

## *NBR insists VAT universities burden, not students'*

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THE National Board of Revenue on Saturday night once again provided its legal explanation over collection of VAT from the private universities.

It came up with the explanation hours before students' indefinite strike that has been scheduled to commence today (Sunday) at all the private universities campuses.

The students demanded scrapping of the value added tax imposed on their tuition fees.

The revenue board reiterated that the authorities of private universities, not the students, are required to pay of 7.5 per cent VAT imposed on the tuition fees.

In the case of providing services, the value added tax shall be charged on the total receipts' according to NBR explanation, as per section 5 (4) of the Value Added Tax Act, 1991.

The revenue board said that on September 10, they had provided explanation regarding VAT burden on the tuition fees. Since then some quarters have been disputing the legality of the explanation.

That is why the board came up with extended explanation, NBR posting said.

NBR, the central authority of the tax administration in Bangladesh, issued a statement on September 10 saying, 'it is the private university authorities' responsibility to pay the VAT, not of the students.