People's Reaction to Taxation

The word 'tax' seems to push people into playing a game of hide and seek. But this fear does not necessarily arise from the fact that a certain amount of money will be deducted from their income. According to section 75 of Income Tax Ordinance 1984 all assessees have to submit their tax returns. There are a lot of impediments in our taxation process, for these reasons a lot of people are not too eager to pay tax.

The authorities who manage the tax system are not fair and have made this process complex and time-consuming. The government should arrange promotional activities to encourage people to learn about the taxation process. The government should also arrange benefits for those who hold a TIN (Taxpayer's Identification Number). It will not work, if the government is reactive and collects tax from assessees. The government itself gave lots of opportunities to evade tax and later helped some people to make their money white. Another solution which is practised abroad is TDS (Tax Deducted at Source), which would simplify the problem for the tax payers as well as the government.

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Lack of Part Time Employment

A large number of students come to Dhaka every year for pursuing higher education. It is no doubt a step in the right direction for the future of our country. However, most of these young people are from the villages. In villages they usually come from low and medium-income groups. But the standard of living in Dhaka is extremely high. And the prices of the daily necessities are constantly on the rise. So, it becomes tough for them to match their funds with the new life and they struggle to cope in this situation. They have no choice but to look for a viable source of income. It's a matter of great regret that there are hardly any opportunities for such part-time employment. The public and private sector should look into making such part-time opportunities available for the disadvantaged students.

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Better Late than Never

It gives me immense pleasure to be an eye-witness of the success of an unprecedented peaceful movement by the DU students and teachers. This reiterates DU's stance at what it deems unjust.



DU students have demonstrated how a movement can be made successful with that notable degree of peace and resilience shown even in the face of the CTG's repeated failures in keeping its words to free the detained teachers within the pledged timeframe. Despite being late, CTG deserves applause for being able to eventually realise the just demand of the DU students.

The CTG has once again demonstrated a sign of its resolve in keeping a peaceful and congenial atmosphere in the country with a view to arranging a free, fair and credible election by the end of this year.

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Resuscitate Our Garments Sector

The garments sector is the most promising sector for our economy. It plays an important role in increasing our national GDP and earns a great portion of our total foreign currency. But it is very sad that from the beginning of last year till now this sector is facing various man-made disasters in Dhaka and Chittagong. Labour unrest and various other inconsistencies have caused the foreign buyers to sever their contracts and re-establish their business links with other countries like India, Sri Lanka etc.

It is an extremely alarming trend that our garments sector is in such a vulnerable condition. But the successive governments have failed to take the necessary steps to improve the situation. The people of the country expect the present caretaker government to take effective steps to control the garment sector of the country. One thing that should always be remembered is that the workers are the most important resources of the industry. Nothing should be done which might go against the welfare of the workers. The government should ensure that the workers receive their just salaries and working conditions.

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