REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF FUEL SUPPLY IN NAMIBIA AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FUEL PRICE REVIEW FOR AUGUST 2026 BY THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES, MINES AND ENERGY, HONOURABLE MODESTUS AMUTSE AT THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CENTRE

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Good afternoon,

Members of the media and fellow Namibians,

I wish to firstly acknowledge and sincerely appreciate the public for tuning into this media conference, as well as the continued coverage by the media of the Ministry's activities, especially during this period of uncertainty in the international oil market and the subsequent fuel price decisions affecting our local economy.

This media conference is intended to brief the nation on the Government's decision regarding the August 2026 fuel prices, as well as the measures being implemented to mitigate the impact of international oil price shocks on the Namibian economy and consumers.

The Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy (MIME) has completed a review of the fuel price for August 2026 and hereby informs the Namibian public and all stakeholders of its decision.

The Ministry wishes to reassure the nation that Namibia currently maintains adequate fuel stocks and that there are no immediate risks of fuel shortages in the country. The fuel supply chain remains operational and stable, with sufficient stockholding levels maintained by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to meet national demand.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUEL PRICE DECISION

- The international oil market developments remained highly volatile, driven by geopolitical tensions, global supply concerns, and fluctuations in global demand.
- Increases in the international cost of petroleum products contributed to higher landed costs.
- Exchange rate movements also affected the cost of imported petroleum products into Namibia.
- Higher freight and demurrage costs further contributed to increased landed costs.
- Rising international crude oil and refined petroleum product prices for Petrol and Diesel resulting in a minimal over-recovery on Petrol and under-recoveries on both diesel grades.

According to the Ministry's latest calculations, the average price of Petrol 95 for the period 1–27 July 2026 was USD 115.160 per barrel, representing an increase of 2.87% from the June 2026 average of USD 111.948 per barrel. The average price of Diesel 50ppm increased by 10.97%, from USD 127.139 per barrel in June 2026 to USD 141.092 per barrel in July 2026. Similarly, the average price of Diesel 10ppm increased by 11.10%, from USD 127.523 per barrel in June 2026 to USD 141.684 per barrel in July 2026. The average exchange rate stood at N$16.4250 per USD, representing a depreciation of approximately 0.24% compared to the June 2026 average of N$16.3850 per USD.

AUGUST 2026 FUEL PRICES

As of 27 July 2026, the provisional over-recovery on Petrol and under-recovery on both diesel grades recorded stood at:

- An over-recovery of 2 .976 cents per liter on ULP95
- An under-recovery of -17.985 cents per liter on Diesel 50ppm
- An under-recovery of -14.132 cents per liter on Diesel 10ppm

Following the outbreak of conflict in the Middle East earlier this year, the Government introduced several measures to cushion consumers against high fuel prices at the pumps. One such measure was the temporary reduction of selected levies imposed on fuel by 50% for three months, effective April – June 2026. This measure was extended by another month during July 2026. Considering that the global oil market has now relatively stabilized despite the continuation of tensions in the Middle East, the Government has resolved to reinstate the 50% levy reductions for all affected institutions in order to boost their coffers and enable the implementation of their critical budget items with effect from August 5, 2026. Therefore, fuel pump prices for both products will increase by 200 cents per liter due to the reinstatement of the 50% levy reduction.

Therefore, fuel pump prices in Walvis Bay will be:

- ***Petrol 95: N$24.48 per litre***
- ***Diesel 50ppm: N$26.26 per litre***
- ***Diesel 10ppm: N$26.36 per litre***

Pump prices across the rest of the country will be adjusted in line with these changes. The effective date is Wednesday, August 05, 2026.

The National Energy Fund (NEF) will absorb the under-recoveries recorded on diesel, as well as the remaining levy portion of 2.95 cents per liter, as the Government has resolved to increase pump prices by only 200 cents per liter.

At this juncture, many Namibians may be asking why fuel prices are increasing despite the Government having secured an emergency fuel supply arrangement with Vitol to supply petroleum products at Basic Fuel Price (BFP) Flat.

The answer is that the current fuel price adjustment is primarily the result of the reinstatement of the fuel levies, which had been temporarily reduced by 50% over the past three months as a Government intervention to cushion consumers from the sharp increases in international oil prices. These levies are essential for financing critical statutory obligations and strategic programmes of various beneficiaries, including the road user charge levy used for the road infrastructure development.

It is important to emphasise that, had the Government not concluded the emergency fuel supply arrangement at BFP Flat rate , motorists would have been required to absorb not only the reinstated fuel levies but also the additional import premiums that suppliers would have charged above the Basic Fuel Price. During recent months, these premiums have fluctuated between approximately N$0.50 and N$4.00 per litre, depending on prevailing international market conditions and supply constraints.

Consequently, without the Government's emergency fuel supply intervention, the pump prices at Walvis Bay would have increased by approximately 600 cents (N$6.00) per litre for both grades of petrol and diesel. This increase would comprise approximately 200 cents per litre resulting from the reinstatement of the fuel levies and a further estimated 400 cents per litre attributable to fuel import premiums above the Basic Fuel Price.

The emergency fuel supply arrangement has therefore significantly mitigated the impact of the international fuel market on Namibian consumers by eliminating the substantial import premiums that would otherwise have been passed directly to motorists. As a result, consumers are paying only for the reinstated fuel levies, while the Government's intervention has prevented an additional increase of approximately N$4.00 per litre on supply premiums.

Accordingly, had the emergency fuel supply arrangement not been implemented, the estimated pump prices at Walvis Bay would have been as follows:

- ***Petrol 95: N$28.48 per litre***
- ***Diesel 50ppm: N$30.26 per litre***
- ***Diesel 10ppm: N$30.36 per litre***

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS TO CUSHION CONSUMERS

Government continues to implement substantial interventions through the National Energy Fund (NEF) to cushion consumers against the full impact of international oil price shocks.

SECURITY OF FUEL SUPPLY

The Ministry reassures the public that Namibia has sufficient fuel stocks and the national fuel supply system remains stable.

CONCLUSION

The Namibian Government remains committed to:
- Ensuring security of fuel supply
- Cushioning consumers where possible

- Supporting economic stability
- Minimizing disruptions to critical sectors of the economy

The Ministry continues to monitor international market developments closely to ensure fuel prices remain reflective of actual import costs while maintaining stability in the domestic fuel market.

Thank you.

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