

South Sudan replaces state oil firm boss to solve oil crisis

South Sudan President Salva Kiir dismissed Joseph Cleto Deng effective November 1 as director of state-owned Nile Petroleum Corp. after he failed to solve the fuel crisis that besets the oil-producing country.

Deng, who only served for six months, has been replaced by Machar Aciek Ader, reported Bloomberg.

Ader, like his predecessor, has been tasked to resolve the fuel shortages that have left gas stations dry across the capital. The dwindling oil production is said to be one of the causes.

According to South Sudan's Petroleum Ministry, the lingering civil war in the country has cut oil production by about a third to 160,000 barrels per day.

"We have an issue really about the drop in prices of oil on the international market which delays the country in getting the U.S. dollars," further said presidential spokesman Ateny Wek Ateny.