



PRESS STATEMENT

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STATUS OF SUPPLY OF BULK PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO UGANDA

The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, together with the Uganda National Oil Company Limited (UNOC) hereby provide an update to the relevant stakeholders and the general public on the continued supply of bulk petroleum products to Uganda following the ongoing Middle East conflict. The situation has affected the passage of shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, which is used to transit about 20% of the global oil consumption including supplies from the Middle East.

As of 27th March 2026, Uganda's fuel stock levels and the inland supply chain remained stable and sufficient to meet the short-term national demand. The available stocks for distribution to Uganda were about: Eighty-one (81 million litres of Petrol; eighty (80) million litres of Diesel; and about eighteen and half (18.5) million litres of Jet A-1. These volumes translate to approximately 22 days of stock cover for Petrol, 23 days of stock cover for Diesel, and 30 days of stock cover for Jet A-1: meaning that these stocks take Uganda into the end of April 2026.

In addition, the Ministry through UNOC is scheduled to receive confirmed vessel deliveries from the end of March 2026 into April 2026 mainly to the Mombasa port with quantities of petroleum products destined to Uganda indicating a favorable supply chain. These are to be complemented with supplies through Tanzania where the multiple available ports of Tanga, Dar-es-Salaam and Mtwara to enhance security of supply. The expected additional quantities that should be accessed from beginning of April 2026 add up to about one hundred and ninety five (195) million litres of Petrol, one hundred fifty five (155) million litres of Diesel, and twenty

four (24) million litres of Jet A-1; translating to additional days of stock cover of 52 days for Petrol, 44 days for Diesel, and 39 days for Jet A-1.

We therefore wish to reassure the key business partners including the transportation sector, aviation industry, the business community, and general public that Uganda's fuel supply remains secure, stable, and continuous despite the ongoing Middle East conflict. The guaranteed supply is facilitated by the strong presence of UNOC's supply partner in alternative supply sources in the world, away from the currently troubled Middle East.

While the supply remains stable, the Ministry working together with UNOC will continue to monitor the impact of other parameters, including forex exchange and international prices, on the resulting pump price.

UNOC, with the support and guidance of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, continues to work very closely with its supply partner to ensure continuity of supply of petroleum products to Uganda, thereby maintaining the demonstrated supply resilience despite ongoing global market uncertainties.

The Government of Uganda remains fully committed to safeguarding national energy security and ensuring a consistent and reliable supply of petroleum products across the country. This message also serves to clarify the related misrepresentations being circulated on social media, which are not factual and seem to be biased to causing undue panic and potential exploitation.

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