

Press Statement

Fight against illegal fuel vending stepped up

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The ERB would like to warn illegal fuel vendors that efforts to curb the vice have been stepped up while raids will continue to be undertaken in collaboration with security agencies.

This follows the seizure of 1,200 litres of fuel at a house in Chief Chewes area by government agencies in Chinsali. The area Magistrate has since ordered the disposal of 400 litres of petrol and 800 litres of diesel worth K13,000.

On 14th April 2017, a combined team of officers from the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, Zambia Police and other security agencies seized fuel from a hut located about 28 km from Chinsali district.

After the early morning raid, the ERB was engaged to facilitate the disposal of the seized fuel. With the assistance of Chinsali Municipal Council, a disposal order from the magistrate court was granted on 18th April 2017.

The ERB would like to strongly warn that it is an offence for anyone to retail or distribute petroleum products in Zambia without a licence from ERB. Apart from damaging vehicles, illegal fuel vending taking place in various parts of the country poses a great danger to life, the environment and property.

Motorists are urged not to buy fuel from unlicensed sources because the quality of such products cannot be guaranteed and in the event of any problem there would be no recourse at all.

Members of the public are encouraged to report illegal fuel vending activities to the nearest Police station, ERB offices in Chinsali, Kitwe, Livingstone and Lusaka or Consumer Toll Free Line **8484**.



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