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Rights groups for direct taxes over VAT

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Terming the VAT (value added tax) as regressive, rights groups on Sunday alleged that the government has been embarking on this with IMF (International Monetary Fund) prescriptions. There should be more emphasis given on direct tax instead of VAT, which is indirect tax, they said while addressing a press conference at National Press Club. Twenty-five rights based organizations, including EquityBD organized the press conference.

Among others, Rezaul Karim Chowdhury of EquityBD, Monowar Mostafa of Development Synergy Institute, Asgar Ali Sabri of Action Aid Bangladesh, Aminur Rasul Babul of Upkuliya NGO Jote and Badrul Alam of Bangladesh Krishok Federation spoke at the press conference.