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The National Board of Revenue on Thursday said that the proposal of Rapid Action Battalion for conducting drives against VAT dodgers through mobile courts was unacceptable and not worth to be considered.  
In a press statement signed by its senior information officer Syed A Momen, the revenue board said that it has reached the decision after conducting necessary review of the proposal of RAB.  
‘Value-added tax will be collected in line with the existing methods and there is no doubt about it,’ it said.  
The RAB has recently made the proposal for inclusion of the Value-Added Tax Act-1991 in the schedule of the Mobile Court Act-2009 so that executive magistrates of the law enforcing agency can conduct drives against VAT dodgers.  
The proposal brought severe criticism from the business community and business leaders expressed their reservation on giving such power to RAB.  
The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Wednesday said that the proposal created panic among the business community fearing further possible harassment.  
The revenue board in its statement also said that it would work with  
the stakeholders for achieving the revenue collection target and it was determined to create a taxpayer-friendly and business-friendly environment in the country.  
It also said that the revenue board wanted to collect VAT by using its expert officials with the cooperation of trade bodies including the FBCCI.