

The wrong raise

The director of PIA has rejected a recently announced raise in salaries of PIA employees. Many will think this was wrong, but we are all aware of the financial health of the national carrier, and the PIA management should have taken steps to generate more revenues and add new aircraft to the fleet and try to put it back on its feet, instead of approving salary hikes. With 19 PIA aircraft grounded for various reasons, and the airline suffering yearly losses that run into billions, giving a raise to employees is beyond my understanding.

Salaries should be increased but they should be subjected to productivity. Let us not sink the airline under the weight of heavy debts. There is still time and plans can still be made to try and improve the overall performance of the airline, otherwise, it will turn into another Steel Mills - an organisation that is surviving on aid packages and is fast heading towards closure.

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