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## Summary

### Locally-owned Cigarette Manufacturers' Association Proposal to implement smoke free Smart Bangladesh

The 44th meeting of the Advisory Committee of the National Board of Revenue was held last Thursday (April 4) at a hotel in the capital. The National Board of Revenue and FBCCI jointly organize this advisory committee meeting. In the meeting, Locally-owned Cigarette Manufacturers' Association has raised demands to keep the tax rates and prices of low-tier cigarettes unchanged and also to reserve 100% of the low-tier cigarette market for local companies. The organization also claimed that 90 percent of cigarette market is now occupied by expensive brands, a claim that is far from truth. Finance Minister Abul Hasan Mahmud Ali was present as the chief guest and State Minister for Finance Wasika Ayesha Khan was the special guest. The Chairman of the National Board of Revenue, Abu Hena Md. Rahmatul Munim, presided over the meeting.

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