

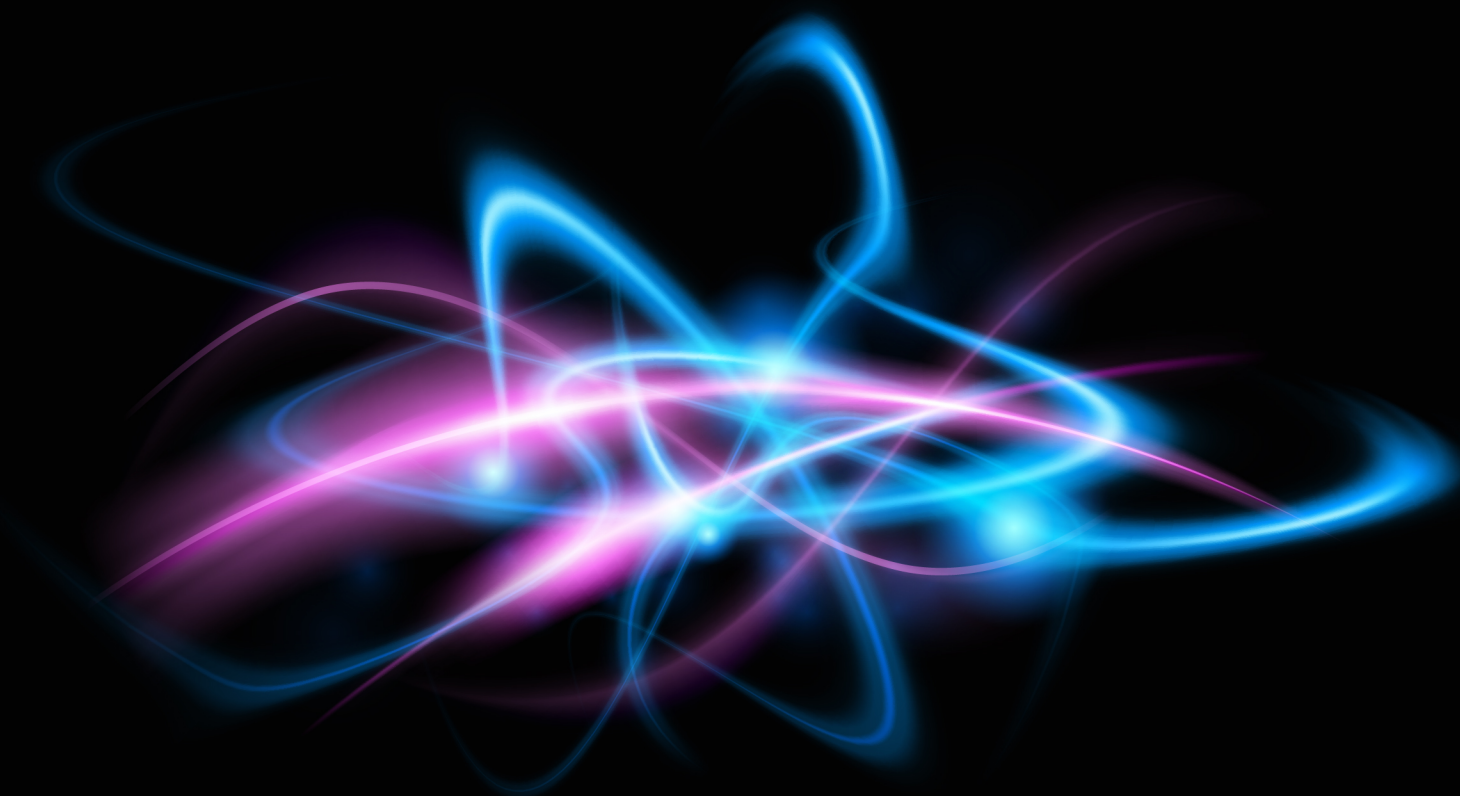
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To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

Vision

To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

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To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for
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• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

Editor Note:

Clean energy transition is the only answer and solution to secure the sustainable future of Pakistan. There is a dire need to address the use of clean energy timely as it is not only the safest, reliable, and efficient means of energy production but will also harness the abundant indigenous energy resource available in Pakistan. Pakistan's recent policies and initiatives have strongly advocated the need for Pakistan to transition towards clean energy resources. With ARE policy aiming to achieve 30% power through hydro and 30% share of renewables in the energy mix, Electric Vehicles (EVs) policy targeting to achieve 30% share of EVs by 2030, Paris Agreement goals, and the recent moratorium of coal by Prime Minister in Climate Summit, Pakistan is taking a leap towards a green energy future.

However, the development of clean energy transition in Pakistan cannot be achieved without political leadership and need of research-based scientific evidence to help transform the conventional policy making process in Pakistan.

In this regard, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) runs a "Clean Energy Transition Program", under which "Network for Clean Energy Transition in Pakistan: Research and Advocacy", along with the "Renewable Energy Parliamentary Caucus" have been launched and established to mobilise policies into implementation with clear goals and targets. Our work is focused on (but not limited to) building momentum by exploring the missing gaps and links for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) through a holistic approach, especially to explore ways for post-COVID green economic recovery; aligning the wider sustainability agenda with SDG7, sectoral policy reforms, renewable energy investment streams, green financing, private sector engagements, and other windows of opportunities for achieving the goal of clean energy transition in Pakistan.

Subjects Covered

- Energy and power
- Renewable energy
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- CEPC Energy projects
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- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

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Energy Governance

No change in POL prices; returns filing date extended

Source: App, [Daily Times](#), 2022-11-01

The government has decided to keep the prices of petroleum products unchanged for first half of November 2022 besides extending the last date for filing of tax returns. Briefing media here on Monday, Minister for Finance Senator Ishaq Dar also announced the government's decision to increase the threshold of letters of credits (LCs) payments from \$50,000 to \$100,000. "The government has..... [more >>](#)

Threefold increase: SNGPL commercial users now to pay Rs3,763 a unit

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2022-11-01

LAHORE: The natural gas tariff for the commercial consumers of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL) has seen a major jump. The per unit price for the commercial consumers has been converted from cheap system gas to the costly imported RLNG. As per revised tariff for the commercial consumers, the tariff has been increased from Rs1,283 to Rs3,763 per unit. The new tariff will be effective from 1s..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum prices stay unchanged until Nov 15

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

ISLAMABAD: The government on Monday decided to keep the prices of all petroleum products unchanged until Nov 15. In another important move, it decided to clear letters of credit (LCs) of up to \$100,000 value from Tuesday (today). The announcement to maintain prices of petrol, high-speed diesel (HSD), kerosene oil and light diesel oil (LDO) was made by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on the national t..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL urged to extend deadline for RLNG supply contracts

Source: Khalid Hasnain, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

LAHORE: As the Oct 31 deadline for signing contracts for Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) supply by 20,000 of 23,000 commercial consumers has passed, business community leaders have asked the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) to extend the deadline until Nov 10 in order to persuade all such consumers to sign agreements for RLNG supply in winter. The SNGPL, on the other hand, has a..... [more >>](#)

Minister inaugurates grid station in Faisalabad

Source: The Newspaper's Correspondent, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

TOBA TEK SINGH: Federal Minister for Power Khuram Dastgir Khan inaugurated on Monday a 500kV grid station at Pansara, Jhang Road, in Faisalabad district. Addressing the inauguration ceremony, the minister said reliability of the power transmission network was important to provide uninterrupted supply to the consumers with improved voltage profile and the new grid station would improve power situ..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's power sector reforms

Source: Raashid Wali Janjua, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

Pakistan's power and energy issues are interlinked and require structural reforms. The problems are interdisciplinary and multidimensional and not amenable to placebo solutions. It is time the anodyne prescriptions gave way to the strong nostrums to yield sustainable solutions. Starting with energy mix of the country that is heavily tilted in favour of fossil fuel sources with 64% fossil fuel..... [more >>](#)

'New LPG policy a must'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

KARACHI: Domestic, industrial and commercial consumers require a new LPG policy taking into account new ground realities as the last liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) policy was formulated in 2015. The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) President, Irfan Iqbal Sheikh received the Petroleum Minister, Musaddik Malik, who visited the Federation House and consulted a large g..... [more >>](#)

Out-of-court settlement; Govt agrees to revive 11 oil exploration licences

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to revive 11 revoked petroleum exploration licences as out-of-court settlement after receiving no objection from the Office of Attorney General for Pakistan (AGP), sources in Ministry of Energy told Business Recorder. According to Petroleum Division, under the Pakistan Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Rules, the Federal Government/ authority grants [more >>](#)

Capacity charge/purchase price; PMLTC seeks exemption from sales tax

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

ISLAMABAD: Pak-Matiari-Lahore Transmission Company Limited (PMLTC) has sought exemption from chargeability of sales tax on capacity charge/ capacity purchase price. PMLTC was incorporated in Pakistan on September 16, 2015 as a private limited company under the Companies Ordinance, 1984 and had its head office registered at Lahore. The core business activity of PMLTC is to transmit 4000-MW of [more >>](#)

Gas shortfall this winter likely to soar on record level

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-08

The country could face an intense gas shortage crisis in the winter, citing sources of the gas utility. "The consumers should get prepare to face the gas crisis," sources at the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) said. "Presently the country's gas production is 750 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d), while the imported RLNG has been around 1000 MMcf/d," the [more >>](#)

LPG prices hiked by Rs2 per kg as mercury drops

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-02

LAHORE: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has increased the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by Rs2 per kg. The decision comes as an energy crisis looms with the onset of winter. According to a notification issued by Ogra on Tuesday, owing to Rs2,529 increase (per tonne), the domestic cylinder rate has been increased by Rs35 and that of commercial cylinder by Rs134. The new rates [more >>](#)

Rs50bn escrow account activated for payment of dues to Chinese IPPs

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-02

ISLAMABAD: The government had to relax contractual conditions and shift about Rs50 billion worth of budgetary allocations for electricity subsidies to an escrow account for automatic partial payments to Chinese Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to pacify M/s Sinosure, a Chinese insurance company, into facilitating future projects in Pakistan. This was one of the key outstanding issues hampering [more >>](#)

Govt targets Rs47b oil levy collection Raises levy to Rs50 per litre on petrol to boost revenue

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-02

ISLAMABAD: The government has increased the petroleum levy on petrol to a record high of Rs50 per litre to collect revenue of around Rs47 billion in November 2022. In a recent decision that left oil product prices unchanged for the first fortnight of November, the government increased the petroleum levy on petrol from Rs47.50 to Rs50 per litre, up by Rs2.50. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (..... [more >>](#)

Demand for petroleum products drops by 16.5%

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-02

KARACHI: Despite a 9% increase on a month-on-month basis, the overall demand for petroleum products in Pakistan has remained sluggish at 1.66 million tonnes amid an economic slowdown in the month ended October 31, 2022. The demand for petroleum products has increased by almost 9% in October compared to the previous month. This, however, is a 16.5% drop when compared to the same period last year. [more >>](#)

PL limit exhausted – what next?

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-02

From doling out as high as Rs14/liter as subsidy on petrol, to a Petroleum Levy (PL) of Rs50/ltr – all under six months, has been quite a turnaround. Government has now exhausted the upper limit on PL. The base price for gasoline at Rs164.47 per unit for the first November fortnight is the lowest since May 2022 – almost around the time when the Shahbaz led administration took office. [more >>](#)

PSO – 1Q profits decline

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-02

The oil marketing companies have seen robust sales of petroleum products in most of FY22. Higher volumes as well as higher petroleum product prices were the key factors behind revenue growth for OMCs in FY22. However, FY23 began on a turbulent note and the first quarter of the fiscal year was marred with political turmoil and ongoing uncertainty, weakening economy, and flash floods across all province.... [more >>](#)

Import of coal; CPHGC approaches PMO for approval of foreign exchange

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-02

ISLAMABAD: M/s China Power Hub Generation Company (Private) Limited (CPHGC) has approached Prime Minister Office (PMO) for pending approvals of millions of dollars' foreign exchange for import of coal. CPHGC is a company duly incorporated under the Companies Act, 2017, and is operating a 2x650 MW coal fired power project with an integrated jetty in Gadani, Balochistan. CPHGC entered.... [more >>](#)

Govt increases power tariff for KE consumers by 51 paise

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-03

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to pass on 51 paise per unit increase in electricity rates for consumers of K-Electric for three months starting Nov 1, while ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) have sought more than Rs2 per unit increase in tariff to raise about Rs43 billion in additional revenue in three months. The federal government has asked the National Electric Power Regulatory A.... [more >>](#)

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Shounter hydropower project: Saudi Fund's financing available, Ecneec told

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-03

ISLAMABAD: A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) has been informed that financing for 48MW Shounter Hydro-power project is available from Saudi Development Fund (SDF). On a summary moved by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms, the Ecneec has approved the project on Monday after it was informed that the project being established in AJK District N.... [more >>](#)

Power sector; Circular debt touching Rs2.6trn mark

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-03

ISLAMABAD: The country's power sector's circular debt is reportedly touching Rs 2.6 trillion mark at present against Rs 2.252 trillion on June 30, 2022, posting a growth of Rs 303 billion in just the first four months of FY 2022-23, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The main reason for the average monthly growth of Rs 75.75 billion in circular debt is the increase in b..... [more >>](#)

KE approaches Dar for resolution of issues

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-03

ISLAMABAD: Karachi-Electric (KE) has approached Finance Minister Ishaq Dar for release of net receivables, issuance of tariff notifications and verification of claims amounting to about Rs 419 billion. In a letter to Finance Minister, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) KE, Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi has given the reference of power utility's earlier correspondence and discussions on this matter in..... [more >>](#)

New market players get access to NTDC, distribution companies' networks

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-04

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday issued new rules allowing new market players to have non-discriminatory access to existing transmission and distribution networks currently maintained mostly by the public sector entities and K-Electric and provide electricity to bulk consumers. The Open Access (Interconnection and Wheeling of Electric Power Regulator..... [more >>](#)

Polish company seeks concessions

Source: Usman Hanif, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-04

KARACHI: The Ambassador of the Republic of Poland, Maciej Pisarski announced on Thursday that the Polish Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Company, operating successfully in Pakistan for the last 25 years, used the latest technology to extract tight gas from the rock formations. Addressing businessmen in a meeting with the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KCCI), the envoy said, &..... [more >>](#)

Export-oriented sectors to get power at an all-inclusive rate of Rs19.99 per unit

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-04

ISLAMABAD: The country's influential five zero-rated sectors, referred to as export-oriented sectors will be charged Rs 19.99 per unit electricity all-inclusive whereas domestic consumers are being charged over Rs 40 per unit. Interaction with power sector experts and officials revealed that the government had budgeted Rs 20 billion subsidy to provide concessional electricity to five ze..... [more >>](#)

Generation woes

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-04

Inefficiencies in the power sector is the bigg-est headache for any government. The estimated direct and indirect fiscal cost (including circular debt and subsidies) of the power sector is at Rs9.4 trillion in the last fifteen years. The usual criticism is on the transmission and distribution system and inefficient discos. There is no denying these issues. However, not much heed is given to the lo..... [more >>](#)

OMC sales: of weak demand and high prices

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-04

The consumption of petroleum products in the country improved during October as compared to the previous month (MoM), which was primarily due to the low base during September as floods destroyed demand significantly. During October, total volumetric sales by the oil marketing companies increased by nine percent month-on-month with noticeable jump in petrol and diesel as activity like transport, tr..... [more >>](#)

ECC hikes petroleum levy on 'luxury vehicle fuel' to bridge revenue shortfalls

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-05

ISLAMABAD: As the country's fiscal deficit surged by 43 per cent in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, the government on Friday decided to increase Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) by about 67pc (Rs20 per litre) on top quality petrol used in luxury vehicles. The decision to increase PDL on Research Octane Number (RON) 95 and 97, commonly known as high-octane blending component (H..... [more >>](#)

PSO to recover Rs594b in circular debt

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-05

ISLAMABAD: The supply of expensive liquefied natural gas (LNG), during the past four seasons, to domestic consumers has resulted in a steep hike in circular debt, trapping gas-utilities and Pakistan State Oil (PSO). The gas sector is currently facing circular debt of Rs1.5 trillion, with LNG being the major contributing force. Additionally, captive powerplants and fertiliser plants have been rec..... [more >>](#)

Govt not imposing GST on petroleum products: Musadik

Source: [Zaigam Naqvi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-05

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Malik on Friday maintained that the government was not imposing general sales tax (GST) on petroleum products, clarifying that only levy was being increased, and added that gas metres were being installed at mohallah level to control the theft of the commodity. Addressing the media in the federal capital, the state minister noted that gas resour..... [more >>](#)

Furnace oil; Slow upliftment may lead to closure of refineries

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-05

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) and local refineries have raised serious concerns on slow upliftment of furnace oil by the power plants, which may lead to closure of refineries. This warning has been issued by Director General (Oil) Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), Abdul Jabbar Memon, in a letter to Power Division. According to the letter, on October 26, 2022, Petroleum Divis..... [more >>](#)

Thar power plant to get PPA effectiveness from execution date

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-05

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to allow effectiveness of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) of 1320-MW of Shanghai Electric Power Company Limited at Thar from August 27, 2019 sans Financial Closure (FC) as the sponsor has almost completed the project with equity of \$ 2 billion, well informed sources in CPPA-G told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said, Central Power Purchasi..... [more >>](#)

66% of forex spent on fuel imports

Source: [Shahram Haq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-06

LAHORE: Pakistan's reliance on costly imported fuels continues to grow in parallel to the increasing energy needs causing stagnation in the sector. Pakistan is currently spending approximately \$21.43 billion annually on fuel imports, which is about 66% of its total foreign exchange reserves. Hence, the switch to or focus on indigenous resources is becoming a 'must' in order to [more >>](#)

CERT aims to protect power sector

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-06

ISLAMABAD: The establishment of an effective Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) should be the key goal of every power sector entity after the fourth industrial revolution as power systems are transformed from physical to cyber-physical with the introduction of smart grids, AMIs and distributed generation, said the chairman of power sector regulator. He made the statement at a webinar hosted..... [more >>](#)

Franchise areas; Gas cos asked to install town border stations to cut down UfG

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-06

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division has directed both gas companies - Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) to install TBS (Town border station) in their franchises/areas to bring down unaccounted for gas (UfG) in accordance with international standards. Installation of TBS is not part of gas companies' estimated revenue requirements (ERRs) for cur..... [more >>](#)

KE seeks restoration of cross-tripping protection system

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-06

ISLAMABAD: Karachi Electric (KE) has again sought support from Managing Director, National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) for restoration of Cross Tripping Protection Scheme. KE has written has three letters regarding the visibility of Cross Trip Protection Scheme in Network Control Centre of KE that has been disabled by NTDC team since November 19, 2021. In a letter to MD NTDC..... [more >>](#)

Telltale signs of elite capture

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-06

News that the government has again caved into demands of the powerful zero-rated sectors, also referred to as export-oriented sectors, and offered them electricity at an all-inclusive rate of Rs19.99 per unit while domestic consumers are charged Rs40 per unit does not come as a surprise. It turns out that the Rs20 billion subsidy set aside for them ran out in the first two months of the fiscal yea..... [more >>](#)

Iesco imposes Rs33m fine on power thieves in October

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-07

ISLAMABAD: In its ongoing campaign to check power theft, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) has imposed fines of Rs33.03 million on consumers during October for slowing meters and taking direct supply from the power meters. In a statement, Iesco Chief Executive Dr Mohammad Amjad Khan said electricity theft was a national crime and it was its top priority to eliminate this practice from the..... [more >>](#)

Playing an 'oily' game

Source: [Syed Rashid Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-07

Times have changed. In the mid-80s, President Ronald Reagan and King Fahd colluded to crash the oil markets, making it financially impossible for the then-Soviet Union to continue its Afghanistan venture. Oil markets were decimated. War on Afghanistan became financially untenable for Moscow and, the Soviet Union disintegrated. Fast forward, and oil continues to be a tool in the hands of the majo..... [more >>](#)

356 mini/micro hydropower plants in KP; AGP detects flaws that led to failure in achieving project's objectives

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-07

PESHAWAR: The Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) has pinpointed shortcomings that led to failure to achieve objectives of a project involving hundreds of mini/ micro hydropower plants set up in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the audit report on accounts of the provincial government for audit year 2019-20 has revealed. The report has already been presented in the provincial assembly and its speaker has re..... [more >>](#)

ECC approves Rs20 PDL on HOBC

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-05

ISLAMABAD: While rejecting the summary to slap 17 percent GST on petroleum products, the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet jacked up the petroleum development levy by Rs20 per litre, increasing it from Rs30 to Rs50 per litre on High Octane Blending Component (HOBC)/RON95. The ECC also increased the premium on diesel from \$8.5 to \$15 per barrel for Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)..... [more >>](#)

A winter without gas?

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-07

Gas and electricity prices have become politically sensitive issues. The IMF compares prices in dollars, which shows that energy price hikes are negligible. However, in rupees these hikes prove to be quite steep. In Pakistan, elections are approaching as well. Although the government has increased electricity prices, it will be difficult to increase gas prices, especially for the poor and the mid..... [more >>](#)

Govt warned of looming petrol, diesel shortage

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-07

KARACHI: The oil industry has informed the government about an expected shortage of petrol and high speed diesel (HSD) in the coming days due to inadequate imports and limited local availability. The Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC), the representatives body of oil sector, in a letter to Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) drew the attention of the regulator to an expected shortage of [more >>](#)

Govt mulls royalty holiday for E&P firms

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-08

ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan finds it hard to make pricey liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports, the government is mulling over offering a four-year royalty holiday on offshore drilling to exploration and production (E&P) companies, with high hopes that the incentive will give a significant push to gas production. At present, oil and gas exploration companies pay 12.5% royalty to provinces following..... [more >>](#)

COP27: UAE says will carry on pumping oil responsibly

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-08

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will be a responsible supplier of oil and gas for as long as the world needs, UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan said on Monday at the start of two weeks of climate talks in Egypt. He added that the Gulf nation, which is one of OPEC's biggest producers but has also invested in renewable energy, was focused on reducing the carbo..... [more >>](#)

NTDC plans to evacuate power from 3 key HPPs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) has prepared plans to evacuate power from three key hydropower projects, i.e., Dasu Hydropower Project (stage-1, 2160-MW), Mohmand Dam, 800-MW, and Diamer Basha Dam, 4500-MW, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Total length of transmission line of Dasu hydropower project will be 254.5 km which requires 686 towers. Distance [more >>](#)

Upper limit of premium raised to \$15/barrel

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-08

ISLAMABAD: The government has allowed Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to recover Rs10 per litre on High-Speed Diesel (HSD) for the next two months (November-December 2022) by increasing the upper limit of premium to \$15 per barrel. The ECC meeting presided over by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has allowed this on Friday on a summary moved by the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division). The minist..... [more >>](#)

Lowering Fuel Imports

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-07

A recent report has unveiled an interesting statistic. At a time when Pakistan needs to severely exercise austerity in dealing with foreign exchange, the country is spending 66 percent of its foreign exchange reserves on fuel imports,

approximately a cumulative sum of \$21.43 billion. This is a significant increase from previous years, with a major factor being that the fuel cost per unit of energy..... [more >>](#)

Policy being framed to promote indigenous solar panels manufacturing

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-11-08

Engineering Development Board (EDB) is in process of formulating a Solar Panel Manufacturing Policy to promote local production and meet power needs, rapidly increasing with each passing year. The solar panel manufacturing policy would be linked with national solar energy policy being prepared by Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy Task Force. The glass and aluminium frames used for solar pan..... [more >>](#)

Gas utilities seek up to 237pc hike in tariffs

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-09

ISLAMABAD: Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd (SSGCL) have demanded up to 237 per cent increase in natural gas rates to generate about Rs660 billion in additional funds during the current fiscal year. In separate tariff petitions to the Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), the Lahore-based SNGPL on Tuesday sought an increase of Rs1,294 per million Britis..... [more >>](#)

OGDC, PPL to fork out over \$187.5m each for Reko Diq project

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-09

KARACHI: Two state-owned energy companies announced separately on Tuesday they'll seek approval from their respective shareholders to subscribe to 33.3 per cent shares of Pakistan Minerals Ltd for taking part in the reconstituted Reko Diq project. The reconstituted project, which will excavate gold and copper reserves in Balochistan, has saved the country from an \$11 billion penalty in the [more >>](#)

Four exploration blocks awarded

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-09

KARACHI: The government provisionally awarded four new exploration blocks to the joint ventures of Pakistan Petroleum Ltd (PPL), Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDC) and Mari Petroleum Company Ltd (MPCL), the companies announced on the Pakistan Stock Exchange on Tuesday. The operator of Shaigalu block will be PPL with a 40 per cent stake while MPCL and OGDC will control 30pc share..... [more >>](#)

Rising circular debt, at-whim inductions irk Senate body

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-09

ISLAMABAD: Displeased over the continued absence of the federal power minister from its meetings, the Senate Standing Committee on Power on Tuesday once again deferred a key government bill and expressed concern over rising circular debt and 'out-of-merit' selection of directors to the boards of power sector entities. The meeting of the committee presided over by Senator Saifullah Abr..... [more >>](#)

Nepra approves fuel cost increase for Discos, KE

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-09

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday notified about eight paise per unit additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) in power tariff for ex-Wapda Discos for one month and cleared about 51 paise per unit increase for K-Electric for three months under quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA). The "adjustment of Rs0.0819/kWh shall apply to all the consumer categori..... [more >>](#)

WB's energy loan

Source: Editorial, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

The World Bank has signed on to a \$3 billion loan to develop energy infrastructure, aside from funding the Dasu Hydropower Project. The bank also wants its funding to support energy efficiency and conservation programmes, while expanding solar power projects across the country. The new deal expands on the bank's existing \$13 billion-plus loan portfolio in Pakistan, which is heavily slanted t..... [more >>](#)

Energy-rich Turkmenistan offers assistance to Pakistan

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: Turkmenistan Ambassador and Dean of Diplomatic Corps Atadjan Movlamov has emphasised that energy-rich Turkmenistan can meet growing electricity and gas needs of Pakistan. Talking to the business community during his visit to the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), the ambassador said that Turkmenistan wanted more trade access through sea as it was a landlocked country. [more >>](#)

Pakistan eyes LNG purchase as prices dive

Source: Zafar Bhutta, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: As stoves are turned off due to gas shortage with the start of cold weather, Pakistan is hoping to arrange some liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes following a sharp decline in prices in the global market. LNG prices, which had ballooned to the peak of \$60 per million British thermal units (mmbtu), have now dropped to \$27 per unit. "It is unusual that LNG prices are coming down..... [more >>](#)

Senate body irked over appointment of 'ineligible' individuals to Disco boards

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: Senate Standing Committee on Power grilled Power Division on Tuesday for appointing 'ineligible' individuals as Members of Distribution Companies (Discos) Boards, and paying millions of dollars to M/s General Electric (GE). Presided over by Senator Saif Ullah Abro, the committee spent an hour grilling the officials of Power Division for not complying with the recommenda..... [more >>](#)

FCA for Sept; Discos allowed tariff hike of 8 paisa/unit

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-09

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has increased Discos' tariffs by Paisa 8 per unit for September 2022 under monthly FCA mechanism. The Authority conducted a public hearing on October 26, 2022. CPPA-G had sought positive adjustment of Paisa 20 per unit. The positive adjustment shall be shown separately in the consumers' bills on the basis of unit..... [more >>](#)

Role of LPG in gas crisis — I

Source: Syed Akhtar Ali, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-09

Winters are approaching, in fact are there already. There is usually higher gas demand in winters due to heating and later heating requirements. Local gas supplies have been decreasing 10% per year. In the last few years, LNG filled quite some gap and used to be quite affordable. As is common knowledge, there is energy and especially gas crisis all over the world. Suppliers are not responding to o..... [more >>](#)

Criticality of energy management

Source: Sheikh Imran ul Haque, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

The current government has been able to secure one additional cargo from Qatar for December 2022 and January 2023 and another expected delivery of commitments made by Eni, which means that LNG will be provided at 900 mmscf in December 2022 and 800 mmscf in January 2023; this leaves a shortage ranging between 579-679 mmscf. Due to the non-availability of LNG within the spot market at affordable [more >>](#)

SHPL-NTDCL dispute; Govt may engage international firm

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: The Government is likely to engage an international firm to represent the government of Pakistan (GoP) at the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) in dispute with Star Hydro Power Limited (SHPL) and National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDCL), well informed sources told Business Recorder. In this regard, a meeting was held at the Office of the Attorney Ge..... [more >>](#)

World Bank Support

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-09

Reports have emerged that the World Bank has agreed to provide more than \$3 billion to Pakistan for infrastructure development in the energy sector. This is an encouraging development given our energy generation and sustainability woes, especially in light of the difficult decisions the government has had to take in recent months regarding electricity prices. The international lender is also assi..... [more >>](#)

Diversion of costly RLNG into domestic sector: Petroleum Division to seek Rs100bn

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: While the gas deficit is feared to surge by up to 1.35 billion cubic feet per day in winter, the top man of the government wants smooth supply of gas to domestic consumers with reasonable pressure to avoid any backlash from the masses. To this effect, the Petroleum Division is set to seek from the Finance Division a huge amount of Rs100 billion for the costly RLNG to be injected into t..... [more >>](#)

'Govt has no option but to ration gas in winter'

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-11

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Division on Thursday told a parliamentary panel that there was no option but natural gas rationing in the coming winter in view of the increasing shortage every year. Testifying before the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Petroleum, Additional Secretary Incharge Capt (retd) Muhammad Mahmood made it clear that every effort would be made to ensure gas supply to d..... [more >>](#)

Sindh CM okays land acquisition, biogas plant installation for bus projects

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-11

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, presiding over a meeting on BRTs Yellow Line and Red Line on Thursday, decided to construct an alternative bridge alongside the Jam Sadiq bridge and acquire 32 acres of land at Cattle Colony for the installation of a biogas plant. The meeting was attended by Transport Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, Chief Secretary Sohail Rajput, Personal Secretary..... [more >>](#)

SECP seeks names of ultimate KE owners

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-11

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has sought the names of ultimate beneficial owners of K-Electric (KE) and has also stopped its management from changing the current board composition after the Prime Minister's Office raised queries over a reported indirect acquisition deal. "The PM Office has instructed the SECP, Privatisation Commission, Power Div..... [more >>](#)

Power tariffs: FPA returns to mean

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-11

Electricity tariff adjustments are expectedly coming back to the mean. Having touched all-time highs to as high as Rs10/unit for monthly adjustment – the last two months have seen the FPA down to 21 and 8 paisas, respectively. The actual impact would still be higher, as the collection for August 2022 is spread over six months in equal installments of Rs1.65/unit. With sizeable quarterly [more >>](#)

Govt unlikely to ensure 8-hour smooth supply of gas during winter

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-11

ISLAMABAD: The federal government cannot ensure smooth supply of eight-hour gas during cooking hours in the coming winters to domestic consumers of both gas companies- Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) as \$37 per mmbtu subsidy is required. Captain Muhammad Mahmood (retired), Additional Secretary (Incharge) for the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Divis..... [more >>](#)

KE consumers to get Rs8.6bn refund in next bill

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) on Friday notified a reduction of Rs5.13 per unit for K-Electric consumers on account of fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for electricity consumed in September. Under the notification, KE is now required to refund about Rs8.6 billion to consumers through adjustment in the current billing month, i.e. November. The revised rate would ap..... [more >>](#)

Regulator cuts RLNG prices by 2.4pc

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Friday notified about 2.4 per cent cut in the price of regasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) for November as the international spot market remained out of reach for Pakistan and an average cost of cargoes under long-term contract slightly came down with world oil price. The basket RLNG price was based on a total of 10 cargoes, [more >>](#)

OGRA opens LNG imports, sales to private sector

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), on Friday, granted an RLNG sale licence to the Pakistan GasPort Consortium Limited (PGPCL), marking the first steps towards allowing the private sector a piece of the LNG imports and sales pie. Currently, state owned companies like Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) and Pakistan State Oil (PSO) import LNG and gas utilities, and sell the commodity t..... [more >>](#)

Minister faces resistance to abolish 'free electricity'

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

ISLAMABAD: Power Minister Khurram Dastgir on Friday said the ministry was struggling to withdraw benefits such as free electricity units to the employees of government-owned power sector entities and added the ministry needed support to do so amid a strong reaction from employees. The minister explained that the supply of free-of-cost electricity to the employees of power distribution companies [more >>](#)

K-Electric's power tariff cut by Rs5.12 per unit

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) on Friday decided to slash power tariff by Rs5.12 per unit for K-Electric (KE) consumers on account of fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for September 2022. In its petition filed with Nepa, KE had requested a tariff reduction of Rs4.622 per kilowatt-hour (kWh). The regulator conducted a public hearing on October 25, 2022 and approved [more >>](#)

There's 'sufficient' power generation, NA told

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad/Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

ISLAMABAD: The government informed the National Assembly on Friday that power generation capacity is sufficient – as electricity production of the NTDC system stands at 11,580 MW – to meet the system load demand. In a written reply, the Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan, said that the government attaches the highest priority to avoid load shedding. He said that the gov..... [more >>](#)

Dastgir opens \$95m AMI project

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan on Friday inaugurated \$ 95 million Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project for around one million consumers of Rawalpindi in the territorial jurisdiction of Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESC). Addressing the event organized by IESCO, the minister said that the project will help eliminate theft, further improve electricity deliver..... [more >>](#)

Energy sector —hiding behind the truth

Source: [Farhat Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

Speaking on the occasion of signing of dollar 3 billion loan by World Bank to develop energy infrastructure and to support energy efficiency and conservation programmes, federal minister for power Khurram Dastgir is reported to have stated: “The funding is proof of the government’s goal of ensuring sustainability in the energy sector, which may be a welcome change from several years of [more >>](#)

Energy sector uplift

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

If the government is indeed committed to “ensuring sustainability of energy sector” and “providing relief to the common man”, as Power Minister Khurram Dastgir assured a World Bank team the other day, then it must make sure some of the USD 3 billion funding extended by the Bank goes towards removing some deliberately created inefficiencies. There’s long been a tendenc..... [more >>](#)

Gas Shortage

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-12

Despite promising domestic customers that their grievances regarding gas shortages have not fallen on deaf ears, there seems to be no management plan in place for uninterrupted supply. The Petroleum Division Secretary informed the National Assembly Standing Committee that given the depleting reservoirs of gas in the country, everyone in the country may face up to 16 hours of gas loadshedding. Paki..... [more >>](#)

Industries receive notices of gas closure during winters

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-13

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) has sent gas closure notices for over three months in winters to industries in the city, which they rejected saying that gas outages would lead to massive layoffs and closure of businesses. “The industries are in a state of shock to receive SSGCL’s notices of gas closure starting from November 15, 2022 to February 28, 2023,” Kara..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric to refund over Rs5 per unit to consumers in Nov bills

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-12

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Friday directed the K-Electric to pay Rs5.126/unit back to power consumers in November 2022 bills, as it charged a higher price from consumers in their electricity bills of September 2022 when the per unit cost of generation was lower. This is the third month in a row since July 2022 the regulator has instructed K-Electric to r..... [more >>](#)

LNG supply in winter at risk as PSO’s liquidity crisis all-time high

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-14

ISLAMABAD: The state-owned Pakistan State Oil (PSO)’s liquidity crisis has swooped to an all-time high with an unprecedented hike in its receivables to Rs621.168 billion and payables to Rs268.5 billion. This has made the utility unable to offload its liabilities with regard to LCs amounting to Rs218.5 billion for import of furnace oil and LNG. The worrying liquidity crisis has virtually put..... [more >>](#)

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US can't stop Pakistan from buying Russian oil: Dar

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-13

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Ishaq Dar indicated on Sunday Pakistan overcame the United States' opposition to the purchase of Russian oil and stressed that Islamabad intended to enter into the fuel import deal with Moscow on terms similar to those agreed by New Delhi. According to a message received here, the country's financial czar, while addressing the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz [more >>](#)

Nepa chief commends KE's Roshni Baji programme

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-14

KARACHI: Nepa chairman Tauseef H Farooqi commended the second cohort of KE's Roshni Baji programme for their contribution in promoting a culture of safety across Karachi's most densely populated neighbourhoods. These remarks were made during a meeting with the graduating batch held at KE's Distribution Network Academy with Chief Distribution Officer, Amer Zia, chief marketi..... [more >>](#)

Business community hails gas rationing for domestic consumers

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-14

ISLAMABAD: The business community, while hailing decision of natural gas rationing for domestic consumers, urged the government to make this wisdom based verdict a permanent feature throughout the year. They said that fifty percent of total gas in Pakistan is consumed by a household which is one of major hindrance in economic growth of country. A delegation of industrialists and traders led b..... [more >>](#)

LNG: Still a sellers' market

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-14

As the LNG prices in the international market ease off, there is excitement in some Pakistan circles hoping to get hold of some vessels during peak winters. The European seas have a large number of idle LNG vessels, waiting to be offloaded. This has given a (false) hope to many Asian buyers including Pakistan, that the glut in Europe could mean further drop in prices and more LNG available for Asia..... [more >>](#)

Coal steps off the burner

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-14

Apparently, China wa-nts to cut down on coal usage by slashing industrial output and lowering the demand for the fuel in an attempt to see some blue skies on the horizon. Through the currently hazy air though, one only has to look back the past two years to feel just how important coal still is to the world. And China should be worried given it burns more coal than the rest of the world combined; [more >>](#)

Sindh subjected to worst shortage despite providing 60pc of local gas: Wahab

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-13

KARACHI: Administrator Karachi Murtaza Wahab has noted that despite contributing 60 percent of the total domestic supply of gas, Sindh province is being subjected to the worst gas load shedding and other supply disruptions as well. While addressing at a meeting of FPCCI, he also informed the session that Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) has enhanced its capacity to pick up solid waste f..... [more >>](#)

Key plant will take six more months to repair, NA told

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Monday revealed that the Rs500 billion 969MW Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project, which faced a “massive structural damage of tunnel collapse” in July, would take at least six more months to be repaired. “There are cracks inside the mountain...This is a major damage,” Prime Minister's Adviser on Kashmir Affairs Qamar Zaman Kaira..... [more >>](#)

Mepco panel to probe overbilling complaints

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

BAHAWALPUR: Multan Electric Power Company Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mahar Allah Yar Bharwana has ordered an inquiry into the consumers' complaints about overbilling in three divisions of Khanpur, Liatpur and Sadiqabad of Rahim Yar Khan. According to Mepco PRO Jamshed Niazi, the CEO taking notice of complaints has formed a three-member committee headed by the superintending engineer (S..... [more >>](#)

Mills warn of chaos after gas closure

Source: [Usman Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

KARACHI: Industrialists, on Monday, urged the government to address the issue of gas supply to the export-oriented textile sector, in Sindh and Balochistan, and save them from impending closure. “The industries are in a state of shock at having received Sui Southern Gas Company Limited's (SSGCL's) notices of gas closure starting from November 15, 2022, to February 28, 2023,&rdq..... [more >>](#)

Gas prices to be increased

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

ISLAMABAD: As Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) prepares to seek a massive price hike to meet its revenue shortfall, gas prices for consumers in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) are likely to see an increase. According to the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), a public hearing was held on Monday to review a petition filed by SNGPL. The petition, which was filed on October 14, 20..... [more >>](#)

Neelum-Jhelum to be operational in six months

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira on Monday informed the National Assembly that the fault in 969-megawatt Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Plant Project (NJHPP) would be fixed in six month time period. The minister was replying on behalf of the minister for Water Resources Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah. Kaira shared that the project is located in the mountains area of Kashmir where rock sliding..... [more >>](#)

Oil prices may be jacked up slightly

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to slightly increase prices of petroleum products to collect more revenue from oil consumers in the next fortnight from November 16 to 30, 2022. “Prices of petroleum products may be increased by Rs3 to Rs4 per litre,” an official of the Petroleum Division said. He added that the government was expected to adjust taxes on petroleum products to incr..... [more >>](#)

Russia ready to offer coal, not LNG

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

ISLAMABAD: Russia has reportedly declined to sell Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to Pakistan on short notice but is ready to offer coal, well informed sources in Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) told Business Recorder. Pakistan's Minister of State for Petroleum wrote a letter to Russian Minister for Energy last month and showed an interest in purchase of LNG from Russia ostensibly t..... [more >>](#)

Power sector needs 315,730 MTs of fuel in 3 months

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

ISLAMABAD: National Power Control Centre (NPPC) has determined the accumulated fuel requirement of 315,730 MTs for power sector for three months, i.e., November and December 2022 and January 2023, subject to supply of 165 MMCFD of RLNG each month, official sources told Business Recorder. In November 2022, RFO demand for Altas power plant, Liberty Tech, Nishat Chunian, Nishat Power, Lalpir, Saba an..... [more >>](#)

PPIB urges PD to take up PMLTC sales tax issue with FBR

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

ISLAMABAD: Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has requested Power Division to take up the issue of sales tax with Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) being charged from Pak-Matiari-Lahore Trans-mission Company Limited (PMLTC) on capacity/ capacity purchase price. PMLTC was incorporated in Pakistan on September 16, 2015 as a private limited company under the Companies Ordinance, 1984 and ha..... [more >>](#)

KE introduces 'Hara Bill'

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

KARACHI: KE has taken another pioneering step within Pakistan's power sector to address climate change by introducing its new "Hara bill", an effective, smarter, and environmentally friendlier way of communicating vital billing information with its customers from the month of November. Climate change is impacting our environment in unimaginable ways, and the need of the hour..... [more >>](#)

Ogra holds public hearing on SNGPL's review petition

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

ISLAMABAD: A public hearing was held by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) for the review of the petition filed by the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) (petitioner) in Lahore. The petition was filed on October 14, 2022 before the Authority under Section 8(2) of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 read with Rule 4(3) of Natural Gas Tariff Rules, 2002 for Rev..... [more >>](#)

Korean firm to invest in 496mw power project in Kohistan

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-15

PESHAWAR - secretary, of energy and power Nisar ahmad described the foreign investment as a turning point for the province's energy sector's development in the coming days and referred to Khyber pakhtunkhwa's hydropower resources as a priceless treasure. Utilizing this would not only help the nation overcome its current energy problem, but the province will also make annual [more >>](#)

With exchange loss adjustment on cards, fuel prices to stay high

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-15

KARACHI: Consumers are unlikely to receive any relief in the form of reduction in the prices of petroleum products in the next fortnightly review, The News learnt on Monday. According to people in the oil industry and government sector, it was unlikely that the next review of petroleum prices would provide any relief to the consumers, as international prices of crude and petroleum products did no..... [more >>](#)

OPEC cuts oil demand growth forecast again

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-15

LONDON: OPEC on Monday cut its forecast for 2022 global oil demand growth for a fifth time since April and further trimmed next year's figure, citing mounting economic challenges including high inflation and rising interest rates. Oil demand in 2022 will increase by 2.55 million barrels per day (bpd), or 2.6 percent, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said in a month..... [more >>](#)

POL prices remain unchanged

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-15

ISLAMABAD: The government on Tuesday decided to keep the prices of petrol and diesel unchanged till the end of November 2022, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced. "The government has decided, after permission from Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, that there will be no increase in prices of any petroleum products. The prices of all the items, including petrol, diesel, light diesel oil and ker..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

PV applications can address problems of faulty power system: study

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

KARACHI: Strategically sited grid-support solar photovoltaic (PV) applications are one of the most effective tools to address the challenges of a leaky transmission and distribution system and regional disparities in power access—advocates a new study by Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development. According to the study launched on Monday, solar photovoltaic (PV) applications c..... [more >>](#)

Chinese companies accept offer to invest in solar projects

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-03

BEIJING: Leading Chinese companies have shown keen interest in investing in Pakistan's solar, water and other infrastructure projects during the visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to Beijing. The prime minister invited the Chinese corporate heads to come to Pakistan and pour capital into the government's comprehensive solar power programme aimed at generating 10,000 megawatts of [more >>](#)

Solar panel making policy on the cards

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-08

ISLAMABAD: The Engineering Development Board (EDB) is in the process of formulating a solar panel manufacturing policy to promote production and meet rapidly increasing electricity needs. The solar panel manufacturing policy will be linked with the national solar energy policy being prepared by the Ministry of Energy and renewable energy task force. Glass and aluminium frames used for solar pan..... [more >>](#)

Govt to set up solar power projects in Karachi, Jamshoro

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-11

KARACHI: The provincial government is setting up three 400MW solar power projects in Karachi and Jamshoro with the assistance of the World Bank and 1,462 acres have been allotted for the purpose. This emerged at a meeting of Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh with a high-level delegation of the World Bank, led by Regional Director Infrastructure Guangzhe Chen. Official sources said that t..... [more >>](#)

Solar energy project reviewed

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-11

LAHORE: South Punjab Additional Chief Secretary retired Capt Saqib Zafar on Thursday reviewed progress on installation of Rs240m solar energy system project at the Secretariat. He was chairing a meeting to review the progress on the building of Civil Secretariat South Punjab in Multan. The secretaries of various departments, including services, planning and development (P&D) and Board of Rev..... [more >>](#)

CDA plans to shift streetlights, offices to solar energy

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: The civic agency has decided to hire consultant for preparing feasibility to shift streetlights and other offices on solar energy. The decision of hiring consultant was taken in a meeting, held at Capital Development Authority's (CDA) offices. Chaired by CDA Chairman Mohammad Usman Younis, the meeting was attended by members of Engineering, Planning and Design and other officers..... [more >>](#)

SDPI s Events

A Report launch

Call to improve regulatory environment for strengthening social delivery bodies in Pakistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Dayspring](#), 2022-11-04

ISLAMABAD: Annelotte Walsh, the Director Research, Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society (CAPS), has said that ability of Social Delivery Organization (SDOs) to receive funding is marred by recent controversies and a burdensome regulatory environment in Pakistan, as there exists a lack of trust among donors, non-governmental organizations, and government. She was speaking at the launch of a [more >>](#)

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Dialogue News

Policies for economic justice & development: SDPI, FES hold consultative meeting

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: Mirco Günther, Head of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Asia & Pacific), has said that think tanks can play a vital role in the formulation of an evidence-based monetary policy that may support governments in the provision of social and economic justice. He was speaking at a consultative meeting titled, "Evidence-based Advocacy on Policies for Economic Justice and Development&r..... [more >>](#)

Inequalities may rise due to inflation, caution experts

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a consultative meeting on Wednesday warned the government that the highest-ever inflation may lead to widening inequality in Pakistan and urged for evidence-based monetary policy to ensure economic justice. Keynote speaker Mirco Günther, Head of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Asia & Pacific), said that think tanks can play a vital role in the formulation of a monetary p..... [more >>](#)

'Wage increase be linked with inflation'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-10

Günther was speaking at a consultative meeting on 'Evidence-based advocacy on policies for economic justice and development,' organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES). He warned that Pakistan had been confronted with inflation for a long time which may lead to higher inequalities. He also stressed the need for aligning price [more >>](#)

Evidence-based monetary policy imperative for socio-economic justice: experts

Source: [DNA](#), [Centreline.com](#), 2022-11-09

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EVIDENCE-BASED MONETARY POLICY IMPERATIVE FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC JUSTICE: EXPERTS

Source: [DNA News](#), [DNA News](#), 2022-11-09

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Evidence-based monetary policy imperative: Experts

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: Experts on Wednesday suggested an evidence-based monetary policy to cope with the prevailing grave situation of inflation and ensure the provision of social justice in the country. They made the remarks while discussing the economic situation of Pakistan during a consultative meeting titled "Evidence-based Advocacy on Policies for Economic Justice and Development" organized [more >>](#)

Inflation to Trigger Steep Rise in Inequalities in Pakistan

Source: [Asma Sajid](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2022-11-10

Participants of an advisory conference on Wednesday cautioned the government that Pakistan's record-breaking inflation might aggravate inequality and advocated evidence-based financial policy to promote economic justice. Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) organized the meeting, headlined 'Evidence-based Advocacy on Policies for Economic [more >>](#)

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Shift towards the renewable

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-03

An estimated 33 million people in Pakistan got affected by the heavy downpour during July-August this year. Climate scientists have enough data to claim that the unprecedented rains in Pakistan were due to the warming up of the Indian Ocean by 1.2 C. Fortunately, major cities and most urban centers of Pakistan remained safe from floods. However, most of their dwellers are also facing a tsunami &n..... [more >>](#)

Disaster after disaster

Source: [Nudrat Fatima](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-06

In this era of rapid climate change, the importance of climate projections in policymaking, resource management, economic activity and technological advancement cannot be denied. Information about changes in climate change and variability is required to anticipate the potential impacts of climate change on water resources and the agriculture, energy, health, industrial and private sectors. Global..... [more >>](#)

Climate justice, now

Source: [Maryam Shabbir Abbasi](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-06

Pakistan has experienced 173 climate-related disasters in the past two decades (2000-2019) with estimated losses of \$3,772 billion, according to a German Watch report. These events included floods, heatwaves, unprecedent

rainfall, forced environmental migration, glacier melting and glacial lake outburst floods. This is the result of a 0.5°C increase..... [more >>](#)

Climate change and Pakistan's economy

Source: [Attia Irshad](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-06

On his recent visit to Pakistan, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said, "I have never seen climate carnage on the scale of the floods here in Pakistan. As our planet continues to warm, all countries will increasingly suffer losses and damage from climate beyond their capacity to adapt. This is a global crisis. It demands a global..... [more >>](#)

COP 27: tamed expectations

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-06

Today, delegates representing 197 countries that are party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are congregating in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh for the 27th annual Conference of Parties or COP27. The way forward for three broad objectives will be intensely debated and discussed in COP27. These are: reducing greenhouse gas emissions..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan Leads Charge for Climate Justice at COP27

Source: [Lynne O'Donnell](#), [Foreign Policy \(FP\)](#), 2022-11-09

PM Pakistan, which has been battered by climate catastrophes for the past decade, is leading the call for rich nations to compensate poor countries for a crisis they did not cause. But concerns abound over where that money will go in places that often pair poverty with corruption. Pakistan is responsible for less than 1 percent of global carbon emissions but..... [more >>](#)

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Workers' remittances from EU countries fall by 7.7pc in Q1

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

ISLAMABAD -Workers' remittances, sent by Pakistanis living in the European Union (EU) countries, declined by 7.7% in first quarter of current fiscal year, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported. Remittances from the EU countries dropped to \$828.8 million in July-September 2022-23 from \$898.3 million in the same period of last fiscal year, the SBP data showed. Remittances from the EU countries..... [more >>](#)

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China can be a huge market for Pakistan's meat export

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-05

ISLAMABAD-Pakistan has a huge potential to export meat to China and grab its share in one of the world's largest food markets, said an official. "We can benefit a lot if China allows meat import from Pakistan," Kousar Ali Zaidi, Director General at the Ministry of Commerce, told WealthPK. Zaidi said the government of Pakistan was in the process of negotiations with concerned Ch..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Successful Advocacy Helps Getting Financing For Loss, Damage At COP27: Suleri

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-11-08

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 8th Nov, 2022) :Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri on Monday said the successful advocacy of Pakistan as chair of G-77 plus China forum at COP27 in Egypt helped in getting dedicated financing for loss and damage at the agenda of the global environmental moot. The SDPI Executive Director in a twee..... [more >>](#)

COP27: Delayed climate justice a death sentence for vulnerable, says Sherry Rehman

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD: Federal Climate Change Minister Senator Sherry Rehman on Wednesday warned that delaying climate justice for vulnerable populations of the world is equal to subjecting them to 'death sentence', saying in the race against time now for adapting to the climate crisis, those with better resources will adapt faster, whereas, for others, it will be delayed. "There is a race [more >>](#)

Delayed Climate Justice 'death Sentence' For Vulnerable: Sherry Rehman

Source: [Muhammad Irfan](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-11-10

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 9th Nov, 2022): "There is a race against time now for adapting to the climate crisis, and those with better resources will adapt faster, whereas for others, it will be delayed. In every country the vulnerable will be the first to go down, and we are here to serve the reminder that delaying climate justice for the vulnerable is subjecting them..... [more >>](#)

Push for climate justice, loss and damage: COP27 termed 'huge achievement' for Pakistan

Source: [APP](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2022-11-14

ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan has been leading the call for developed nations to compensate their developing counterparts for a crisis they did not cause, the experts believed the mere inclusion of loss and damage onto the agenda at the COP27 climate conference in Egypt was a diplomatic achievement for Islamabad. Pakistan, which has been battered by climate catastrophes for the past decade, is responsibl..... [more >>](#)

At COP27, Pakistan leads charge for climate justice; inclusion of loss-damage in agenda "huge achievement": FP

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2022-11-14

ISLAMABAD, Nov 14 (APP): As Pakistan has been leading the call for rich nations to compensate poor countries for a crisis they did not cause, the experts believed that just having put loss and damage onto the climate agenda at COP27 held in Egypt was a "huge achievement" for the country. Pakistan, which has been battered by climate catastrophes for the past decade, is responsible [more >>](#)

Seminar News

GDA to inaugurate work on Rs84-90b Central Business District in Gwadar this year

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-01

ISLAMABAD-Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) will inaugurate work on Central Business District in Gwadar spreading over 12.3 square kilometers area this year with an estimated cost of Rs 84-90 billion. Central Business District in Gwadar will be developed in 10 years and it is estimated to generate Rs 400 billion profit, said Mujeebur Rehman Qambrani, Director-General of Gwadar Development Author..... [more >>](#)

Gwadar to act as hub of trade, investment under CPEC: official

Source: [Monitoring Report](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2022-11-02

ISLAMABAD: Gwadar district will be a hub of trade and investment in the future thanks to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Mujeeb ur-Rehman Qambrani, director general of Gwadar Development Authority (GDA), said. Addressing a special session on “Gwadar and the Road to Sustainable Development” organised by the Islamabad-based think tank Sustainable Development Policy Institute..... [more >>](#)

‘New technology, skills crucial to benefit from CPEC’

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-05

Islamabad: Mujeebur Rehman Qambrani, the Director-General of Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) has said that the master plan of Gwadar smart port city envisions the development of industrial base, thus the city will be the hub of trade and economic activities and a great attraction for tourists, investors, and labour. Qambrani was speaking at a special session on ‘Gwadar and the road to s..... [more >>](#)

Workshop News

Practitioners need to realize that social protection is the agent of social development: Dr. Franz von Roenne

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD, Nov 10, (SABAH): The practitioners need to realize that social protection is the agent of social development, therefore, the horizon of social protection system must be expanded beyond the social assistance in the local context. This was stated by Dr. Franz von Roenne, Programme Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ, Pakistan) here at the launch of..... [more >>](#)

Need Stressed for Expanding Horizon of Social Protection System

Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2022-11-10

The practitioners need to realize that social protection is the agent of social development and the horizons of the social protection system must be expanded beyond social assistance in the local context. Dr. Franz von Roenne, Programme Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Pakistan, said this at the launch of a training course on “Social Protection in..... [more >>](#)

Experts For Expand Horizon Of Social Protection

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-11-10

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 10th Nov, 2022): The experts on Thursday emphasized the practitioners to realize that social protection was the agent of social development therefore the horizon of social protection system must be expanded beyond the social assistance in the local context. The experts made the remarks at the launch of a training course on 'Social Protectio..... [more >>](#)

Speakers Call For Expanding Horizon Of Social Protection System

Source: Faizan Hashmi, [Urdu Point](#), 2022-11-11

ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 11th Nov, 2022): Speakers at the launch of a training course on Friday termed the social protection as the agent of social development and called for expanding the horizon of social protection system beyond the social assistance in the local context. The training course on 'Social Protection in Pakistan' for public sector officials was arrange..... [more >>](#)

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