09/26	Non-Price Tobacco Policies Could Increase Illegal Cigarette Consumption	Candra Fajri Ananda, Deputy Chair of the OJK Supervisory Board, discusses the economic effects of non-price tobacco policies, particularly reductions in tar and nicotine levels and restrictions on flavor variants. He argues that such measures can change product characteristics and consumer preferences, potentially leading consumers to switch brands, product types, or illegal products rather than stop smoking. Citing a 2026 study by the Center for Economic Policy Research (PPKE), Universitas Brawijaya, Candra notes that restrictions on flavor variants and reductions in tar and nicotine could reduce legal production while increasing the share of illegal cigarettes. Under one flavor-restriction scenario, the share of illegal cigarettes could rise from 6.90% to 25.61%, accompanied by lower CHT revenue. He therefore calls for comprehensive impact assessments, gradual and proportionate regulation, stronger enforcement against illegal cigarettes, and consideration of impacts on farmers, workers, legal industry, and state revenue.	Candra Fajri Ananda — Deputy Chair of the OJK Supervisory Board
	Komunitas Kretek 11/09/26	Proposed Restrictions on Cigarette Flavors Draw Criticism from Tobacco Industry Advocates	Aris Perdana criticizes the government's plan to restrict flavoring and other additives in cigarettes under the proposed implementing regulation of PP 28/2024. He argues that flavor is an important factor in consumers' cigarette choices and that restricting flavors would affect consumer preferences as well as the tobacco industry ecosystem. He argues that banning flavors such as menthol or fruit would not necessarily cause smokers to quit, but could instead encourage consumers to switch to other products. He also warns that a total ban on flavored cigarettes could increase demand for illegal products that continue to offer various flavors, potentially weakening the legal tobacco industry and affecting employment and state revenue.	-
	Banten News 15/09/26	Cilegon DPRD Member Proposes Commercialization of Town Square and Revision of Smoke-Free Area Regulation	Ahmad Hafid, Chairman of Commission I of the Cilegon DPRD, urged the Cilegon City Government to find new sources of local revenue amid the decline in the city's fiscal capacity. He proposed revising several local regulations and commercializing Cilegon Town Square as potential sources of additional regional revenue. Regarding the Smoke-Free Area (KTR) regulation, Hafid said the existing regulation prevents cigarette sponsorship from entering Cilegon. He proposed classifying which locations should remain subject to the KTR rules and which should not, as a way to potentially allow cigarette sponsorship and generate local revenue.	Ahmad Hafid — Chairman of Commission I, Cilegon DPRD
	Bernasnews 17/09/26	APTI Urges New Finance Minister Not to Raise Cigarette Excise, Farmers Fear Economic Pressure	The Indonesian Tobacco Farmers Association (APTI) urged the new Finance Minister, Suahasil Nazara, not to significantly increase cigarette excise, warning that higher excise could put pressure on tobacco farmers and the broader tobacco industry. APTI National Chairman Agus Parmuji said excise policy should consider the entire tobacco economic chain, from farmers and agricultural workers to factory workers and processing industries. Agus argued that excessively high excise could reduce sales, purchasing power, production,	Agus Parmuji — National Chairman, Indonesian Tobacco Farmers Association (APTI)

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			employment, and economic activity in the tobacco sector. APTI also called for stronger enforcement against illegal cigarettes, tighter control of tobacco imports, improved use of DBHCHT to support farmers, and government coordination with tobacco manufacturers to absorb the remaining 2026 harvest at fair prices. Related article: (Komunitas Kretek, 16 September 2026) Mengenal Tarif Cukai Rokok Tunggal dan Dampak Buruknya	
	Vartadiy 17/09/26	Stricter Tobacco Rules, 90% of Respondents Highlight Potential Market Shifts	The government's plan to tighten tobacco-product regulations under the implementing rules of Government Regulation (PP) No. 28/2024 on Health could affect consumer preferences and market dynamics. The proposed rules cover additives and flavorings as well as tar and nicotine limits. Kompas Research and Development findings show that changes in product characteristics or availability could lead consumers to switch to other variants or brands. The research found that 38% of respondents would choose another flavor from the same brand, while 34% would seek another brand with a similar flavor. Meanwhile, 70% considered additives important in choosing cigarettes. Notably, 90% of respondents perceived a possibility that consumers would switch to illegal cigarettes if flavored products were prohibited, although the research clarified that this reflects perceived potential behavior rather than actual switching. The study also found that 87% considered implementation of additive restrictions difficult or very difficult, while only 21% considered the restrictions effective in reducing smoking.	-
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Activities				

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Benefits to the Tobacco Industry	Surya.co.id 12/09/26	Gudang Garam Director Highlights Pressure from Illegal Cigarettes and High Excise Burden	Istata Taswin Siddharta, Director of PT Gudang Garam Tbk, said intensified government efforts to combat illegal cigarettes have not yet produced a significant positive impact on the company's operations. He said the legal cigarette industry continues to face challenges related to pricing, excise, and declining sales volume, creating a dilemma between maintaining sales volume and protecting profitability. Istata also highlighted the high excise burden on cigarettes, with the reported example of a pack sold for Rp26,000 while Rp19,000 goes toward excise. The discussion comes amid continued pressure on legal cigarette producers from illegal cigarette circulation and declining sales. Related articles: • (Warta Ekonomi, 13 September 2026) Cukai Capai Rp19.000. Gudang Garam Ngaku Cuma Kantongi Rp7.000 dari Rokok Harga Rp26.000 • (Surabaya Tribunnews, 12 September 2026)) Sosok Bos Gudang Garam yang Curhat Jual Rp 26 Ribu per Bungkus Harus Setor Cukai Rp 19 Ribu • (Bangka Tribunnews, 12 September 2026)) Sosok Istata Taswin Siddharta Bos Gudang Garam Curhat Soal Harga dan Beban Cukai Rokok Legal	Istata Taswin Siddharta — Director of PT Gudang Garam Tbk
	Balpos.com 13/09/26	Vape and Cigarettes Produce Different Types of Emissions	Mohammad Khotib, an academic from IPB's Department of Chemistry, explained that cigarettes and vape products generate emissions through different processes. Cigarettes produce smoke through tobacco combustion, while vape heats liquid to produce an aerosol. He said this difference in mechanism results in different emission characteristics. Dr. Roberto Sussman, a senior researcher at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), said vape aerosol evaporates easily and its droplets can disperse within a short period, reportedly less than one minute. The source also notes that nicotine-containing alternative tobacco products still carry risks, including dependence, and should not be considered risk-free. The source further emphasizes the importance of product information and legality for adult consumers, while stating that people who do not smoke—particularly children and adolescents—are not encouraged to start using nicotine products.	1. Mohammad Khotib — Academic, Department of Chemistry, IPB 2. Dr. Roberto Sussman — Senior Researcher, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

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	Rm.id 14/09/26	Alternative Tobacco Products Presented as an Option for Smoking Cessation	A study published in <i>JAMA</i> on 30 July 2026, led by Eleanor L. S. Leavens of the University of Kansas Cancer Center, recommends that clinicians include alternative tobacco products in discussions with adult smokers as one possible option for transitioning away from conventional cigarettes. Leavens emphasized that no single approach works for everyone and that adult smokers should be given evidence-based options while considering the benefits and risks of each. Dr. Indra Mustika, an academic at the Faculty of Dentistry, Universitas Padjadjaran, said health professionals in Indonesia should communicate evidence-based information without being biased toward products or treating all tobacco products as having identical risks. He stated that for adult smokers who have tried but failed to quit, completely switching from cigarettes to alternative tobacco products represents a lower-risk option than continuing to smoke. Indra also referred to his clinical research involving smokers and users who switched to alternative tobacco products, which found improvements in several biological indicators in the oral cavity, including increased Total Antioxidant Oxidative Capacity (TAOC) and reduced TNF-α and micronucleus cells (MNC). The source stresses that alternative tobacco products are not risk-free, and that their different risk profiles should be considered when discussing switching options with adult smokers.	1. Eleanor L. S. Leavens — Researcher, University of Kansas Cancer Center 2. Dr. Indra Mustika — Academic, Faculty of Dentistry, Universitas Padjadjaran
	Warta Digital 15/09/26	Bangkalan Develops Madura Tobacco Special Economic Zone	The Bangkalan Regency Government is preparing updated data and requirements for the proposed Madura Tobacco Special Economic Zone (KEK Tembakau Madura). The initiative is intended to make tobacco one of the drivers of Madura's economy by connecting local potential with investment, industry, agriculture, communities, and tobacco farmers. Bangkalan Regional Secretary Ismet Effendi expressed support for the proposal and said the local government is ready to prepare the necessary requirements. Deputy Regent Moch. Fauzan Ja'far emphasized the importance of cooperation among Madura's four regencies so that tobacco potential can be developed as a shared regional economic strength. The proposed zone is expected to create new investment and economic opportunities while increasing added value and benefits for local communities and tobacco farmers. Related article: • (DetikZone, 16 September 2026) Bupati Sumenep Tegaskan Dukungan KEK Tembakau Madura, 30 Hektare Lahan Disiapkan	1. Ismet Effendi — Regional Secretary of Bangkalan Regency 2. Moch. Fauzan Ja'far — Deputy Regent of Bangkalan

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	Berita Banten 14/09/26	Gudang Garam's Gains, the State's Gains, and Madura Tobacco Farmers' Losses	Mohamad Nabil highlights the disparity in economic benefits within the tobacco sector in Madura. He cites an example in which 1 kg of dried tobacco purchased from farmers for around Rp50,000 can produce approximately 1,000 machine-made kretek cigarettes worth around Rp2 million at retail. He estimates that the government receives Rp1.57 million, factories Rp292,000 in gross profit, tobacco-producing regions Rp148,000, and farmers only Rp50,000. Nabil also criticizes PT Gudang Garam Tbk's concerns over excise costs, noting that although the company reported declining revenue and sales volume, its attributable profit increased sharply in the first half of 2026. He argues that declining cigarette sales can also reduce tobacco purchases from farmers and highlights the company's reported suspension of tobacco purchases in Temanggung. He further calls for stronger protection of tobacco farmers through transparent grading, tripartite price-setting, greater transparency in DBHCHT allocation, enforcement of local tobacco absorption requirements, and legal channels for small-scale cigarette businesses.	Mohamad Nabil — Consumer of Madura Tobacco Products Sold at Rp50,000 per Kilogram
	Varta DIY 16/09/26	Djarum Sets Temanggung Tobacco Prices. Buyers Follow Grade Standards	PT Djarum has set tobacco purchase prices based on different quality grades for the 2026 harvest in Temanggung. Hugiono, a member of PT Djarum's purchasing team, said field buyers do not determine prices independently and instead follow the prices established by the company. The statement followed a meeting between PT Djarum and Temanggung Regent Agus Setyawan concerning tobacco absorption during this year's harvest. Agus emphasized the importance of price transparency because tobacco grading can involve subjective assessment. He said the price list had been disseminated and was openly available as a reference for traders. PT Djarum said tobacco quality this year was better than last year and initially set a purchase target of around 5,000 tons from Temanggung, with the possibility of increasing it depending on the quality and field conditions. The Temanggung Government also plans to communicate with other manufacturers to expand tobacco absorption.	1. Hugiono — PT Djarum Purchasing Team 2. Agus Setyawan — Regent of Temanggung
	Vartadiy 17/09/26	APTI Complaint: Tobacco Industry Feels Like a State-Owned Enterprise. State Only Wants the Money	The National Leadership of the Indonesian Tobacco Farmers Association (APTI) criticized what it considers an unbalanced tobacco excise policy. APTI National Chairman Agus Parmuji compared the tobacco industry to a state-owned enterprise managed by the private sector, arguing that the government benefits substantially from tobacco excise revenue while farmers and the industry bear the resulting challenges. He urged the new Finance Minister, Suahasil Nazara, not to increase cigarette excise. Agus said tobacco excise revenue contributes around Rp203 trillion to state coffers and should be accompanied by greater protection for domestic tobacco farmers. APTI also urged the Ministry of Finance to resist foreign interests seeking to control Indonesia's nicotine trade under the banner of global health issues. In addition, APTI called for stronger	Agus Parmuji — National Chairman, Indonesian Tobacco Farmers Association (APTI)

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			action against illegal cigarettes and tighter control of tobacco imports that are cheaper than locally produced tobacco.	
	Suara Indonesia 17/09/26	Four Regencies in Madura Urged to Strengthen Coordination on Tobacco Special Economic Zone Proposal	Sumenep Regent Achmad Fauzi Wongsojudo said the proposal for the Madura Tobacco Special Economic Zone (KEK Tembakau Madura) requires stronger coordination among the four regencies in Madura and the East Java Provincial Government. He emphasized that the development of the proposed zone cannot rely on a single local government and called for concrete follow-up steps to advance the proposal. The proposal is expected to be processed through the East Java Provincial Government and then submitted to the central government through the National Council for Special Economic Zones. For Sumenep, land readiness and local government support are part of the initial preparations for developing the area around the tobacco commodity. The cross-regency and provincial coordination is expected to move the proposal from discussion toward the required technical and administrative stages.	Achmad Fauzi Wongsojudo — Regent of Sumenep
Unnecessary Interactions				
Transparency				
Conflict of Interest	Media Indonesia 13/09/26	Misbakhun Denies Allegations Linking Him to Cigarette Excise Stamp Orders	Chairman of DPR Commission XI Mukhamad Misbakhun denied reports and a podcast alleging his involvement in cigarette excise stamp orders. He said he has consistently defended tobacco farmers in his East Java II constituency and supports keeping hand-rolled kretek cigarette excise rates low because of their importance to tobacco farmers. Misbakhun also clarified that Adi Harnowo, who was mentioned in the allegations as his parliamentary expert, has not worked for him since the current DPR term began in October 2024. He emphasized that cigarette excise stamp orders are handled electronically through the Directorate General of Customs and Excise (DJBC), not by members of parliament. He also said DJBC official Nirwala Dwi Heryanto confirmed that his name was not found in the investigation. Wahid Nurahman and Agus Cahyono defended Misbakhun's record, saying he has consistently advocated for tobacco farmers, cigarette factory workers, and the tobacco industry, including opposing increases in tobacco excise rates.	1. Mukhamad Misbakhun — Chairman of DPR Commission XI 2. Nirwala Dwi Heryanto — Director of Communication and Guidance for Service Users, DJBC 3. Wahid Nurahman — Community figure in Probolinggo 4. Agus Cahyono — Secretary of Madas Serumpun

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	Jatim Times 14/09/26	Politician Gus Mamak Named in Investigation into Alleged Illegal Cigarette Factory	The name of Ma'ruf Mubarak, also known as Gus Mamak, a Gerindra politician and member of the DPR RI representing East Java V, was mentioned in a Tempo investigation into an alleged illegal cigarette business. He was reportedly linked to a cigarette factory in Bululawang, Malang Regency. When approached by the Tempo team on 31 August 2026, Gus Mamak denied owning a factory producing plain cigarettes and declined to identify its owner. The factory allegedly associated with him was identified through the name Kunci Mas, located near Pondok Pesantren An Nur in Bululawang. Tempo journalists Yosea Arga and Erwan Hermawan described transactions involving	Ma'ruf Mubarak (Gus Mamak) — Gerindra politician and Member of the DPR RI, East Java V

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			several cigarette brands at the factory and noted similarities between some of the products and established cigarette brands. The investigation also traced various forms of illegal cigarettes, including cigarettes without excise stamps, incorrect excise allocation or personalization, counterfeit excise stamps, and reused excise stamps. These products were reportedly sold at significantly lower prices than legal cigarettes because they did not bear the same excise burden, with distribution extending beyond their production areas. Related articles: • (Tulungagung Jatim Times, 14 September 2026) Gus Mamak Disebut dalam Investigasi Rokok Illegal Tempo. Pabriknya Diduga di Bululawang • (Malang Times, 14 September 2026) Gus Mamak Disebut dalam Investigasi Rokok Illegal Tempo. Pabriknya Diduga di Bululawang	
	Halo.id 15/09/26	SOKSI Urges AGO and KPK to Investigate Alleged Excise Stamp Trade Involving Misbakhun	Azis Narang, Deputy Secretary-General of SOKSI, urged law enforcement authorities to investigate allegations concerning the suspected trade of counterfeit cigarette excise stamps involving Mukhamad Misbakhun, Chairman of Commission XI of the DPR RI. He said credible information from media investigations should not simply remain a public controversy and called for professional verification without immediately assuming wrongdoing. The allegations emerged from the <i>Bocor Alus Tempo</i> podcast and <i>Mingguan Tempo</i>'s 13 September 2026 edition, which mentioned Misbakhun in connection with alleged orders or trade involving illegal cigarette excise stamps. Misbakhun denied the allegations and said he had not carried out the actions described in the reports. Azis stressed that the media investigation is not a legal verdict, while Misbakhun's denial should also be respected but should not prevent further verification. Azis called for investigators to examine documents, electronic data, transactions, communications, and official information from the Directorate General of Customs and Excise. He emphasized following the evidence and tracing who was involved, how the alleged transactions occurred, and who may have benefited economically. The piece also notes that excise stamps serve as proof of excise payment and as a monitoring instrument for excisable goods. Related articles:	1. Azis Narang — Deputy Secretary-General, SOKSI 2. Mukhamad Misbakhun — Chairman of Commission XI, DPR RI

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			• (Hallobisnis.com, 15 September 2026) Kejagung dan KPK Diminta Proaktif Verifikasi Dugaan Pita Cukai, Bantahan Misbakhun Tetap Harus Diuji • (Ruang Harian, 15 September 2026) SOKSI Desak Usut Pita Cukai Palsu yang Seret Nama Misbakhun, Minta Nonaktif Sementara! Jangan Diam, Jangan Terburu-buru!	
	CNN Indonesia 15/09/26	Former Commission XI Chair's Expert Adviser Denies Involvement in Cigarette Excise Stamp Sale Issue	Adi Harnowo, former Expert Adviser to Commission XI DPR Chair Mukhamad Misbakhun, denied any involvement in the alleged sale and purchase of cigarette excise stamps linked to the illegal cigarette trade. He said there was no meeting at a Jakarta hotel involving him to discuss offers, rules, or transactions concerning excise stamps, and denied conducting any related transaction or using Misbakhun's name. Adi called for any allegation linking him to the issue to be supported by clear factual evidence, sources, and verification. He also clarified that his professional relationship with Misbakhun ended after the 2024 election, when the new DPR was inaugurated in October 2024. He said he had not maintained intensive communication with Misbakhun since then and asked that his former status as Misbakhun's adviser not be used to create the impression that the professional relationship was still ongoing.	Adi Harnowo — Former Expert Adviser to the Chair of Commission XI, DPR RI
	Genews Tv 15/09/26	Maruli Siahaan: Do Not Make Accusations Without Evidence, Misbakhun Is a Man of Integrity	Maruli Siahaan, Member of Commission XIII DPR RI from the Golkar Party, responded to reports linking Commission XI DPR RI Chair Mukhamad Misbakhun to alleged cigarette excise stamp orders. Maruli said he knows Misbakhun as a person with integrity who consistently carries out his responsibilities as a public representative and prioritizes the interests of constituents. He stressed that serious allegations should be supported by serious, accurate, and accountable evidence. Maruli acknowledged the importance of press freedom and public oversight in a democracy but said these should be accompanied by accuracy, verification, balance, and responsibility. He called for any party alleging Misbakhun's involvement to present the evidence, explain the transaction flow, and submit any suspected legal violations to the relevant authorities for objective examination. He also highlighted Misbakhun's stated support for tobacco farmers and workers in the tobacco-product industry in his constituency, particularly in Probolinggo and Pasuruan.	Kombes Pol. (Purn.) Dr. Maruli Siahaan, S.H., M.H. — Member of Commission XIII, DPR RI

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Preventive Measures	Viva Medan 14/09/26	APVI Sumbagut Declares Commitment to Building a Responsible Vape Industry	Algus Effendy, Chairman of APVI North Sumatra, led a declaration committing the vape industry to responsible and professional business practices. The four commitments include not selling or promoting vape products to individuals under 21, rejecting illegal vape products and misuse, and conducting business in accordance with applicable regulations. Algus emphasized that the commitments aim to support a healthy and sustainable vape industry based on compliance, ethics, and responsibility to society. The declaration was supported by UPrime and joined by representatives from APINDO North Sumatra, APVI, vape producers, distributors, retailers, and adult consumer communities. Ng Pin Pin, Deputy Chairman of APINDO North Sumatra, also stressed the importance of distinguishing legal and illegal vape products. He noted that illegal products do not pay excise and their ingredient safety cannot be verified.	1. Algus Effendy — Chairman, APVI North Sumatra 2. Ng Pin Pin — Deputy Chairman, APINDO North Sumatra
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