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Subject: Rejoinder against a Report published.

On 22 June, 2021 your esteemed daily "The Daily New Age" published a Report headlined, "Ministry to look into Dhaka WASA MD's salary rise" has drawn the attention of Dhaka WASA. The statement of Dhaka WASA is as follows:

The dirty cartoon inserted by your reporter doesn't represent the fact lying with Dhaka WASA's Managing Director's salary structure. It is clear that attempts had been made to insult Dhaka WASA Managing Director which goes against the most essential Utility like Dhaka WASA. The Managing Director's total monthly salary is fixed considering all the legal benefit, such as bonuses and other allowances spread over 12 month of the whole year. Naturally, the Managing Director does not receive any separate one-time festival bonus or Baishakhi allowance. It is to be noted that the salary / allowance and other benefits of the Managing Director of Dhaka WASA are determined by Rule 28 (4) of the WASA Act 1996 and its rationality is determined by the Dhaka WASA Board. It is to be mentioned that Managing Director of Dhaka WASA is not entitled of any other benefits like Gratuity, Provident fund, earned leave encashment or pension at the end of his tenure like other Organizational Head as mentioned.

Dhaka WASA does not increase but adjust water price with the money inflation every year in order to lessen the Government subsidy in this sector.

According to a Sewerage Master Plan, Dhaka WASA has already taken vigorous plan to bring the entire city under sewerage coverage by 2030. As part of that plan five sewage treatments plants will be set up surrounding the capital city. One of them namely Dasherbandi Sewage Treatment Plant is being constructed and Plagla Sewage Treatment Plant is going to start construction very soon. Work in progress to construct the rest three sewage plants at Uttara, Mirpur and Rayerbazar.

A couple of water supply mega projects namely Padma Water Treatment Plant and Tetuljhora-Bhakartha Well-Field Project have already been finished and they are under operation. The report wrongly said that these two projects had been supplying one-sixth of their capacity. Factually, Padma has been supplying about sixty percent of its capacity and well field project supplying around 80 percent.

It is notable that under the leadership of the present government, Dhaka WASA has made tremendous improvements in the last one decade, especially in water supply management as well as revenue growth. Under the leadership of the current Managing Director, in the light of

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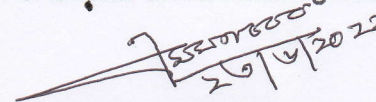

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the "**Turn around Dhaka WASA Program**", Dhaka WASA has been providing round-the-clock potable water to more than 20 million densely populated city dwellers and is implementing other programs including water treatment plants to make this supply sustainable.

Moreover, Dhaka WASA has achieved a number of successes, which have also garnered international acclaim. For example, revenue has more than quadrupled, 100% online billing system has been introduced, bringing all the low-income slum dwellers of the capital under legal and safe water supply network, reducing system loss from 40% to 20%, especially 5-6% in DMA area are remarkable achievements of the present administration. In addition, Dhaka WASA has been recognized by the ADB as the "**Best Water Utility**" in South Asia.

Finally, Dhaka WASA humbly requesting you to publish the protest statement on your next issue of the "**Daily New Age**" in the same page and column.

On behalf of Dhaka WASA Management


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