

NGC revokes board appointment of Ahmad Khan after just 4 months



Former NGC director Dr Ahmad Khan

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The National Gas Company (NGC) has revoked the appointment of director Dr Ahmad Khan, a mere four months after he was installed on the board of the energy company.

"I understand that as of Friday, November 21, 2025, the Corporate Secretary of the NGC was advised that I am no longer a member of the board of the NGC," Khan told Guardian Media yesterday in a WhatsApp message, when asked if he had tendered his resignation from NGC.

This was after reports started circulating on social media on Saturday that Khan had resigned from the NGC.

Khan, a sustainable development specialist, however, confirmed in his message that he did not "submit any letter of resignation or verbally indicate to anyone that I have resigned from the board of the NGC and its subsidiaries."

Khan said he was in the process of verifying "what is going on and as such, had no further comment to make at this time."

A well-placed source told Guardian Media that Khan refused to be a rubber stamp as an NGC director and ruffled the feathers of a few people in the last few weeks.

In July, Khan was appointed one of seven directors to NGC's board, which is chaired by attorney Gerald Ramdeen.

The other directors are Dr Rampersad Motilal, Prof David Alexander, Rohini Ramai-Peters, Steve Ravi Seetahal, Nazim Sarjad, and Joseph Toney.

NGC falls under the purview of Energy Minister Dr Roodal Moonilal.

Khan's exit came the same day Phoenix Park Gas Processors Ltd president, Dominic Rampersad, was asked to proceed on pre-retirement leave despite not having intended to leave the company.

An internal memo issued to staff indicated that Rampersad had taken up early retirement with effect from November 21, 2025.

The memo, signed by Ramdeen, outlined that Colin Ramesar will assume the role of acting president until further notice.

Rampersad departed his office after spending 25 years with the energy company.

A source close to Khan said he kept challenging some of the decisions made at NGC without the board's advice or engagement.

"Remember, when decisions are made, the directors are held responsible. So if he did not exercise his fiduciary responsibility as a member of the board, then he would be complicit in whatever the board is doing. He is very serious about that."

The source said Khan was a straightforward and no-nonsense person.

"He was brave to speak out in meetings because he didn't have any dependency on being on the NGC board," said the source.

Each NGC director receives a monthly payment of \$5,000 for their services.

Khan, the source said, raised the issues professionally and respectfully.

While he supported some things, he questioned things, the source explained.

This obviously “ruffled some feathers” and created some annoyance.

The source said that for the past three weeks, rumours have been circulating in NGC and the public domain that Khan had resigned.

But this was not true.

To Khan’s shock, on Saturday, his name was removed from NGC’s letterhead as a director.

In addition, he no longer has access to NGC’s portal.

“So that means he’s no longer part of the board. They pushed him out. Constructive dismissal is what it is called in HR,” said the source.

As a publicly traded company, the source said, NGC would have to report a change in its directors to the T&T Securities and Exchange Commission.

Asked if Khan intended to tender his resignation to NGC, the source said no, and that people in the hierarchy of the UNC may have already been told that Khan resigned, which is furthest from the truth.

“There is no resignation letter signed by Khan.”

The source said Khan was elated when he was selected as an NGC director.

“NGC is such an important entity in the future of Trinidad and Tobago. He was honoured to know that he was considered for the board. And given the fact that energy is not just about fossil fuel anymore, it’s about renewable and green energy,” the source said.

Knowing that Khan has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in this field, the source said he thought that as a director, he would have been able to contribute positively to the State-owned company and help transform the energy sector.

“He’s disappointed that he would no longer be able to do that.”

Yesterday, Guardian Media sent a WhatsApp message to Moonilal asking if Khan’s appointment had been revoked and who was likely to replace him, but he did not respond.

Ramdeen did not answer calls on his mobile phone nor respond to a text message.