

# Press Statement

## Countrywide Fuel Supply Update

12<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) wishes to inform the public that the regulatory measures implemented to mitigate the fuel supply challenges are taking effect and are gradually restoring nationwide supply to normal. The country should return to normal supply within the next one week.

As of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024, the country had 37,063,834 liters of diesel and 8,255,908 liters of petrol in various depots and retail sites countrywide. This is sufficient fuel stock to cover the national requirements of petroleum products. On average, the country consumes 3.8 million liters of Diesel and 1.6 million liters of Petrol per day. Fuel has continued flowing in through the pipeline and by road. We are working with relevant Government Ministries and departments to normalise fuel distribution logistics and ensure a consistent, reliable fuel supply.

Out of 614 fuel stations countrywide, as at today 207 fuel stations were monitored and of these, 76 percent were selling all products, only 3.4 percent were out of stock.

The ERB would like to reiterate its advice to the public to avoid panic buying as the Board is committed to maintaining transparency and oversight, monitoring fuel stocks countrywide to guarantee a steady supply.

As fuel supply stability measures take effect, we urge the public to refrain from engaging in illegal fuel vending, particularly in areas where the supply has not yet been fully restored. Illegal Fuel vending is not only a criminal offense but poses significant risks to public safety, including fire hazards, environmental pollution and financial losses with possible engine damage due to substandard contaminated products.

We strongly urge petroleum consumers to purchase from licensed service providers as these are regularly monitored by the ERB for safety and fuel quality compliance and to report any suspicious fuel vending activities to the ERB or Law enforcement agencies.



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