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THE EFFECTS OF HIGH FUEL PRICES TO THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN DAR-ES-SALAAM

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to research on the effects of increase in fuel prices on the behaviour of public transport drivers in Dar-es-Salaam, and to establish the consequent effects to bus operations.

The approach used in this study was survey and documentary research. Interviews were carried to drivers, bus conductors, bus users, experts, and officers in relevant regulatory and enforcement institutions. Documentary research was carried out to see the trend of fuel prices increase on international and local markets.

The study findings show that, the mode of employment of drivers in relation to fuel prices increase affects negatively the behaviour of drivers with consequent results in bad provision of service.

The study recommends abolition of the existing mode of employment for drivers and that drivers should properly be employed according to the law. Furthermore, the study recommends that public transport operations in the city be restricted to corporate institutions only invorder to effectively enhance regulation.