



From the Editor

Paying tax is your patriotic duty

If you want the rainbow, you must be prepared to put up with the rain." This old adage captures a fundamental truth about national development. Every citizen dreams of a nation with smooth roads, functional hospitals, quality schools, and reliable security. Yet, a strange many demand these very services while simultaneously resenting the tax system that funds them. Patriotism is not merely waving a flag on Independence Day or singing the national anthem. True patriotism is the consistent act of contributing to the collective pot that fuels our shared progress. When you pay your taxes, honestly and fully, you are not losing money; you are investing in the stability and prosperity of your homeland.

Conversely, it is both selfish and unrealistic to expect world-class services from your government while refusing to contribute to the national coffers. Governments are not magical entities that produce resources from thin air. They are the custodians of our pooled contributions.

Furthermore, common sense dictates that those who have more capacity should pay more. This is not punishment for success; it is the bedrock of social cohesion. The financially advantaged benefit disproportionately from a stable society; their businesses rely on secure borders, educated workforces, and legal systems that protect contracts. Therefore, it is only just that they contribute a larger share to cover for the financially disadvantaged. Lifting the vulnerable is not charity; it is a strategic investment in a less crime-ridden, healthier, and more productive nation for everyone.

So, to the dreamers who want a first-class nation without the effort: If you want national growth and development, prepare to pay tax. There are no shortcuts. Every pothole filled, every child vaccinated, and every streetlight lit is a direct result of someone's hard-earned money being transferred to the common good.

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