

Establish regional oil depots, not one centre in Mpigi

News is that the government is set to construct national refined oils storage facility in Mpigi District, which is a non-oil producing area, but a large fuel consumption centre. This is a good idea. The government encourages the teaching of sciences yet it appears that it does not make use of the scientists in making critical decisions such as this one.

All citizens should look forward to benefiting from a stable and cheaper Ugandan oil price given that it is our oil and the overhead costs should be kept

as low as possible. This can be achieved by constructing regional oil depots across the country and the government should cover the initial cost of conveying the oil into them. This will ensure a relatively uniform fuel prices across the country. This can also go a long way in ensuring equitable wealth redistribution countrywide.

Otherwise, residents of oil producing regions will not like to see the oil first transported to Mpigi from where the fuel is later supplied to their areas at a higher price. Besides, their children

also need to get jobs associated with oil storage.

Note that at the moment, a fuel station dealer is free to import stock from a refinery in Kenya to any corner of the country without the stock having to pass through Kampala.

Therefore, the planners of the proposed oil storage facility, should wake up and revise their plans at the earliest possible time to avoid problems in future.

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