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### **FBR notices**

I DRAW the attention of the Chairman Federal Bureau of Revenue to the overzealous actions of his staff. I was fuming at an audit notice that showed the inability of the officer sending the notice to do basic arithmetic taught at the Class 6 level.

I was chided by my employer who said I should have never filed my income tax return following a notice served to my employers by the FBR. As usual, the 'final notice' claimed I had been sent two — for me imaginary — notices earlier. Several colleagues said that such tactics was standard FBR practice.

To add insult to injury, a few days earlier I received an audit notice that was served on my 93-year-old mother who lives solely on half of my late father's pension but nonetheless is a filer even though her income is way below the income tax return filing limit.

It seems the FBR lower staff is out to harass those who are already filers instead of broadening the tax base and bringing in new tax assessees. The FBR chief should look into the matter and stop unnecessary harassment of tax return filers.

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