



Pakistan State Oil

Clarification: “Fuel Shortage hits GB”

KARACHI – July 12, 2016: Apropos the news item titled “Fuel Shortage hits GB” that appeared in Dawn on July 12, 2016, PSO would like to clarify that as opposed to the claim made in the news item, none of its petrol stations in Gilgit Baltistan faced fuel shortage during Eid holidays and the recent high tourism season. Furthermore PSO denies being contacted for the statement as reported.

During the recent Eid holidays, the northern areas including Gilgit Baltistan (GB) were faced with enhanced fuel demand owing to the influx of tourists from all across the country. PSO had anticipated the spike in demand and maintained adequate reserves to meet its customers’ needs. DCO Gilgit Baltistan has also appreciated company’s efforts.

However, due to the heightened fuel demand in Gilgit Baltistan (GB), and shortage at other OMCs petrol pumps, the customer load shifted to PSO. This can be gauged by the fact that during the first 10 days of July, PSO’s average sales were approximately 77 KL (Kilo Liter) while on July 11, the sales jumped to 175 KL. Gilgit is supplied with fuel from PSO’s Juglot Depot but due to increased demand, PSO has started providing it with additional fuel supplies from its installations at Sihala and Faqirabad. This measure was taken to facilitate customers and ensure a seamless supply of fuel. At the moment, PSO has reserves of 5 days in place for the GB area.

Being a responsible national OMC, PSO is committed to ensuring an uninterrupted fuel supply to its customers despite challenges and as in the past, has efficiently handled a dramatic increase in fuel demand in the northern areas.

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