

PRESS RELEASE

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COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS AT PETROL STATIONS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) in collaboration with officers from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) on 8th October 2018, carried out impromptu surveillance and compliance inspections on petrol stations in the Northern Eastern region.

During the operation, three (3) directors of three (3) petrol stations in Wajir that were selling petroleum products above the maximum retail pump prices were arrested and charged for selling petroleum products above the maximum retail pump price contrary to section 4(b) of the Energy Regulations, 2010 as read with section 102(w) of the Energy Act 2006.

The three directors were arraigned before the Wajir law courts on 9th October 2018, pleaded guilty to the offences and were fined KShs 100,000 each. The three are; Mohamed Omar Somo, Mohamed Abdi Isaac and Ali Bashane Gal who are directors of Wajir plaza service station, Safe Oils Service station and Northern Service Station respectively.

The Commission urges members of the public to continue being vigilant and to immediately report any instances of malpractice or suspected petroleum overpricing activities to the Commission through: compliance@erc.go.ke or hotline numbers 0708 444 000 or 0709 336 000.

The Commission also maintains a Short Message Service (SMS) inquiry system that the public can use to receive information on the latest maximum petroleum retail prices by sending a text message "price (space) name of major town" to 0707667623.

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