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## Govt urged to reconsider 10pc tax on private universities

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Expressing deep concern over the decision to retain the existing 10 per cent income tax on private universities in the proposed national budget for the financial year 2026–27, the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh on Saturday urged the government to reconsider the tax issue.

In a press release issued that day, the association also said that the income tax may increase the cost of higher education.



The association said that no positive decision was made, although the practical rationale for withdrawing the income tax was presented to the education ministry, the

University Grants Commission, the National Board of Revenue and relevant policymakers before the budget announcement.

The release also read that private universities have to pay a significant amount of VAT and taxes on infrastructure development, technology, laboratories, educational materials and various services.

If 10 per cent income tax is levied on it, the development and expansion of universities will be affected, while the financial pressure will indirectly impact students and may increase the cost of higher education, it continued.

Considering the importance of the higher education sector at the private level in the country, the release added that it is necessary to reconsider the 10 per cent income tax imposed on universities to ensure more investment in research and reduce the additional financial pressure on students.

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