



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**FUEL SUPPLY REMAINS STABLE - GOVERNMENT URGES PUBLIC TO  
AVOID PANIC BUYING AMID MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT**

The ongoing Iran/US/Israel conflict is disrupting global crude oil supply chains, driving significant increases in international fuel prices and raising concerns over supply security worldwide.

Pacific countries, including Samoa, are closely monitoring these developments due to potential impacts on fuel supply continuity.

The Government confirms that the fuel tanker arrived on 24 March 2026, as scheduled. Following discharge, national fuel stocks are expected to remain at comfortable levels, with petrol and diesel projected to cover approximately 50-60 days, and jet fuel/kerosene up to 80 days.

Another firmed fuel tanker is scheduled to arrive in early May 2026, with a tentative fuel supply expected in early June 2026.

While global uncertainty remains particularly regarding tanker movements through the Strait of Hormuz, there is currently **no immediate threat to fuel availability in Samoa**.

At this time, the public is encouraged to remain calm and use fuel responsibly.

**ADVISORY TO SERVICE STATIONS AND THE PUBLIC**

The Petroleum Task Force (PTF), in coordination with Petroleum Products Supplies (PPS), is actively monitoring fuel distribution nationwide. Service stations are to continue normal operations while maintaining appropriate control over fuel sales.

Motorists and businesses are strongly urged to purchase fuel responsibly. There is **no current fuel shortage in Samoa**. However, panic buying and unnecessary stockpiling place avoidable pressure on supply and may restrict access for essential services and other members of the public. The public is also reminded that fuel hoarding is **illegal** and presents serious fire and safety risks.

Service station operators are legally responsible for ensuring that fuel sales do not contribute to unsafe handling, illegal storage, or excessive stockpiling. Operators are encouraged to rely on their knowledge of regular customers and normal purchasing patterns to manage fuel distribution responsibly.

The use of small, approved containers (e.g. 5-litre containers) is permitted only where containers are safe and for legitimate use. Service stations must refuse any sale involving

unsafe, excessive, or unsuitable containers, or where there are concerns regarding improper storage or handling.

Maintaining safety at all times is critical to protecting both the public and service station personnel.

**ONGOING UPDATE ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE IN THE DAYS/WEEKS AHEAD**

The Government continues to monitor the situation closely and will provide further updates on any potential impacts on fuel pricing and supply in the coming days.

The Government is also in preparation of a response plan, in case of such emergency or crisis arise. The general public will be advised accordingly for awareness and implementation.

The Government encourages the public to remain calm as it continues to closely monitor closely development in the Middle East and assess any potential impacts.

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