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UNAUTHORIZED INCREASE IN TRANSPORT FARES

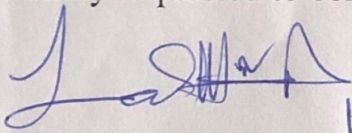
Our attention has been drawn to news circulating in the media that some groups of commercial vehicle drivers have decided to arbitrarily increase their fares in contravention of the Administrative Instrument on the determination of Transport Fares in the country. The actions of such driver groups are unfounded and must not be encouraged.

One of the major items that is considered during a review of transport fares is the price of petroleum products. We have followed with keen interest the recent Budget Statement which hinted of an adjustment in fuel prices and other related operational cost. We have also taken note of the suspension of the quarterly payments of the vehicle income tax for the third and fourth quarters of 2021 for tro-tros and taxis.

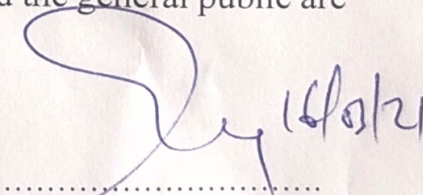
Whilst we await the passage of the Appropriation Bill by Parliament to give effect to the measures proposed in the 2021 Budget, we kindly request members and the general public to remain calm and disregard the threat of fare increase.

We as Transport Operators will sit down with Government to consider the various component that goes into the running of commercial road transport services to determine the appropriate fare adjustment.

We wish to use this opportunity to remind all transport operators, commuters and the General Public that the Precautionary Directives on Covid-19 in all public transport vehicles and terminals is still in force. Members and the general public are kindly requested to comply.


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