

Muhith unwilling to cut down VAT on pvt univs

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FINANCE minister AMA Muhith on Friday expressed his unwillingness to cut down the imposed value added tax on private-run universities in the country. "They (university authorities) are paying Tk 30,000 to 50,000 salary to each each teacher. Why they would not pay only 7.5 percent VAT? It is not acceptable," Muhith said, adding that he did not support the private university authorities' movement to press for reduction of the imposed VAT.

The finance minister said this responding to reporters queries after attending a function of food distribution among the inmates of Government Child Home at Bagbari in Sylhet city at noon.

Claiming that law and order situation has been steady in the country, Muhith said it was usually assumed that law and order situation deteriorated if murder incidents take place in the country.

"It is right if we consider the matter that way. But the overall situation is good in the country, except several incidents of murder," the finance minister commented.

Muhith also said that 35,000 police personnel have been recruited during the regime of last govern-

ment for containing law and order in the country.

More 50,000 police personnel would be recruited during the regime of the present government, he said, adding that modern equipments and vehicles have also been provided to the police force.

Sylhet city Awami League president Badar Uddin Ahmad Kamran, district unit general secretary Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury and city general secretary Asad Uddin Ahmad, among others, were present at the function.