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## About SDPI

SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

## Mission

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.

## About Newsletter

*To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for*  
***“Energy Transition Pakistan”***

*It carries reference information's to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.*

### **Newspapers Covered:**

• 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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- Energy investment, innovation, automation
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- Industry
- CEPC Energy projects
- Energy finance and economics
- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

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## Energy Governance

### Petrol prices to remain unchanged till Nov 30: Ishaq Dar

Source: [Dawn.com](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-16

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced on Tuesday that there would be no change in the prices of petroleum products for the next fortnight till November 30. "The government has decided, after permission from Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, that there will be no increase in any petroleum products. All the items, petrol, diesel, light diesel oil and kerosene [...] their prices will remain u..... [more >>](#)

### Circular debt keeps rising despite massive power tariff hike

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-16

ISLAMABAD: Despite an over 50 per cent hike in power tariff involving Rs1.2 trillion additional burden on consumers, the government on Tuesday conceded that circular debt was continuously going up due to missed targets on recovery and losses. While pleading its case at a public hearing for adding Rs43.34bn financial burden (Rs2.18 per unit) to the consumers in three months, Power Division told Na..... [more >>](#)

### PSM to get Rs1.26bn to foot the bill for gas

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet approved release of funds amounting to Rs1.258 billion to the Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) for payment of gas supply bills to the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) and approved continuation of the RLNG supply to Fatimafert and Agritech till December 2022. The ECC meeting was presided over by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Tuesday..... [more >>](#)

### E&Ps –jovial start to FY23

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

While the local E&P companies might be seen to boast increased drilling and exploration activity, they have been falling short in oil and gas production in the country. The falling production of oil and gas by the exploration and production companies have come as a result of falling reserves, small discoveries and weak incentives for foreign investment in the country. However, unlike previous ..... [more >>](#)

### Energy transitions

Source: [Sisilia Nurmala Dewi](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-16

Soaring energy prices in Europe brought on by Russia's war in Ukraine have given a renewed thrust to fossil fuel projects in Asia and Africa, particularly those involving gas. Leaders attending the G20 summit that started in Indonesia today and the ongoing COP27 climate summit in Egypt are expected to push for increased investment in oil and gas exploration. A sign of this was the failure ..... [more >>](#)

### Energy gravy train

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-16

Barely a quarter after the government forked out Rs30 billion to help Pakistan State Oil (PSO) stay solvent, the public-sector behemoth is teetering on the verge of default once more, threatening the nation's LNG supplies with disruption at a time when winter is already here. The reason for the fossil fuel juggernaut's liquidity problems is receivables overdue with other public entitie..... [more >>](#)

### Fate of Rs13 per unit rate to agri tube wells in limbo

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2022-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The fate of Rs13 per unit fixed rate for agriculture tube wells announced by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif as part of Rs1,800 billion Kissan Package is still in the doldrums. The coalition government on October 30 announced it had sliced down the agriculture tube wells' tariff from Rs16.63 per unit to Rs13 as a fixed tariff that would be charged from tube wells running on the nat..... [more >>](#)

### Gas supply to Pakistan Steel: ECC okays Rs1.258bn for SSGC

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2022-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Tuesday approved Rs 1.258 billion for the Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd (SSGCL) to continue gas supply to the Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) primarily to preserve the Coke Oven Batteries and refractory kilns of the country's largest non-functional industrial unit. The committee that met here with Finance Minister Ishaq Dar in..... [more >>](#)

### Govt urged to notify revised power tariff for tube wells

Source: [N.H.Zuberi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-16

KARACHI: Pakistan Businesses Forum (PBF) has demanded from the Power Division to notify the revised tariff of Rs 13 per unit on tube wells in the preview of recent announced Prime Minister Agriculture package, adding yet notification in this regard has not been issued and relief is not being passed towards the farmers from the Discos PBF Vice President/ CEO Ahmad Jawad said Economic Coordinat..... [more >>](#)

### July-September QTA; Nepra agrees to let Discos recover Rs43bn from consumers

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-16

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday agreed to allow power Distribution Companies (Discos) to recover Rs 43.337 billion from consumers for first quarter of (July-September) 2022-23 under QTA mechanism but recovery period is still disputed between the regulator and Power Division. During a public hearing on QTA adjustment petitions of Discos, Chairman Nepr..... [more >>](#)

### LPG cylinder dealers playing with fire

Source: [Waseem Ashraf Butt, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

GUJRAT: The manufacturing and sale of substandard cylinders of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) continue unabated in Gujranwala city where more than 400 illegally established units are involved in the hazardous trade. With the onset of winter, the federal government has announced a severe shortage of gas this year as a result of which the demand of gas cylinders has soared. Only 14 units across the ..... [more >>](#)

### Power Division refuses to collect fuel oil from refineries

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2022-11-17

KARACHI: Power Division has refused to collect furnace oil (FO) from local refineries for power plants if they did not come on the merit list, The News learnt on Wednesday. The piling up of furnace oil at local refineries, especially at Attock Refinery Limited (ARL) has turned into a crisis for the local refining sector. A meeting of local refineries was held with the Power Division and Petroleum..... [more >>](#)

### Oil industry protests 'forced' price freeze

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

ISLAMABAD: The country's oil industry on Wednesday protested over the "manipulation" of the pricing mechanism by the government in its latest fortnightly review to maintain existing ex-depot rates of petroleum products for the next 15 days. "This forced stabilisation of oil prices at the cost of the industry is not sustainable and will severely impact the already crippled ..... [more >>](#)

### Gas crisis likely to risk textile exports

Source: [Ehtasham Mufti](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

KARACHI: As the natural gas rationing hit domestic and industrial consumers alike with the onset of winter, industrialists fear that textile exports to the United States and the European Union (EU) could face restrictions due to use of wood and coal to power their units. Domestic consumers in Karachi are already struggling to find alternate fuels to keep their kitchen stoves burning. Now industr..... [more >>](#)

### Consumers brace for gas outages

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

ISLAMABAD: Domestic consumers are bracing for long hours of gas outages as they are likely to receive supplies for only eight hours a day to meet cooking needs when the winter season hits its peak next month. Sources told The Express Tribune that the main problem would be encountered on the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited's (SNGPL) network, particularly in Punjab, due to the scarcity of..... [more >>](#)

### IPPs payment mode; MoF willing to pay GPPs Rs93.4bn

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

ISLAMABAD: Finance Ministry has shown a willingness to pay Rs 93.438 billion to Government-owned Power Plants (GPPs) on the same mode adopted for payments to Independent Power Producers (IPPs), well informed sources in Finance Ministry told Business Recorder. The total amount of GPP receivables of Rs 93.438 billion will be paid equally as follows: Rs 31.146 billion as cash, Rs 31.146 billion ..... [more >>](#)

### Petroleum pricing: Tough times ahead

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

As international crude oil prices gained momentum in the first two weeks of November, observers in Pakistan expected petroleum prices to be revised upwards. Recall that the government had reached the maximum allowed limit on Petroleum Levy (PL) last month, leaving little room but to increase taxes, either via revised upper limit on PL or reintroduction of GST – in case of a sizeable increase..... [more >>](#)

### POL prices kept unchanged

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

Federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced that the prices of petroleum products would remain constant till the next scheduled review at the end of the current month to become effective on the first day of December. This decision is a populist one and is a reversion, however partial, to the 28 February 2022 relief package announced by the Khan administration that accounted for an unbudgeted subs..... [more >>](#)

### Exporters resent energy shortages

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

KARACHI: Exporters on Wednesday complained about the energy shortages, saying that the federal coalition government lacks a policy in this regard, compelling 40 export-oriented industries other than textiles sector to go for closure. "Economic indicators, current state of affairs of economy, trade deficit, as well as, export volume was not much satisfactory," Patron In-Chief Pakis..... [more >>](#)

### POL rates: anomalies in notification?

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

ISLAMABAD: The notification issued by Ministry of Energy on the morning of 16th November for effective POL rates for the next fortnight is baffling on two counts: (i) reference to standard GST rates (17percent), when the prevailing GST is zero on all POL products; and (ii) barring superior kerosene oil (wherein petroleum levy was raised from Rs5.98 effective 1 to 15 November to Rs8.19 per litre) l..... [more >>](#)

### Domestic consumers to get only 8 hours of gas supply per day

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17

With the start of winter, gas shortage has become a major issue especially in the province of Punjab, as only eight hours of gas will be supplied to domestic consumers in 24 hours from next month. As per the sources, Punjab will be the most affected by the gas shortage as Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited will not have the required amount of gas available for the province. The main reason for it..... [more >>](#)

### Growing circular debt

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-18

KEEPING the lights on in Pakistan is proving much too expensive. Electricity has become unaffordable for a vast majority of households, with power producers and their fuel suppliers having their liquidity stuck somewhere in a deep hole, and the government accumulating a fiscally unsustainable mountain of debt that it doesn't know how to get rid of. The continued inability — or avoidanc..... [more >>](#)

### Abrupt gas cuts disrupt routine life in Karachi

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-18

KARACHI: The beginning of the winter season has brought unannounced and prolonged gas loadshedding in the entire city piling miseries on people, mainly students and office-going people. Informed sources and residents of different areas told Dawn that the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) started loadshedding much ahead of the officially planned loadshedding, actually scheduled for December. The fe..... [more >>](#)

### Industry plunged into crisis

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-18

KARACHI: As the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) claims that supply has been suspended to those units using gas for power generation, the industrialists said on Thursday that production has come to a standstill due to zero gas pressure in industries. The Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) and industrial areas' associations stated that almost all industries in the city w..... [more >>](#)

### In the Line of Duty

Source: [muhammad yasir](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-11-18

Pakistan's major cities contain one of the most complicated infrastructures of electricity around the world, which can partially be attributed to the haphazard, unplanned, and mushrooming housing societies in metropolises. To make the situation worst, it is indeed, an extreme challenge for power utilities to ensure the supply of electricity to the customers, mainly in the rainy season, which..... [more >>](#)

### Oil refinery projects in Gwadar to bring socio-economic development

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-11-18

Gwadar, the engine room of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), is set to be the recipient of a \$4.5 billion oil refinery as a Chinese firm has laid down a plan to build an oil refinery with an annual processing capacity of 8 million tons, according to the press release of the firm, the East Sea Group. The Chinese entry came at a time when uncertainty was brewing about the fate of oil ref..... [more >>](#)

### Hubco-backed firm agrees to buy Eni business

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-18

KARACHI: The Hub Power Company Ltd (Hubco) said on Thursday its joint-venture firm signed separate sale-purchase agreements with four Eni-related entities to fully acquire the Pakistan business of the global energy exploration giant. It's carrying out the transaction through Prime International Ltd in which Hubco controls 50 per cent shares through its subsidiary Hub Power Holdings Ltd. The..... [more >>](#)

### **Load management plan for winter: Gas for three hours in morning, two hours for lunch, three**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2022-11-18

ISLAMABAD: While people in various pockets of main cities of Punjab, KPK are getting either no gas or at low pressure, the government has decided to fine-tune the gas load management plan under which it will provide gas to domestic consumers only for cooking times in winter — three hours in the morning from 6 am to 9 am, two hours from 12 noon to 2 pm for lunch and three hours from 6 pm to 9.... [more >>](#)

### **Rs70b spent on LNG subsidy**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-18

ISLAMABAD: The government has given a hefty amount of over Rs70 billion in subsidy by providing liquefied natural gas (LNG) at discounted rates to two fertiliser plants over the past few years. However, it does not seem to have made any difference in the lives of farmers, who continue to bear higher prices of urea fertiliser. According to sources, the government started supplying LNG at lower-t.... [more >>](#)

### **OGDCL, PPL, GHPL; CDMP turned down by finance ministry**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-18

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Finance (MoF) has reportedly turned down Circular Debt Management Plan (CDMP) of OGDCL, PPL and GHPL prepared by Petroleum Division on non-cash settlement basis, sources close to Secretary Petroleum told Business Recorder. Petroleum Division apprised the meeting held in Finance Division that a circular debt management plan for OGDCL, PPL and GHPL has been developed; Gov.... [more >>](#)

### **Crude oil – demand will be dim**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-18

The year-end is close, but the global demand for crude oil is not turning sanguine. The prices closed lower two days ago as the OPEC reduced its global oil demand forecast recently. Though prices received a slight lift from the reduction in China's anti-COVID measures and restriction, the primary reason by the cartel were the uncertainties surrounding the global oil supply, the economic cha.... [more >>](#)

### **Business community urges govt to provide continuous gas supply to export units**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-18

KARACHI: The business community Thursday urged the government to provide gas 24/7 without any hurdle to the export sector of the country. Syed Usman Ali, Chairman South Circle of the Towel Manufacturers Association of Pakistan (TMA), invited renowned and veteran businessmen of the UBG panel, Khalid Tawab, Zubair Tufail, Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Ahmed Chinoy, Noor Ahmed Khan and Mazhar Nasir at TMA H.... [more >>](#)

### **Discos demand 25-paise hike, KE seeks Rs1.9 cut for October**

Source: [Kashif Abbasi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-19

ISLAMABAD: The ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) on Friday sought an additional fuel cost (FCA) of about 25 paise per unit to generate about Rs2.5 billion in supplementary revenue on account of a higher cost of electricity consumed in October. On the other hand, K-Electric has proposed a reduction in FCA by about Rs1.9 per unit to refund through tariff adjustment of about Rs3.16bn to consu.... [more >>](#)

### **KE seeks tariff reduction of Rs9.71 per unit**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-19

ISLAMABAD: A hefty reduction of Rs9.71 per unit in power tariff on account of fuel cost and quarterly adjustments is likely to be announced, which will provide a welcome relief to the electricity consumers of Karachi at a time of soaring inflation and increasing cost of living. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has announced that it will conduct a public hearing on Novembe.... [more >>](#)

### **PIBT willing to supply Thar coal to Gwadar power plant**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-19

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan International Bulk Terminal Limited (PIBT) has expressed willingness to supply Thar coal to 300-MW Gwadar Port through barges/ ships as the government intends to shift imported coal project to local coal, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Pakistan International Bulk Terminal Limited is the only terminal at Port Qasim from where Thar coal can be transported for ..... [more >>](#)

### **Russia disappoints?**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-19

It's too soon to tell whether reports about Russia offering coal instead of LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) to Pakistan are true or not, but it's already clear that we are in for a very difficult winter. Islamabad should, in fact, have realised that arranging LNG contracts is a long-term business, especially these days, and Moscow would not be able to commit on such short notice. It was on..... [more >>](#)

### **LPG air mix plant; Ogra finds SNGPL responsible for delay**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-19

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) found the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) responsible for a two-year delay in the installation of the LPG air mix plant in Gilgit and misleading the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) about its progress and has fined it Rs20 million. An official of the regulator told Business Recorder on the condition of anonymity that the co..... [more >>](#)

### **Balochistan Assembly forms committee over gas, power shortage**

Source: [Saleem Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-20

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly has formed a special committee to take up the issue of shortages of gas and electricity in Quetta and other parts of the province with the federal government. The committee will be headed by acting speaker Sardar Babar Khan Musakhail. The committee included Opposition Leader Malik Sikander Khan (JUI-F), Mir Nasibullah Marri (PTI), Muhammad Asghar Khan A..... [more >>](#)

### **Power generation cost declines**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-20

KARACHI: The cost of fuel in power generation maintained a downward trend for the fourth consecutive month, falling to Rs9.02 per unit as a drop in demand for electricity kicked expensive plants out of the system, making room for cheaper ones in October 2022. The reduction in use of expensive fuel for the generation of electricity is a blessing in disguise, as this is achieved at the cost of eco..... [more >>](#)

### **LNG imports at high prices cause Rs10b loss**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has borne a loss of over Rs10 billion due to mismanagement in the import of liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes that led to the purchase of expensive fuel, noted the Auditor General of Pakistan in its report. According to Rule 4 of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, procuring agencies, while engaging in procurements, shall ensure that the procureme..... [more >>](#)

### **Cheap oil, gas; Pakistan communicates with Russia**

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Saturday communicated with Russia to procure cheap oil and gas. Sources privy to the matter said that in this regard, the foreign ministry and the petroleum ministry started to communicate – via letters – with Russia. The authorities have expressed their interest to the Russian administration in buying cheap oil and gas, but have put up the condition of not imp..... [more >>](#)

### **EPQL urges govt to notify 'GDMO' for smooth operation**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-20

ISLAMABAD: Engro Powergen Qadirpur Limited (EPQL) has urged the government to notify Gas Depletion Mitigation Option (GDMO) at the earliest for continued operation of the plant. Engro Powergen was commissioned in March 2010 and with the PPA term till March 2035, with the capacity of 217.3 MW, the project utilizes fuel in the form of Permeate Gas from the Qadirpur Gas field. Permeate Gas is pr..... [more >>](#)

### **Concessional power tariff for agri sector faces uncertainty**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-20

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has reportedly "shelved" concessional electricity tariff of Rs13/kWh for agriculture sector, after Power Division raised serious concerns, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Recently, IMF raised serious reservations against the government's package for agriculture sector and concessional electricity for export-oriented sectors and..... [more >>](#)

### **No end to gas crisis**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

WINTER is here — and so is the crippling gas crunch. Everyone is frustrated as the two public-sector gas utilities start rationing the fuel. This is not the first winter of shrinking supplies and growing demand. And it won't be the last because successive governments have done little to find a durable solution to the problem. Nor are consumers prepared to modify their lifestyles and st..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil prices tumble as supply fears recede**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-19

LONDON: Oil fell by more than \$3 a barrel on Friday and was on track for a second weekly decline, pressured by concern about weakening demand in China and further increases to U.S. interest rates. As part of the rout, the market structure of both oil benchmarks shifted in ways that reflect dwindling supply concerns. Crude had come close to record highs this year as Russia's invasion of Ukrain..... [more >>](#)

### **Power generation cost declines as renewables, solar share goes up**

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-19

KARACHI: Cost of power generation in the country went down by three percent in the month of October this financial year, compared to the same month of last fiscal. Tahir Abbas, head of research at Arif Habib Limited said, "The decline in the total power generation cost was mainly triggered by rise in the power generation from hydel, nuclear, wind and solar sources." According to the ..... [more >>](#)

### **A winter without gas**

Source: [Enem Ali Abbas](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-21

Of all our past mistakes, gas abuse has had the worst consequences. Pakistan has never been super rich in oil or gas reserves. It also does not have a coherent mechanism to engage international giants to explore undiscovered gas reserves. The fact that we found natural gas reserves at Sui should not have resulted in the distribution of gas to the domestic sector at cheap prices. How hard was it f..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas shortages in Karachi**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

As winter approaches, the bustling financial capital of the country has been crippled by unannounced and prolonged gas load-shedding. Even though the federal government had planned 16-hour gas load-shedding, almost every locality in Karachi has been facing very low pressure or no supply at all even during available hours. No schedule is being followed, piling on much misery on students and white-c..... [more >>](#)

### Gas crisis and industry

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

ISLAMABAD: Winter has come and gas crisis has started. Earlier, households used to do hue and cry. But now, industry is doing the same. Everybody knows, and more so, the industrialists should know better, that the local gas production has been going down and LNG is not available. No supplier is bidding even at higher prices. Even laymen predicted that there would be gas shortages. Government or..... [more >>](#)

### Eliminating fuel crisis risk, once and for all

Source: [Sarfaraz A Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan could be teetering on the brink of yet another fuel crisis. It is about time the policymakers take decisive actions that can eliminate such threats for good. A few days ago, the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC), the representative body for the downstream petroleum industry, warned that a fuel shortage might occur in some regions of the country in the near future since so..... [more >>](#)

### Two fertilizer plants; Body formed to examine possibility of RLNG supply

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has constituted an inter-ministerial committee headed by Secretary Industries and Production to examine possibility of supply of RLNG to Fatimafert and Agritech Fertilizer plants vis-à-vis import of urea to cater the requirement of urea in the country beyond December 2022. The decision was taken on a summary of Petrol..... [more >>](#)

### Power projects; Huge receivables hurdle to new funding: China

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

ISLAMABAD: Beijing has reportedly conveyed to Islamabad that huge receivables of existing Chinese power projects are the main hurdle in convincing banks for further funding in other power projects to achieve their financial closures, well informed sources in federal government told Business Recorder. The issue receivables and opening of revolving account for Chinese CPEC IPPs is still pending..... [more >>](#)

### BMP calls for smooth gas supply to industry during winter

Source: [Safdar Rasheed, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

LAHORE: Complaining about the energy shortages, the Businessmen Panel (BMP) of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FPCCI) has asked the government to ensure smooth supply of gas during winters to the industrial consumers of Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC), as the government lacks a policy in this regard, compelling the indus..... [more >>](#)

### Oil and Gas Development Company Limited

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (PSX: OGDC) is the largest E&P company in the country with operations including exploration, drilling operation services, production, reservoir management, and engineering support. It has the most extensive exploration acreage in Pakistan, covering around 43 percent of the country's total acreage awarded with net hydrocarbons of oil and gas, s..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan in dialogue with Russia to procure oil, gas

Source: [Agencies, Daily Times](#), 2022-11-20

Pakistan on Saturday communicated with Russia to procure cheap oil and gas. Sources privy to the matter said that in this regard, the foreign ministry and petroleum ministry started to communicate – via letters – with Russia. The authorities have expressed their interest to the Russian administration in buying cheap oil and gas, but have put up the condition of not imposing any sort of..... [more >>](#)

### **POL products exports sees 66% increase**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-11-20

Petroleum products (Excl top NSPHTA) exports during the first four month of fiscal year of 2022-23 increased by 66.01 percent as compared to the exports of the commodity during the corresponding period of last year. During the period from July 22 to October 22, Petroleum products (Excl top NSPHTA) worth US\$ 10,050,000 were exported as compared to the exports of US \$ 6,054,000 during the same peri..... [more >>](#)

### **Global stocks rally but oil prices tumble**

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-11-20

US and European stock markets mostly picked up on Friday as investors fished for bargains and shrugged off losses elsewhere, but oil prices dropped over concerns on the world economy. London stocks were lifted by official data showing UK retail sales rose in October, rebounding from a 1.5-percent slump in the prior month. The news also boosted the pound, which fell the previous day on a harsh go..... [more >>](#)

### **Energy crisis can be avoided by efficient use of biomass, hydropower energy: experts**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-11-21

A seminar titled 'Energy Saving and Efficient Use of Resources' was organized at the Iqra University North Campus. While addressing the seminar, CEO of 3 Ray Solution, Imran Imtiaz Butt said that according to an estimate, 1.5 hours of continuous sunlight falls on the Earth, which is enough to resolve the Global Energy Crisis. He said that every second around 173,000 terawatts of Sola..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas Crisis**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-22

Pakistan's gas crisis continues to rage at full intensity-government officials have warned that there will be "no gas supply to household consumers for 16 hours," marking the beginning of a very difficult winter. Natural gas has always been a scarce commodity in the country but this year, Pakistan finds itself dealing with the spillovers of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, whi..... [more >>](#)

### **Petroleum import bill falls by 2% to \$6b in four months**

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-11-22

The imports of the overall petroleum group declined by 2.31 percent during the first four months of the current fiscal year (2022-23) as compared to the corresponding period of the last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. The total imports of the petroleum group during July-October (2022-23) stood at \$ 6,054.093 million, as against the imports of \$6,197.285 million last year, ..... [more >>](#)

### **If gas supply stays unstable, so will exports: BMG**

Source: [Usman Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-22

KARACHI: Pakistan is struggling to achieve export stability as the volume constantly declines due to the absence of a persistent supply of gas, believe industrialists and researchers. Speaking at a public hearing organised by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Monday, Businessmen Group (BMG) Chairman and Former President of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Zubair ..... [more >>](#)

### **SSGC seeks tariff increase of Rs667 per mmbtu**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-22

ISLAMABAD: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has sought a massive increase of Rs667.44 per million British thermal units (mmbtu) in gas prices for financial year 2022-23. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) held a public hearing on Monday to seek the input of relevant stakeholders before reaching a final decision. In a statement, Ogra said "it conducted a public hearing in Karachi t..... [more >>](#)

### **Economic slowdown shows in power generation**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-22

October 2022 marked the fifth month in a row, where electricity generation went down year-on-year. Even peak Covid saw the generation go down for no more than three months at a stretch. This is now in FY19 territory, where the economic slowdown led to negligible GDP growth, largely towards the end of fiscal year. Never before or since, has power generation stayed low year-on-year for such a long s..... [more >>](#)

### **Motiwala links declining exports to gas shortage**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-22

KARACHI: Chairman Businessmen Group (BMG) & former President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) Zubair Motiwala has said that Pakistan needs to increase exports but instead it is constantly declining because of unavailability of gas to industry. "How could the government expect from exporters to deliver and compete with Bangladesh and India when they have no gas. We a..... [more >>](#)

### **Stay order extended on utility charges collection via KE bills**

Source: [Ishaq Tanoli](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-23

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court on Tuesday extended till Dec 7 its earlier interim restraining order for K-Electric from collecting the controversial Municipal Utility Charges and Taxes (MUCT) on behalf of the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation through electricity bills. A division bench headed by Justice Nadeem Akhtar also directed the KMC to file comments on one of the two petitions till the next d..... [more >>](#)

### **Minister asks centre to give Sindh its rightful share of gas**

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-23

KARACHI: Provincial Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh on Tuesday said that the injustices were being committed with the province in the distribution of gas and electricity and demanded that the federal government give Sindh representation in the federal energy regulatory bodies and in K-Electric's board of directors. He told a press conference that the province would not give up its right..... [more >>](#)

### **Stay in RLNG conversion case extended**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-23

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday extended the stay order against forced conversion of twin cities' eateries to Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) and restrained the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGPL) from disconnecting their connections. IHC Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani resumed hearing on the petition filed by restaurants of the twin cities. Advocate Imran Shafiq,..... [more >>](#)

### **Neelum-Jhelum project's tunnel could collapse, warns Nepra chief**

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-23

ISLAMABAD: The tunnel of Neelum–Jhelum hydroelectricity project might collapse at any time and the consequences could be disastrous, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra)'s chief warned on Tuesday. In reply to queries by senators at a meeting of the upper house's Standing Committee on power, Tauseef Farooqi said the biggest worry was "what will happen i..... [more >>](#)

### **'Negative response' of PD irks Senate panel**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-23

ISLAMABAD: Senate Standing Committee on Power on Tuesday made a hue and cry for not receiving any positive response from Power Division on its recommendations, including with respect to K-Electric, as has become the norm. Presided over by Senator Saifullah Abro, the Committee expressed serious annoyance on continuous absence of Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan, Chief Executive Officer ..... [more >>](#)

### **Closure of Neelum-Jhelum project costing Rs10 billion extra per month to consumers**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-23

ISLAMABAD-Senate Committee on Power was Tuesday informed that the closure of Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project was costing Rs10 billion extra per month to power consumers as the restoration work on the project will be completed by June next year. The Senate Standing Committee on Power that met with Senator Saifullah Abro in the chair has also recommended the Power Division to take necessary action..... [more >>](#)

### **Dastgir lays foundation stone of 500kV Suki Kinari transmission line project**

Source: [Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-23

LAHORE-Federal Minister for Power, Engr Khurram Dastgir Khan has said that the present government is concentrating on environment friendly, affordable green energy through hydro, solar and wind resources. He was addressing the groundbreaking ceremony of Suki Kinari transmission line project, held near Kaghan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The 75-kilometer-long 500 kV double circuit transmission ..... [more >>](#)

### **Suki Kanari project to start power production in Nov 2024**

Source: [A Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-24

MANSEHRA: Federal water and energy minister Khurram Dastgir Khan laid the foundation stone of the main transmission line for the Suki Kanari hydropower project in Malkandi area of Balakot tehsil here on Wednesday. He also said it was the first mega energy project being carried out in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. "The Suki Kanari hydropower project to be completed at the cost of over \$2 billion unde..... [more >>](#)

### **CPHGC serves notice to Hubco for \$150m SBLC**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#) , 2022-11-24

KARACHI: The China Power Hub Generation Company Limited (CPHGC) has served a notice to Hub Power Company Limited (Hubco) for encashment of a standby letter of credit (SBLC) worth \$150 million, a statement said on Wednesday. In a notice to the Pakistan Stock Exchange, Hubco, a joint venture partner and Pakistani sponsor of CPHGC, said it had provided security in the form of a SBLC of \$150 million ..... [more >>](#)

### **G7 looking at Russian oil price cap of \$65-70 per barrel**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#) , 2022-11-24

BRUSSELS: The Group of Seven nations (G7) is looking at a price cap on Russian sea-borne oil in the range of \$65-70 per barrel, Reuters reported on Wednesday. Ambassadors from the 27 EU countries are discussing the G7 proposal with the aim of reaching a common position by the end of the day. Views in the EU are split, with some pushing for a much lower price cap and other arguing for a higher one..... [more >>](#)

### **Minister seeks firms' input on energy deals with Russia**

Source: [Our Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-24

ISLAMABAD: A "breakthrough" between Pakistan and Russia on the projects agreed between the two countries in the energy sector is expected in December. According to Express News, way has been paved for the import of petroleum products, crude oil and gas from Russia, as refineries in Pakistan have expressed their willingness to produce yields from the Russian crude oil. In this regard,..... [more >>](#)

### **FBR concedes collecting significant amount of revenue thru power bills**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-24

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has conceded before a parliamentary panel of collecting a significant amount of revenue through electricity bills as effective tax rate is 58 percent per unit on commercial consumer and 29 percent on domestic consumers. Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue presided over by Senator Saleem Mandviwalla Wednesday inquired from the official..... [more >>](#)

### Gas supply remains scarce

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-24

Gas load shedding during winters is not a new phenomenon in Pakistan anymore. So much is worked around the winter season in terms of industrial and power sector usage to keep the stoves and geysers at homes running – that it has now almost become acceptable. These winters may not necessarily be significantly worse in terms of gas load shedding, from how things have shaped up so far. That sai..... [more >>](#)

### Govt seeks Chinese help to resolve Hubco-CPHGC issue

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-25

KARACHI: The federal government requested the Chinese embassy on Thursday to arrange a meeting of the Joint Energy Working Group — a forum set up under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor — at the beginning of next week to resolve the conflict between China Power Hub Generation Company Ltd (CPHGC) and the Hub Power Company Ltd (Hubco). CPHGC served on Nov 23 an “encashment noti..... [more >>](#)

### Petroleum imports fall amid slowing economy

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-25

ISLAMABAD: Imports of the petroleum group dipped nearly 25.94 per cent year-on-year in October owing to the sharp reduction in demand as a result of the slowing down of the economy coupled with the highest-ever inflation. The highest-ever increase in prices also contributed to lower consumption of petroleum products. Data compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) showed the imports of ..... [more >>](#)

### No oil import on discounted rates, NA told

Source: [Rizwan Ghilzai](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-25

ISLAMABAD: The government informed the National Assembly on Thursday that the country was not importing oil at discounted rates from any country, while matters pertaining to the import of oil and gas from Russia were currently under consideration of the petroleum division. During the session, chaired by Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, the members congratulated the newly-appointed chief of army staf..... [more >>](#)

### SBP fails to set up \$400m oil fund

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-25

ISLAMABAD: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has shown its inability to set up a \$400 million fund or make advance payments for smooth oil imports due to the thin foreign exchange reserves amid the Petroleum Division’s warning that diesel stocks may dry up late next month. The Petroleum Division had sought the central bank’s intervention after foreign banks started demanding up to 8% ..... [more >>](#)

### KE success story

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-25

K-Electric is usually in the news for wrong reasons. Either someone in Islamabad or Karachi bashes the company for power generation and other related issues. The fact of the matter is that it is one of the best examples where privatization has yielded results for the public. The supposed city of lights has gained massively due to the operational efficiencies of the company while its shareholders h..... [more >>](#)

### China helping diversify energy mix, says President

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-25

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi Thursday said that Chinese investment and contributions to Pakistan’s energy and power infrastructure were increasing the ability of Pakistan to diversify its energy mix of nuclear, hydel, solar and wind energy and helping the country to meet its ever-increasing energy needs. He said that we should focus on alternate and renewable energy sources, such a..... [more >>](#)

### **16 SOEs falling under PD's control; FD expresses dismay over non-provision of annual reports**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-25

ISLAMABAD: The Finance Division has reportedly expressed dismay over non-provision of annual reports of 16 State Owned Entities (SOEs) falling under administrative control of the Power Division for FY20 despite several reminders. In a letter to Secretary Power Division, Directorate General of Central Monitoring Unit (CMU) of Finance Division stated that a notification of April 30, 2021 contain..... [more >>](#)

### **Ogra asked to examine demand for furnace oil by power sector, industry**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-25

ISLAMABAD: Directorate General of Oil (Petroleum Division) has requested Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) to examine demand and supply of furnace oil by power sector (including KE) and general industry and direct Pak-Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO) to export surplus volume without compromising the overall refinery throughput to ensure maximum local supplies of HSD and Mogas. The National..... [more >>](#)

### **Join hands to reduce oil reliance, PM asks Turkiye**

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-26

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has stressed the need for joint investment by Pakistan and Turkiye to promote renewable energy and cut dependence on traditional energy sources that contribute to carbon emissions. The prime minister, who is on a two-day official visit to Turkiye, made these remarks during the inauguration ceremony of the Milgem Corvette ship for the Pakistan Navy at the I..... [more >>](#)

### **State-run firms to import LPG It will help ease looming gas crisis in country**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-26

ISLAMABAD: Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) importers have continued to milk money at the cost of shutting down local LPG facilities. Given the prevailing situation, the current government has now engaged state-run companies to import LPG to minimise the looming gas crisis in the country. LPG cylinders will be distributed to customers through state-run companies. In order to meet demand, state-run..... [more >>](#)

### **Winter is here**

Source: [Ahsan Munir](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-26

The incumbent coalition had started warning the people that natural gas would be in short supply during the coming winter, thus mentally preparing the ordinary people of the calamity going to befall them. Now, the ministers are informing that out of twenty-four hours, eight hours of gas would be supplied to households to cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner; thus leaving people to brave the rest of w..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan moves closer to ink oil, gas deals with Russia**

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-26

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan is moving closer to ink oil and gas deals with Russia as part of its policy of not supporting bloc politics. Pakistan is set to send a powerful delegation to Russia in the coming days to discuss long-term cooperation in energy sector. This week, the National Assembly was told that a high-power delegation will soon visit Russia to negotiate possibility of long-term cooperati..... [more >>](#)

### **Sindh seeks new gas allocation policy for catering to needs**

Source: [Ishaq Tanoli | Tahir Siddiqui](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-27

KARACHI: The Sindh government has demanded that the federal government enact a new gas allocation policy to meet the actual needs of the province in the energy sector, it emerged on Saturday. In a letter to Petroleum Minister Musadik Malik, Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh asked him to resolve the issue of shortage of electricity and gas in the province, saying: "It has been observ..... [more >>](#)

### Lack of planning harms LNG supply chain

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-27

ISLAMABAD: Deficiencies in the legal structure and infrastructure and lack of strategic planning have marred the liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply chain in Pakistan. Analysing the LNG framework and its supply chain, auditors have pointed out several deficiencies like lack of a proper structural and legal framework and proper planning, which harm LNG business. They said that it resulted in a ci..... [more >>](#)

### Govt plans to deregulate POL products' market by 2027

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-27

ISLAMABAD: The government has planned to fully deregulate its petroleum products market by 2027 after the country's oil refineries make necessary technical upgradation in 2026, according to the draft of the upcoming Pakistan Oil Refining Policy. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) is in a process of consultation with oil marketing companies and oil refineries. Petroleum pro..... [more >>](#)

### Energy conservation: stern measures on the cards

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-27

ISLAMABAD: The Government is likely to impose excise duties on inefficient fans and bulbs, fix timings for shops, marriage halls, encourage E-bikes, adding conical baffles in gas geysers and encourage carpooling as measures to conserve energy. The decision was taken at a meeting of Committee headed by Minister Defence, Khawaja Asif which was attended by Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Kha..... [more >>](#)

### PM woos Turkish investors with lucrative, incentive driven opportunities

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-11-27

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has stressed upon the Turkish companies to invest in Pakistan, as the infinite potential between the two brotherly countries should also be reflected in the bilateral trade and business. Addressing a Turkiye-Pakistan Business Council meeting organised by Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkiye (DEIK) in Istanbul on Saturday, the prime minister said his g..... [more >>](#)

### Oil prices seesaw, but Chinese demand worries linger

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-26

NEW YORK: Oil prices seesawed on Friday in thin market liquidity, closing a week marked by worries about Chinese demand and haggling over a Western price cap on Russian oil. Brent crude futures dropped 17 cents to trade at \$85.17 a barrel by 11:25 a.m. EST (1625 GMT), having retraced some earlier gains. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were down 3 cents at \$77.91 a barrel. There ..... [more >>](#)

### Future of hydroelectric power

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-28

ISLAMABAD: COP27 has ended in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. It has reaffirmed its commitment to a maximum of 1.5-degree Celsius rise in temperature over pre-industrial global average. Some support to natural gas as a transition fuel has survived. The most important and new feature of COP27 is the loss and damage fund. Not much is known as to what would be the source of fund and how would it be allocat..... [more >>](#)

### Climate financing opportunities needs to be matched with innovative solutions

Source: [Jawed Aziz](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-28

The Government of Pakistan (GoP) has taken several initiatives for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and is striving to shift towards 60% renewable energy and 30% electric vehicles by 2030. This will not only help Pakistan mitigate climate-induced vulnerabilities but also will open avenues to attract green investments like Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) launched the country&rs..... [more >>](#)

### **Agreements with IPPs; DFIs underscore need for amendments**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-28

ISLAMABAD: Over half a dozen Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) have sought amendments in pacts with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to replace USD LIBOR with Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR), to be applicable from June 30, 2023, sources close to Chairman NEPRA told Business Recorder. Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) comprise of Asian Development Bank (ADB), British Int..... [more >>](#)

### **Regulatory, financial issues; KE seeks intervention of Khaqan**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-28

ISLAMABAD: Karachi Electric (KE) has sought intervention at the highest level for resolution of its regulatory and financial issues as survival and sustainability of power utility company is at the stake. The power utility company's issues have been raised by its Chief Executive Officer, Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi, in a letter to former Prime Minister, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, who is also C..... [more >>](#)

### **Delegation to visit Russia for talks on oil, says Dar**

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-28

ISLAMABAD: A delegation led by State Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik will fly to Russia to discuss an agreement for import of oil at cheap price, a move that will help country save dollars and tackle skyrocketing petroleum prices in the country. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar revealed it in an interview, expressing a hope that tour will be successful. He also hoped that Pakistan would succee..... [more >>](#)

### **KE announces winners of 'innovation challenge'**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-28

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE) announced the winners for the first 7/11+ Innovation Challenge in partnership with INNOVentures Global at a day-long event held here at Habib University. KE's 7/11+ Innovation Challenge is the first of its kind event in Pakistan's utility market, designed for entrepreneurs, startups, researchers, and university students to promote and accelerate strategic ..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas tariff – the ticking bomb**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-28

From being applauded for taking the "difficult" decisions to taking none at all – life has come full circle for the government. The inability to rationalize gas prices was (rightly) dubbed as one of the key reasons why the energy sector is in such a mess. The blame was put on the previous government, which failed to act upon the regulator's approved determinations and kept..... [more >>](#)

### **Energy sector facing challenges despite reforms initiated by govt: PIDE**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-28

ISLAMABAD - Terming energy sector reforms initiated by the government under pressure from international financial institutions a failure, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) has said that no progress has been achieved in over three decades; rather the sector is worse off, facing even more challenges. In its commentary on the IMF's seventh and eighth reviews of the extended arr..... [more >>](#)

### **PAF War College delegates briefed on plans for water, energy security**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-29

LAHORE: A delegation from the Pakistan Air Force Air War College in Karachi visited the Wapda House on Monday and was briefed on the challenges and plans for water and energy security. The delegation was headed by Air Vice Marshal Hussain Ahmed Siddiqui and consisted of Pakistani and allied officers from Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Sout..... [more >>](#)

### Minister heads to Russia for oil, gas talks

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's junior oil minister and the petroleum secretary have flown to Russia for talks on issues including oil and gas supplies, two people close to the matter told Reuters on condition of anonymity. The trip comes as the South Asian nation struggles to meet domestic gas supply needs as winter approaches while battling to contain a current account deficit swelled by energy payme..... [more >>](#)

### Oil and gas exploration deals inked

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-29

ISLAMABAD: The government on Monday entered into petroleum concession agreements and awarded exploration licences to energy firms that would make a minimum investment of \$65 million in the first three years of exploration activities to tap new oil and gas reserves. The move comes at a time when the country is facing oil and gas scarcity due to the Russia-Ukraine war. Pakistan is encountering a ..... [more >>](#)

### Import of Russian oil, gas on the cards

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-29

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik and the petroleum secretary have flown to Russia for talks on issues including oil and gas supplies, two people close to the matter told Reuters on condition of anonymity. The trip comes as the South Asian nation struggles to meet domestic gas supply needs as winter approaches while battling to contain a current account deficit swelled by ..... [more >>](#)

### PD prepares \$496m gas pipeline augmentation plan

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-29

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Division has prepared augmentation plan of existing gas pipeline for transportation of gas from South to North with an investment outlay of over \$496 million, to be met out of the collections of Gas Development Infrastructure Cess (GDIC), in addition to allowing expansion in existing terminals sans government guarantee, sources close to Chairman Oil and Gas Regulatory Authori..... [more >>](#)

### On energy innovation

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-29

Engro Powergen Qadirpur (EPQL) is an example of innovation in Pakistan's energy sector. This plant was built to use permeable gas (low BTU and high Sulphur) which was flared gas (disposed of) from the Qadirpur gas field. This project came with an out of box solution of capturing this gas to produce power. It is used to generate 217 MW of power. But Qadirpur gas is depleting and so is the per..... [more >>](#)

### Oil prices: China Covid fear returns

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-29

Brent and WTI prices have wiped off the entire 2022 gains. Both benchmarks underwent three consecutive weeks of decline, for one reason or another – and are now trading at their lowest since December 2021. This looked far fetched two months ago, when the likes of Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan were predicting \$120/bbl by the end of year. What the rate cut by US Fed could not achieve, the r..... [more >>](#)

### The Neelum-Jhelum crisis

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-11-29

Nepra's (National Electric Power Regulatory Authority's) chief didn't inspire much confidence when he explained to the Senate's standing committee on power that rehabilitation work on the Neelum-Jhelum hydroelectric plant was in process "but there is no guarantee that the tunnel will not collapse at a later stage". The country's key hydroelectric project h..... [more >>](#)

### **Nepra decides to grant QASPPL micro-grid licences**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-29

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Monday decided to grant micro-grid licences to Quaid-e-Azam Solar (Private) Limited (QASPPL) aimed to satisfy the queries raised by Registrar Nepra and Multan Electric Power Company (Mepco). Chairman Nepra Tauseef H Farooqi, Member Sindh, Rafique Ahmad Shaikh and Maqsood Anwar Khan officiated the public hearing. Chairman Nepra..... [more >>](#)

### **Discos' tariff reduced by 32 paise**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday approved 32 paise per unit reduction on account of fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for consumers of ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) for October. Nepra announced this decision after carrying out a public hearing convened on a petition filed by the Central Power Purchase Agency (CPPA) on behalf of all Discos seeking ..... [more >>](#)

### **ECC okays cut in base tariff for tube wells under Kissan package**

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Tuesday reduced the base tariff for electric tube wells under the Kissan package, fixed tobacco minimum indicative prices for crop 2023 and approved Rs15 billion for the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). The ECC meeting chaired by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar also approved a summary seeking a uniform tariff for K-Electric b..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC projects offer low-cost electricity**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-30

BEIJING: China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) energy projects have improved the electricity sector in Pakistan and contributed to economic growth by increasing power supply with high efficiency and at lower cost, remarked Tauseef H Farooqi, said Chairman of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra). According to Farooqi, total installed capacity of CPEC energy projects, including ..... [more >>](#)

### **Petroleum levy on diesel likely to be increased**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-30

ISLAMABAD: Consumers of diesel are not likely to see any relief from the government as it may decide to increase the rate of the petroleum levy (PL) from December 1, 2022. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar is also expected to maintain the existing oil prices for the first two weeks of December 2022. With the recent increase in PL on petrol and HighOctane Blending Component (HOBC), to the budgeted level ..... [more >>](#)

### **KE's tariff increased by Rs3.21 per unit**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The government on Tuesday approved a subsidy of Rs3.6 per unit for agriculture tube wells but increased tariff rate by Rs3.21 per unit for K-Electric's (KE) residential consumers, in a move that shows hard choices between populist measures and meeting International Monetary Fund's (IMF) requirements. The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet that took these ..... [more >>](#)

### **Russian oil imports hit roadblock**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-30

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's plan to import oil from Russia may hit a snag as Russia does not seem willing to trade oil following a cap price mechanism designed by the United States (US). A Pakistani delegation, comprising of State Minister for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik, the petroleum secretary and others, flew to Russia on November 28, to hold talks on oil and gas trade. The Pakistani side is d..... [more >>](#)

**Q4FY22 adjustment; KE tariff to go up by Rs1.55/unit**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to increase KE tariff by Rs 1.55 per unit for fourth quarter (April-June) 2021-22 under quarterly tariff adjustments to maintain uniform tariff across the country, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Under Section 31(7) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997, the National Electric Power Regulat..... [more >>](#)

**FTO says oil, gas sector 'strictly' governed by Ogra**

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-30

ISLAMABAD: Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) has ruled that the oil & gas sector being a highly regulated segment of national economy is strictly governed by the designated regulator, i.e., Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). On the issue of compensation on delayed refund to an importer and seller of the liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), the FTO's new order said that the preliminary o..... [more >>](#)

**FCA for October: Power consumers likely to get Re0.32/unit refund in Dec bills**

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2022-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Tuesday directed the state-run power distribution companies (Discos) for reimbursement of Re0.32/unit on account of monthly fuel charge adjustments (FCA) for October 2022. However, the regulator will issue its final decision in a few days to incorporate the decisions in the consumer billings for December 2022. The power regul..... [more >>](#)

**EPCL signs deal with SSGC for gas supply**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-11-30

KARACHI: Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited (EPCL) has entered into an interim agreement with Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGC) for supply of gas till February 28, 2023, a statement said on Tuesday. The price would be charged to EPCL at a rate on industrial/commercial pricing notified by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), EPCL informed the Pakistan Stock Exchange in a notice. .... [more >>](#)

**Regulator orders KE to refund Rs3.6bn in next bill**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-01

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra) on Wednesday cleared a Rs2.15 per unit cut in monthly fuel cost adjustment (FCA) and Rs7.83 per unit in quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA) for K-Electric consumers. While Neptra would notify next week the adjustment to refund Rs3.59 billion to KE consumers in December bills, it would separately forward its QTA determination to the ..... [more >>](#)

**Petrol, diesel to sell at old rates**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2022-12-01

ISLAMABAD: Petrol will continue to sell at Rs224.80 per litre for the next fortnight (December 1 to 15), Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Ishaq Dar announced on Wednesday. In a video address, Dar said the price of high-speed diesel will also remain the same at Rs235.30 per litre. The price of kerosene was, however, slashed by Rs10 per litre and of light diesel oil by Rs7.50 per litre. Th..... [more >>](#)

**No change in petrol, diesel prices**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-01

ISLAMABAD: Despite a drop in international prices, the government on Wednesday left the prices of major petroleum products – petrol and high speed diesel (HSD) – unchanged for the next fortnight ending Dec 15. In reaching this decision, the government on the other hand, increased petroleum levy on HSD by Rs10 per litre to about Rs22.60 besides increasing the profit margins of oil mark..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt decides against POL price cut**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-01

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday announced that the government was keeping prices of petrol and diesel unchanged effective from December 1, 2022. The diesel price was supposed to be reduced by Rs11.95 per litre but the government's decision deprived consumers of a major relief. The diesel price was left unchanged in a bid to raise the petroleum levy rate to collect more ..... [more >>](#)

### **Low to zero gas pressure hits Pindiites hard**

Source: [Khalid Iqbal, The News, International](#), 2022-12-01

Rawalpindi: With low to zero gas pressure, the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) dealers are openly looting the public with both hands and selling 1-kilogram commodity at Rs300. The LPG dealers are not only misusing this situation but creating an artificial shortage to earn more profit. The supply of natural gas has vanished from over 80 per cent of areas of the city and cantonment board for some day..... [more >>](#)

### **Two wind power plants of 110MW inaugurated in Jhimpir**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-12-01

KARACHI: Federal Power Minister Khurram Dastgir Khan inaugurated two new wind energy projects set in Jhimpir, Thatta District, Sindh, with an aim to produce cheaper and clean electricity through indigenous energy sources, a statement said on Wednesday. The launched projects include a 60 megawatts (MWs) plant of Metro Wind Power Limited and a 50 MWs renewable project of Gul Ahmed Electric Limited..... [more >>](#)

### **Karachi consumers to get big power tariff relief**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-01

ISLAMABAD: The consumers of K-Electric (KE) are set to receive a major relief of Rs9.97 per unit reduction in power tariff on account of monthly fuel and quarterly adjustments. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday indicated a reduction in tariff for KE consumers by Rs2.15 per unit on account of fuel adjustment for the month of October this year. It also indicate..... [more >>](#)

### **Rates of kerosene oil, light diesel dip**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-01

ISLAMABAD: In the fortnightly prices' review of petroleum products, the price of kerosene oil (SKO) has been reduced by 5.2 per cent and light diesel oil (LDO) by 3.8 per cent, while the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) will be unchanged. In an announcement, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said on Wednesday that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif decided to reduce the price of SKO by ..... [more >>](#)

### **Role of LPG in gas crisis – II**

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-01

Gas tariff and subsidies Gas and electricity prices are politically sensitive issues. The IMF compares prices in USD terms in which an energy price hike may not appear to be too high. However, in rupee terms in which Pakistanis earn their income, the energy price increases have been too steep. Elections are approaching as well. While electricity prices have been increased, it would be very..... [more >>](#)

### **Delay in import of spare parts; Haveli Bahadur Shah power plant faces closure**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-01

ISLAMABAD: National Power Parks Management Company (Pvt) Ltd (NPPMCL) has cautioned the Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) that its 1230-MW RLNG-fired Haveli Bahadur Shah power plant will stop operation if State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) does not approve its four transactions to import equipment/ spares. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) NPPMCL, Akram Kamal in a letter to Managing Direc..... [more >>](#)

### Environment-friendly Karot Hydropower Project

Source: [Dr Shafaq Shahid, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-01

The United Nations Panel on Climate Change has warned the world that global warming is out of control for that human are to blame. There is no doubt that humans are squandering natural resources, destroying clean air and water, and harming the environment. When coal, oil, or natural gas is burned, carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere, where the ocean and plants absorb it. Carbon dioxide ..... [more >>](#)

### HSD, SKO & LDO; PL increased to generate Rs36.199bn

Source: [Wasim Iqbal / Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-02

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has increased petroleum levy on High Speed Diesel (HSD) by 98 percent, 17 percent on Kerosene Oil (SKO) and on Light Diesel Oil (LDO) by 94 percent projected to generate Rs 36.199 billion for the first fortnight of December (1-15). The petroleum levy on petrol remained unchanged as it was already at the highest level possible under current legislation - at Rs..... [more >>](#)

### PRL barred from shutting down this month

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-02

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has barred Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) from shutting down in December 2022 to meet diesel requirements in the winter months, official sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said, in order to review the supplies position in the country a review meeting was held with all refineries/ Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) on Nov..... [more >>](#)

### Of gas shortage and lopsided pricing

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-02

The gas shortages are becoming higher with every passing winter. A revision in gas prices is becoming inevitable with increasing reliance on imported RLNG. The gas circular debt – the gap between the cost and pricing, is hovering around Rs700-800 billion and is likely to cross Rs1 trillion this winter. Hence, a revision in gas pricing to domestic, commercial, and industrial prices is the doct..... [more >>](#)

### Gas sector's debt grows as prices kept low

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-03

ISLAMABAD: The government's policy to keep gas prices artificially low is going to extensively hurt the energy sector where circular debt is continuously growing due to the reliance on liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports. In September, the federal government proposed a plan to increase gas prices by over 300% but it could not be executed because of fears of a political backlash. According..... [more >>](#)

### Nov POL products' sales down 12pc to 1.55m tons YoY

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-03

KARACHI: Total petroleum products' sales clocked in at 1.55 million tons in November 2022, displaying a decline of 12 percent on year-on-year basis amid overall economic slowdown, higher petroleum prices and lower FO-based power generation, experts said. MS depicted a fall of 3.0 percent YoY, to arrive at 0.67 million tons in November 2022. Likewise, High Speed Diesel (HSD) volumes nose..... [more >>](#)

### PM seeks reform plan; Power sector PDM govt's Achilles heel

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-03

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has sought a plan from Power Division to curtail theft and line losses by Rs 100 billion per annum, besides other stepwise power sector reforms such as running power Distribution Companies (Discos) on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The directions were issued during a meeting convened to discuss &lsq..... [more >>](#)

### **Prospects of oil from Russia: much love lost**

Source: [Farhat Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-03

A delegation led by State Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik, who was accompanied by the officials of Petroleum Ministry and the Pakistan Embassy, held a meeting in Moscow early this week to work out an agreement with Russia on the procurement of Russian oil. The expectation of the delegation was high and had taken it very much for granted that Pakistan would succeed in inking an agreement on fav..... [more >>](#)

### **SC urged to rule that smelters and refineries must be set up in Balochistan**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-03

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has been requested to rule that smelters and refineries must be set up in Balochistan and only finished goods' export be allowed. A Pakistani metallurgist, Abbas Akberali, has filed a petition in the Supreme Court of Pakistan asking that being a citizen of Pakistan he has the right to know about the details of the Reko Diq agreement. He has ..... [more >>](#)

### **Rice millers, traders announce closure of business over 'exorbitant' hike in power tariff**

Source: [Dawn Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-03

LARKANA: The Sindh-Balochistan Rice Millers and Traders Association (SBRMTA) on Friday announced closure of their industrial units and asked all its members in both the provinces to stop paying electricity bills from the current month. Speaking at a press conference, president Qamaruddin Gopang and general secretary Asad Tunio of the association strongly condemned the recent hike in electricity ..... [more >>](#)

### **GIDC yet to be utilised on gas pipelines**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-04

ISLAMABAD: The government has spent less than 1% of the total collection of gas infrastructure development cess (GIDC), which was received with the objective of executing mega gas pipeline projects. Though the public gas utilities have extended their pipeline networks from Karachi to Lahore for liquefied natural gas (LNG) transmission, at the same time they have been trapped in over Rs100 billion..... [more >>](#)

### **Provinces' power sector schemes: Rs8.11bn approved by ECC**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-04

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has approved allocation of Rs8.109 billion through technical supplementary grant to the power sector for execution of development schemes in the provinces –with highest amount of Rs6.554 billion in Punjab – under “Sustainable Development Goals Achievement Program” (SAP) during the current fiscal year. .... [more >>](#)

### **Dues again; KE seeks MoF's help for release of over Rs4.5bn collected by Pakistan Post consumer billing collection**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-04

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric (KE) has sought the Finance Ministry's help for release of over Rs 4.5 billion collected by Pakistan Post from KE consumers but not releasing the amount despite several reminders. In a letter to Finance Secretary Hamed Yaqoob Sheikh, KE CEO Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi has stated that despite continued pursuance for release of outstanding balance of Rs 3.979 billion f..... [more >>](#)

### **What to do with furnace oil?**

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-04

Furnace oil used to be the backbone of both power and oil industry until only a few years ago. There were no LNG or coal power plants. Almost all thermal electricity used to be made out of Furnace Oil (FO). Major power stations, including Hub Power of 900MW capacity, were installed. Furnace Oil consumption used to be 9-10 million tons per annum in 2015-16 which kept coming down since. And now, its..... [more >>](#)

### Rs431.45 million being spent on gasification of SEZs, industrial park

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-04

ISLAMABAD - The two state-owned companies, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) are currently in process of executing at least three strategic projects to supply gas to two Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and an industrial park in their respective areas to boost industrial production. For this purpose, the government has allocated funds amounting to Rs 431..... [more >>](#)

### Russian fuel on discounted price soon, says minister

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: Russia has agreed to provide crude oil, petrol and diesel to Pakistan at discounted rates besides long-term contracts for LNG supply and construction of gas pipelines, said Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Malik. Speaking at a news conference on Monday, Mr Malik, who returned from Moscow visit, said that detailed terms and conditions of the discounted oil commodities would be se..... [more >>](#)

### Cabinet approves restoration of 11 cancelled petroleum licences

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-09

ISLAMABAD: The federal cabinet has approved the restoration of 11 cancelled petroleum exploration licences on the recommendation of the Petroleum Division. The cabinet met under the chairmanship of Premier Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday. During the meeting, the Ministry of Planning presented a report related to the biblical floods in Pakistan during the current year. The Post-Disaster Needs Asses..... [more >>](#)

### Electricity bills; PD says doesn't want to manage tax, surcharge collection

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-09

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has expressed willingness to do away with the role of collection of taxes and surcharges on electricity except General Sales Tax (GST) to avert criticism of consumers due to heavy bills. This intention was conveyed by the Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan at a meeting of National Assembly Standing Committee on Power during discussion on a calling attention..... [more >>](#)

### 765kV DC transmission lines; FD asks PD to take action on award of contract

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-09

ISLAMABAD: The Finance Division has asked the Power Division to take appropriate action on award of 765 kV DC transmission lines, Dasu-Mansehra-Islamabad (Lot-I) and respond to concerned quarters. On November 28, 2022, the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in a letter to Additional Secretary Finance Division (CF) stated that it received an email on November 7, 2022 from SA-RA Ene..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan State Oil

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-09

Being the largest marketing company, Pakistan State Oil (PSX: PSO) has the largest market share in the OMC sector involved in the marketing and distribution of motor gasoline (Mogas), high speed diesel (HSD), furnace oil (FO), jet fuel (JP-1), kerosene, CNG, LPG, petrochemicals and lubricants. It also imports products like Mogas, HSD JP-1 and furnace oil based on the demand. It has the largest distr..... [more >>](#)

### Amendments to power plants' documents, transition from USD Libor benchmark to SOFR; MoF urges PD to nominate body as focal point

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-09

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Finance has urged the Power Division to nominate a body as focal point to facilitate amendments to power plants documents and transition from USD Libor benchmark to SOFR proposed by the Asian

Development Bank, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. On November 22, 2022, over half a dozen Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) have sought amendments to pacts ..... [more >>](#)

### **Petroleum spending hits record high**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-08

Petroleum consumption (gasoline and HSD) in the fiscal year to date has come down 19 percent year-on-year. Petrol sales have dropped more drastically than HSD and understandably so, given the difference in use cases, and limited capacity to pass on the cost versus that of HSD. On a 12-month moving average, petrol sales have nosedived rather sharply in the past five months – coinciding w..... [more >>](#)

### **Oily matters – I**

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-08

Pakistan's oil imports are the biggest drain on foreign exchange. Current year's oil import bill has been projected to exceed 23 billion USD as against total exports of 34 billion USD. Oil imports figures may double in USD terms, while in volume terms, oil imports have been around 20 billion tons. Oil prices undulations have been causing the rise in imports mostly. At lower prices, oil..... [more >>](#)

### **Instant supply of 50MMCFD of natural gas for re-sale; If given opportunity, CNG sector can provide annual benefit of \$778.93m: Paracha**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-08

ISLAMABAD: Instant supply of 50 Million Cubic Feet per Day (MMCFD) of local unutilised natural gas to the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Stations for its re-sale to the motor vehicles can benefit by approximately \$778.93 million annually to the country. Ghayas Abdullah Paracha, a senior leader of the CNG Association said that immediate supply of only 50MMCFD of indigenous unused natural gas to ..... [more >>](#)

### **Attock Petroleum Limited**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-08

Attock Petroleum Limited (PSX: APL) was Incorporated in 1998 an oil marketing company It has a has a strong retail network with over 700 retail outlets nationwide and is engaged in the marketing and distribution of numerous petroleum products including High Speed Diesel, Premier Motor Gasoline, Furnace Oil, Bitumen, Kerosene and Lubricants etc. along with a range of automotive and industrial grade..... [more >>](#)

### **Nepa not happy over 'tactics' aimed at blocking CTBCM**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-09

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) said on Wednesday that implementation on Competitive Trading Bilateral Trading Market (CTBCM) is being halted for one or another reason, without naming individuals or entities. These remarks came from the regulator during a public hearing conducted to extend provisional distribution licences or grant new licences to eight Discos,..... [more >>](#)

### **Facilitating Coal Imports**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

Nepa has asked PM Shehbaz Sharif to set up a coal authority to deal with power consumption imports. This request comes after a debate on Afghan and non-Afghan coal purchases on a spot basis. A result of this suggestion could mean that coal purchases would commence at the earliest and cheaper energy could be generated. The meeting also entailed a discussion on importing coal from Afghanistan in r..... [more >>](#)

**Racked with guilt**

Source: [Tasneem Noorani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-10

I FEEL guilty when standing under a hot shower in the morning because the gas which is heating the water, even though paid for by me, is causing a 20 per cent loss to the gas company due to UFG (unaccounted for gas). Additionally, each shower depletes the country's foreign exchange reserves because there is not enough local gas left. I feel guilty sleeping in an air-conditioned room, even t..... [more >>](#)

**NTDC launches grid stations and transmission lines projects today**

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-10

LAHORE: The National Transmission & Dispatch Company (NTDC) is all set to launch two mega projects of new grid stations and transmission lines on Saturday (today) in a bid to reduce system and line losses and improve voltage profile of the Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco), besides providing uninterrupted supply to the Quaid-e-Azam Business Park — an under-construction special econo..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan will be 'without natural gas' by next year**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-10

KARACHI: Former federal minister for petroleum Dr Asim Hussain has said that he is 80 per cent certain that natural gas will not be available in Pakistan by next year. "I predicted in 2012 that there would be no gas in the next 10 years if the policy is not implemented, and the same thing happened as I predicted, so now I'm 80% certain that there won't be gas starting next year,&quo..... [more >>](#)

**Wapda asked to shift troops from Dasu hospital**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-10

ISLAMABAD: The Project Steering Committee (PSC) of Dasu Hydropower Project headed by Minister for Water Resources, Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah has directed Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) to shift Army troops from DHQ Dasu within two months, sources close to Secretary Water Resources told Business Recorder. The Project Director Dasu hydropower project stated that in accordance wit..... [more >>](#)

**Oily matters – II**

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

Immediate solutions are never possible or feasible. There has to be alternative plan and targets. How about we target a proposal to reduce oil consumption by 25% by 2030? A number of approaches may be feasible: converting oil demand to electricity through adoption of Electrical Vehicles; and electricity generation through solar. While EV proposals and initiatives are originally based on climate re..... [more >>](#)

**Govt vigorously working to enhance electricity production through RE: minister**

Source: [APP, Daily Times](#), 2022-12-01

Minister for Energy (Power Division) Khurram Dastgir on Wednesday said the incumbent government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was vigorously working to enhance the production of electricity from indigenous resources with a focus on renewable energy (RE). Addressing the inauguration ceremony of two wind power projects having 110 Megawatts capacity at Jhimpir District Thatta, he said that the..... [more >>](#)

**Khurram Dastgir inaugurates 220 KV Wind Power Grid Station Jhimpir-II**

Source: [APP, Daily Times](#), 2022-12-01

Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan said on Wednesday that every new wind power project launched in the Gharo-Jhimpir corridor of Sindh is a step forward towards achieving the national goal of producing cheaper and clean electricity through indigenous energy sources. This he said after formally inaugurating two new wind energy projects in the Jhimpir area i.e. a 60 MWs plant of Metro ..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt releases Rs 27,220m for various projects of NTDC, PEPCO in Q1 of FY-2022-23**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-02

The government has released a sum of Rs 27,220.10 million for various projects of the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) and Pakistan Electric Supply Company (PEPCO) under the Annual Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) during the first quarter of the current fiscal year 2022-23. According to the data of the Planning Commission, the government had allocated Rs 42,983.26 milli..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt increases LPG price by around Rs12 per kg**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-02

ISLAMABAD: Owing to an increase in the prices of Propane and Butane by Saudi Aramco, Pakistan, being an importer, on Thursday also increased the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) prices by Rs11.8 per kilogram for domestic and commercial consumers for December 2022. With the increase in prices, the domestic gas cylinder weighing 11.8 kilograms will now cost Rs2,548, and commercial cylinder (45.4kg) at..... [more >>](#)

### **Another Thar coal power plant starts test run: minister**

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

KARACHI: The Thar coal power project has started generating 1,320 MW on a trial basis and the electricity would soon become part of national grid, a senior official said on Sunday. "The test production of 1,320 MW has successfully been started," Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Sheikh said in a statement issued on Sunday. "This production plant is being run in cooperation with Shan..... [more >>](#)

### **New debate on cheaper bike petrol**

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-12

ISLAMABAD: Last week, Planning Commission held a meeting for discussion on introducing a special fuel for motorcycles, which should fit the pockets of motorcycle users, who are typically low-income, lower middle class persons. The issue has been on the table of policymakers for several years now. With the increase in petrol prices, subsequent to the rupee depreciation, the issue has acquired mor..... [more >>](#)

### **Export-oriented sectors; All set for study on 'concessionary' RLNG**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

ISLAMABAD: The Directorate General Audit Petroleum and Natural Resources, an arm of Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), is to conduct special study on "supply of RLNG to export-oriented sectors at concessionary rates" of previous four years, sources in Petroleum Division told Business Recorder. The government has approved electricity tariff of Rs 19.99/ kWh for the five expor..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil slides: But for how long**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

It appears the worst fears of the West have not quite materialized, much to their liking, as the price cap on Russia seems to be working in their favor. Russia's initial reaction has been discounted by the market, as the Kremlin has not come with an action plan in response to the \$60/bbl price. President Putin has responded rubbishing the price cap, calling it all sorts of names, threatening..... [more >>](#)

### **Sindh to face massive gas loadshedding**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-13

KARACHI: The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) Monday announced that under a new load management plan, gas will be supplied to consumers in Sindh from 6-9am, 12-2pm, and 6-9pm — for a total of eight hours. The SSGC official said that the gas supply would not be cut off completely for the rest of the day. The SSGC will ensure supply in the above-mentioned eight hours as per the government dire..... [more >>](#)

### **KKI Grid; Govt working closely with KE to ensure development of Sindh: CM**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah and Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Shaikh Monday attended the groundbreaking ceremony at KE's KKI Grid. This is the 73rd grid in KE's network and provides a link with the National Grid, giving Karachi further access to additional, affordable electricity. This is also in line with KE's ongoing commitment to improve the reliability..... [more >>](#)

### **Agreement paves way for 132KV Dasu transmission line**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-13

LAHORE: The Wapda, civil administration of Hazara division and United Kohistan Jirga, comprising notables of three districts — Upper Kohistan, Lower Kohistan and Kolai Palas Kohistan — reached an agreement to implement a number of development schemes. Most importantly, the agreement will pave the way for smooth execution and completion of a long-delayed 132 KV transmission line from t..... [more >>](#)

### **Draft for local refineries' upgrade finalised**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-13

ISLAMABAD: The government has finalised the draft of the refining policy for upgradation of local refineries under which a protective tariff of 10 per cent each on petrol and diesel would be extended to the existing refineries in the shape of IEFM (inland equalisation freight margin) for six years, senior officials involved in fine-tuning of the draft confided to The News. "The amount to be..... [more >>](#)

### **Crisis deepens as domestic consumers to get gas only at 'meal times'**

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

KARACHI: While Sindh, particularly Karachi, has been experiencing either hour-long gas loadshedding or low pressure for the past many weeks, the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) on Monday officially announced that domestic consumers would get gas only for total eight hours in a day — morning, afternoon and evening — during "meal timing". "As per the prime minister&rsq..... [more >>](#)

### **OPEC set to stick or cut more amid plan to cap Russian oil price**

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-03

London: Major oil producers are expected to stick to their current output strategy or even slash production further when they meet on Sunday in the face of falling prices, a potential Russian oil price cap and an embargo on Russian crude shipments. At their last ministerial session in October the 13-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries headed by Riyadh and its 10 allies led by..... [more >>](#)

### **Wapda, KP districts sign deal to build transmission line**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

ISLAMABAD: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) and a united jirga from three districts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Kohistan region signed an agreement on Monday to facilitate the construction of a transmission line for evacuation of 4,300 megawatts electricity to be generated by Dasu dam and other hydropower projects. The "Confidence-Building Measures&rsq..... [more >>](#)

### **Crisis deepens as domestic consumers to get gas only at 'meal times'**

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### **Industry to be powered by waste-to-energy project, says CM**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

LAHORE: Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi says cheap electricity will be provided to the industry through a waste-to-energy project and the Punjab cabinet has already approved the expression of interest for the project. "The generated electricity will be directly supplied to the industrial estates and the project will be taken forward on a fast track," he said while talking to an i..... [more >>](#)

### **Panel wants 'stay orders' vacated for recovery of Rs449bn Gas Infrastructure Development Cess**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel on Monday asked the Petroleum Division to take an aggressive approach to recover over Rs449 billion arrears of the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) from various industrial sectors at the earliest. While testifying before the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum, Director-General Gas Abdul Rasheed Jhokio said that total GIDC payable by various sect..... [more >>](#)

### **Attock Refinery suspends furnace oil production**

Source: [Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-14

KARACHI: Attock Refinery Ltd said on Tuesday it's temporarily shutting down one of its main processing units for eight days owing to "ullage constraints" arising out of low demand for furnace oil. Ullage refers to the empty space in a refinery's storage tanks. In other words, buyers of furnace oil aren't lifting the product from the refinery, which has forced the cru..... [more >>](#)

### **ADB describes energy plan as 'less than effective, efficient'**

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-14

ISLAMABAD: The Independent Evaluation Department (IED) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has rated "Pakistan: Sustainable Energy Sector Reform Program (Subpro-grams 1, 2, and 3)," of around \$2.4 billion less than effective, less than efficient and less than successful as it was not able to effectively address the underlying liquidity issues in the power subsector, which was key to it..... [more >>](#)

### **Land issue of Kohala HPP; C-SAIL seeks support of PPIB**

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ISLAMABAD: M/s China Three Gorges South Asia Investment Ltd (C-SAIL) has sought support from Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) to acquire land for 1124-MW Kohala Hydropower Project, despite the fact that payment has already been made. The Company's CEO, in a letter to Managing Director PPIB, Shah Jahan Mirza has appreciated PPIB for extending support in development of the ..... [more >>](#)

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### **Seeking FDI in the power sector**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-14

The importance of FDI in Pakistan cannot be overemphasized – especially in a time of extreme dollar liquidity crunch in the financial account of the balance of payment. However, delays in the repatriation of dividends and other payments to the foreign shareholders of companies in Pakistan have made the investors extremely jittery. Forget about a green field project - no one is ready to inves..... [more >>](#)

**Oil's topsy turvy ride**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-15

After spiking for some time, crude oil prices tumbled in early December on concerns of continued weakening of the global demand. Global oil prices receded by more than 20 percent on the onset of business cycle slowdown around the world. This came after an explosive up cycle in commodity prices after the first wave of COVID. After peaking in mid-2022, demand destruction and weakened economic growth h..... [more >>](#)

**For next year; NPCC seeks accurate power demand forecast**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-14

ISLAMABAD: The National Power Control Centre (NPCC), an arm of National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) has sought accurate power demand forecast during 2023 to make arrangements for imported fuel. NPCC is performing the functions of annual energy planning and real-time operation/ dispatch of the National Power Grid under the provisions of the Nepra regulations/ grid-code and in comp..... [more >>](#)

**Lyari power outage issue echoes in Sindh Assembly**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-14

KARACHI: The MMA's sole legislator in the Sindh Assembly on Tuesday voiced against the prolonged electricity load shedding in Lyari, saying that the abject outages have created a water shortage for the residents. Syed Abdul Rasheed, who is the only lawmaker of the multi-religio-politico parties' alliance, MMA, cried foul over the power cuts for long hours in Lyari, saying that the..... [more >>](#)

**ARL warns supply disruption if AGL not operationalized**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-14

ISLAMABAD: M/s Attock Refinery Limited (ARL) has warned the government that oil supply to Pakistan Air Force (PAF), Islamabad Airports and Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) may be disrupted if its power plant, Attock Gen Limited is not operationalized immediately. This warning was sent by Chief Executive Officer (CEO), ARL, Adil Khattak in a letter to Directorate General of Oil (Petroleum Divisi..... [more >>](#)

**Determination of ERR, PERR; Ogra refuses to include cost of RLNG diversion**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-14

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has reportedly refused to include cost of RLNG diversion in the annual determination of Estimated Revenue Requirement (ERR), as well as, in the Review of Estimated Revenue Requirement (RERR) of the gas companies, saying that any such act will have significant impact on the prescribed prices besides legal obligations, sources close to Secretary Petrol..... [more >>](#)

**Gas Shortage**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-14

The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has officially announced that all provinces of the country will experience at least 16 hours of gas loadshedding this winter as national reserves have been almost depleted. This is a reality that the citizens of Pakistan have begrudgingly come to terms with as the gas crisis has been looming over our heads for quite some time now. The smart thing to do would hav..... [more >>](#)

**Nepra decision: K-Electric directed to refund Rs2.45/unit in December bills**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-15

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric's clients, who paid higher rates for electricity they consumed in October 2022, are to get Rs2.456/unit refund in their December bills, as per the decision of the National Electric Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday. This reimbursement is to be made on account of fuel charge adjustments (FCA) for October 2022. The company charged higher prices from consumers dur..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas loadshedding in Karachi makes people's life hell without fire**

Source: [Shazia Hasan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-15

KARACHI: It's not that uncommon to find a pickup truck loaded with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders on any busy road of the city any time of the day. They are in huge demand, therefore they are there. Karachi is experiencing severe gas loadshedding these days. The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has recently announced that it would supply gas to its domestic consumers thrice a day dur..... [more >>](#)

### **Court orders admin to ensure markets closure by 10pm**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-15

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Wednesday ordered the local administration to ensure closure of the markets in the provincial metropolis at 10pm as a measure to control smog. Justice Shahid Karim, who seized petitions on environmental issues, also directed the government that the restaurants should be closed at 10pm on the first four days of the week and at 11pm on Friday, Saturday and Sun..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt slashes petrol price by Rs10 per litre Reduces HSD rate by Rs7.50 per litre**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-15

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Thursday slashed the prices of petroleum products by up to Rs10 per litre effective from December 16, 2022. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar in a tweet said that the government had reduced the price of high speed diesel by Rs7.50 per litre. The government slashed the price of petrol by Rs10 per litre, kerosene oil by Rs10 per litre and light diesel oil (LDO) by Rs..... [more >>](#)

### **K-Electric tariff reduced by Rs2.45 per unit**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-15

KARACHI: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday allowed K-Electric (KE) to cut its power tariff by Rs2.45/unit on account of monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA). In a public hearing, held to for KE's petition on monthly FCA for October, the regulator had initially calculated a reduction of Rs2.15/unit. After detailed analysis of the KE data and making adjust..... [more >>](#)

### **Petroleum product prices may see reduction**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-15

ISLAMABAD: The price of petrol is likely to go down around Rs7.50 per litre, while the price of High-Speed Diesel (HSD) may be reduced by Rs12.37 per litre for the second half of December 2022, according to oil price forecasts from energy experts. If the government increases the Petroleum Levy (PL) and adjusts the arrears of exchange loss on the Free on Board (FOB) basis, there will be no reduct..... [more >>](#)

### **Tunnel collapse; NJHEP CEO alludes to 'lapses' in design**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-15

ISLAMABAD: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHEP), Muhammad Arfan Miana on Wednesday hinted at lapses in the design of the project as the experts have identified eleven different possibilities which may have led to blockage and subsequent partial collapse of the tunnel. Sharing chronology of events with National Assembly Standing Committee on Water Resources, ..... [more >>](#)

### **PM underscores need for early completion of CASA-1000**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-15

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday said that Pakistan wanted the establishment of energy, rail and road connectivity with the diverse energy resources rich Central Asian Republics (CARs) for the development and prosperity of the entire region. During a joint press stakeout with President of Tajikistan Emomoli Rahmon, the prime minister said Pakistan desired early c..... [more >>](#)

### Circular Debt

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-15

Pakistan's power sector circular debt is now upwards of Rs 4,177 billion. This figure is alarming as the sector is currently running on credit and projections show this to increase by Rs 129 billion yearly. Already, electricity is unaffordable and the IMF has already pointed out this inability in reducing the circular debt mountain. Despite the government's plans for improvement in the..... [more >>](#)

### Russia rejects \$60 oil price cap set by EU, G7

Source: [AFP, The News, International](#), 2022-12-04

KYIV, Ukraine: Russia on Saturday rejected a \$60 price cap on its oil agreed by the EU, G7 and Australia, which Ukraine said would contribute to the destruction of Russia's economy. "We will not accept this price cap," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told domestic news agencies, adding that Russia, the world's second-largest crude exporter, was "analysing" the ..... [more >>](#)

### Report identifies 11 reasons for tunnel collapse in Neelum-Jhelum project

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2022-12-05

ISLAMABAD: As many as 11 postulated root causes of the blockage of tailrace tunnel (TRT) in the Neelum Jhelum Hydropower project happened on July 4, 2022, which have been identified, discloses the interim report prepared by an Independent Panel of Experts (IPoE). The tailrace tunnel (TRT) of 969 MW Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHPP) experienced damage and a blockage that forced shut down of..... [more >>](#)

### Gas shortage hits Pindiites hard

Source: [Khalid Iqbal, The News, International](#), 2022-12-05

Rawalpindi: The Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) is continuously playing with public lives as the majority of families have been suffering from fever, cough, throat infections, flu, and several other cold-related diseases. The doctors have advised people to keep themselves warm to avoid cold-related diseases but from where could they get warmth without fire which was vanished from all ar..... [more >>](#)

### SNGPL's cylinder project gets lukewarm response

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-12-05

Rawalpindi: The residents of Rawalpindi have rejected Sui Northern gas Pipeline Limited's (SNGPL) plan to provide Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders to consumers to control gas shortfall. The consumers have declared it an extra financial burden on the public and appealed to the SNGPL to provide natural gas to domestic consumers on a priority basis. The SNGPL has advised consumers to dia..... [more >>](#)

### Russia to sell discounted oil to Pakistan: minister

Source: [Israr Khan & Mehtab Haider, The News, International](#), 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: In a major achievement for the PMLN-led coalition government, Pakistan has secured a strong commitment from Russia for sale of the crude and other POL products at reduced prices under a government-to-government (G2G) arrangement. A high-powered Russian delegation will visit Islamabad next month to settle modalities and price. The government has also initiated talks with the Russian gov..... [more >>](#)

### PM unveils Mangla Dam refurbishment project

Source: [App, The News, International](#), 2022-12-06

MANGLA: Stressing the need for cheaper electricity generation, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that Pakistan, which is already facing immense challenges of economic stability, could not bear the high costs of energy import bills. The premier made the remarks while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the refurbishment project of Units 5 and 6 of the Mangla Dam Hydroelectric Power Plant on ..... [more >>](#)

### **DISCOs and price hikes**

Source: Sara Danial, [The News, International](#) , 2022-12-06

The rising costs of electricity due to the non-availability of the right kind of fuel is irking consumers. DISCOs are helpless as the whole process is under the government's control. This increase has been triggered by long-term trends such as underinvestment in natural gas and clean energy supply, and short-term developments like reductions in natural gas. Such trends have prompted the gov..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan to get crude oil, petrol, diesel from Russia on discounted price**

Source: App, [Daily Times](#) , 2022-12-06

Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik on Monday termed his recent visit to Russia 'very successful' as the host country, in principle, had decided to provide crude oil, refined petrol and diesel to Pakistan at a discounted rate. "In addition, negotiations with private sector companies of Russia have been initiated for procurement of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), while ..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab CM okays waste-to-energy project for Lahore**

Source: News Desk, [Daily Times](#) , 2022-12-09

Chief Minister Punjab Chaudhry Parvez Elahi okayed the production of a waste-to-energy project for Lahore while chairing a meeting with a Norwegian firm (ENATE) at his office that offered to generate 55 megawatts of electricity daily for the Sundar industrial estate from 1250 tons of solid waste. The Norwegian representative Mr. Carl Fredrik Seim told that 40 million tons of solid waste exist in L..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt releases Rs 296.10m to advance nine petroleum sector projects**

Source: App, [Daily Times](#) , 2022-12-09

The government has released funds amounting to Rs296.10 million to advance nine ongoing petroleum-related projects during the first four months of the current fiscal year under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP 2022-23) against a total allocation of Rs1.48 billion. Out of the total disbursement of Rs296.10 million, around Rs11.44 million have been spent on petroleum projects to accele..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas utilities fail to meet loss cutting targets**

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-12-05

ISLAMABAD: Despite unprecedented hike in international oil and gas prices and resultant increase in import bill of two essential commodities, the two gas utilities have failed to control system losses against regulatory targets approved by the government. Over the last three years (2019-22), both the gas utilities — Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) and Sui Northern Gas Pip..... [more >>](#)

### **PM brings the economics of hydropower under govt focus**

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif inaugurated the renovation project of Mangla Power Station Unit 5 and 6 on Monday. The Prime Minister's Office said that under the renovation project of Mangla Power Plant, 50-year-old machinery is being replaced with new machinery in all the units. After the completion of the renovation project, the capacity of Mangla Power Plant will incre..... [more >>](#)

### **Revolving fund account for CPEC IPPs approved; ECC allows import of 0.583MTs of wheat**

Source: Zaheer Abbasi, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has allowed the import of 0.583 million tonnes of wheat and approved the revolving fund account for the CPEC Independent Power Producers from "Pakistan Energy Revolving Fund" to "Pakistan Energy Revolving Account". The meeting of the ECC presided over by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday sought appr..... [more >>](#)

**LNG case; AC adjourns proceedings against Khaqan, others as judge's tenure expires**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: The Accountability Court on Monday adjourned Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) case against former premier Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and others without proceedings as the tenure of Accountability Court-II judge Muhammad Azam Khan expired on October 27. Judge Muhammad Azam Khan was appointed in October 2019 as the judge of AC-II, Islamabad – after it was left vacant after Judge Arshad M..... [more >>](#)

**Payables/receivables; Govt offered to seek resolution of dispute thru ICA, KE CEO tells Senate panel**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghuman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi Monday testified before a Senate panel that the power utility has offered the government to resolve the issue of outstanding payables/receivables from International Court of Arbitration (ICA) but the authorities are reluctant fearing that they will lose the case. He revealed this at a meeting of Senate Stand..... [more >>](#)

**High gas cost: 50pc of pottery units suspend operations**

Source: [Waseem Ashraf Butt](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-06

GUJRAT: High gas prices have forced owners of almost half of local pottery-manufacturing units to shut their operations at a time when demand of their products is usually high. The natural gas is one of the major raw materials for the pottery and ceramics industry of Gujrat and Gujranwala, which employs 40,000 people and mainly produces tea mugs, milk mugs and tea sets. "At a time when the..... [more >>](#)

**Petroleum spending hits record high**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-08

Petroleum consumption (gasoline and HSD) in the fiscal year to date has come down 19 percent year-on-year. Petrol sales have dropped more drastically than HSD and understandably so, given the difference in use cases, and limited capacity to pass on the cost versus that of HSD. On a 12-month moving average, petrol sales have nosedived rather sharply in the past five months – coinciding w..... [more >>](#)

**Instant supply of 50MMCFD of natural gas for re-sale**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-08

ISLAMABAD: Instant supply of 50 Million Cubic Feet per Day (MMCFD) of local unutilised natural gas to the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Stations for its re-sale to the motor vehicles can benefit by approximately \$778.93 million annually to the country. Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha, a senior leader of the CNG Association said that immediate supply of only 50MMCFD of indigenous unused natural gas to ..... [more >>](#)

**Oily matters – I**

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-08

Pakistan's oil imports are the biggest drain on foreign exchange. Current year's oil import bill has been projected to exceed 23 billion USD as against total exports of 34 billion USD. Oil imports figures may double in USD terms, while in volume terms, oil imports have been around 20 billion tons. Oil prices undulations have been causing the rise in imports mostly. At lower prices, oil..... [more >>](#)

**Attack Petroleum Limited**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-08

Attack Petroleum Limited (PSX: APL) was Incorporated in 1998 an oil marketing company It has a has a strong retail network with over 700 retail outlets nationwide and is engaged in the marketing and distribution of numerous petroleum products including High Speed Diesel, Premier Motor Gasoline, Furnace Oil, Bitumen, Kerosene and Lubricants etc. along with a range of automotive and industrial grade..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan participates in International Forum for Energy Transition**

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

BEIJING: Pakistan participated in the International Forum for Energy Transition 2022 which was held in the Chinese capital, with wide participation from across the world. Federal Minister for Energy, Khurram Dastgir Khan represented Pakistan at the forum while the Chinese government was represented by Chinese Vice Premier Han Zheng who delivered remarks at the event, according to a press rele..... [more >>](#)

### **Heating price disparity must end**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-12

The northern part of the country has now long been used to of gas pressure and supply issues in winters. This winter, the southern brothers and sisters have started to share their pain too, as complains of low pressure and gas load shedding have grown. This should not surprise anyone. There will not be enough gas to flow through the pipelines in the next few years. Or at least not the one at ..... [more >>](#)

### **LPG sales: Ogra takes action against use of plastic bags**

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

ISLAMABAD: A team of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority's (OGRA) Enforcement Directorate on Sunday stopped the illegal and dangerous activities of selling LPG in plastic shopping bags, taking place in parts of the provincial capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa - Peshawar. "OGRA team along with District Management visited different parts of Peshawar including Rati bazaar, Ashraf road a..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan Oilfields Limited**

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

Pakistan Oilfields Limi-ted (PSX: POL is a subsidiary of the Attock Oil Company Limited (AOC), and one of the largest E&P companies in the country. The E&P firm is involved in the exploration, drilling and production of crude oil and gas in the country and produces crude oil, natural gas, and LPG that it markets under its brand name POLGAS as well as its subsidiary, CAPGAS (Private) Limite..... [more >>](#)

### **Petroleum consumption trotting down**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

The past 5 months have seen the demand for petroleum products drop by percent year-on-year primarily due to higher pump prices, economic slowdown and floods. Petroleum consumption in the country was down by 12 percent year-on-year in November-22 alone. Petrol sales (Motor Spirit) sales were down by three percent year-on-year in November-22, while diesel (HSD) and furnace oil sales were lower by 18..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil price: All eyes on Russia**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

December 2022 has been the most happening in terms of news flow for oil market, with the focus now shifting back towards Russia. It was all about China two weeks ago, as the Western media went into an overdrive on how China faces a massive slowdown in demand due to mass spread of Covid. The protests in China were made significant events – even from big research houses, terming the protests a..... [more >>](#)

### **ECC asks Power Division to resolve KE issues**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) has directed Power Division to expedite resolution of pending issues of KE including finalization of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and submit to ECC for consideration after due consultation with Task Force constituted by the Prime Minister. These directions were issued by the ECC headed by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on November 29, 2022 wh..... [more >>](#)

### Fuel imports from Russia

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

The Minister of State on Energy (Petroleum Division), Musadik Malik, held a press conference on his return from a three-day visit to Russia, claiming that a Russian delegation will visit Pakistan in January to negotiate further on commercial agreements for import of fuel – petrol, diesel and LNG – at ‘discounted’ rates. It is relevant to note that Russian Urals crude was mo..... [more >>](#)

### Energy-efficient projects; WB ready to extend \$300m financing

Source: [Mushtaq Ghuman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: World Bank (WB) has shown willingness to extend over \$ 300 million financing for solarisation of government buildings, water and space heating, shifting from more expensive fuels to electricity and improve efficiency, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Both National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency (NEECA) and Punjab Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency (PE..... [more >>](#)

### Analysts optimistic about prospects of Pakistan-Russia oil deal

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

KARACHI: Pakistan may save around \$1.0 billion annually or 6.0 percent of the total energy bill of \$18 billion expected in FY23 if Russia agrees to supply discounted crude and oil products to the country, according to experts. “We believe that Pakistan will be interested to get petrol and diesel in price range of \$60 and \$85 per barrel, respectively,” Farhan Mahmood, senior analys..... [more >>](#)

### No power distribution firm being privatised, NA body told

Source: [Amin Ahmed, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: The Privatisation Commission has informed the National Assembly’s Standing Committee on Privatisation that presently no power distribution company (Disco) was being privatised, as the management contract or concession agreement model had been approved by the cabinet and its relevant committee. However, after Sindh government showed interest, the power ministry offered o..... [more >>](#)

### ‘Integration in energy sector can save \$9bn for S Asia’

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: World Bank’s Director of Integration for South Asia Cecile Fruman said Tuesday South Asia could save \$9 billion if regional integration in energy sector was implemented. She said the WB could not provide a guarantee on the pattern of Indus Waters Treaty for protecting regional integration projects in different sectors of the economy. “The state of electricity in South Asia i..... [more >>](#)

### Dar’s dilemmas

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#), 2022-12-07

The ninth review of Pakistan’s IMF bailout programme is threatening to be the proverbial last straw that broke the camel’s back. Did Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar underestimate the challenge when he said early on he was certain he could handle the IMF? Some recent statements about being to able to manage without the Fund’s support suggest this may be the case. Of course, the..... [more >>](#)

### SNGPL says to redress low gas pressure issue

Source: [Khalid Iqbal, The News, International](#), 2022-12-07

Rawalpindi: The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) Managing Director Ali Javed Hamdani and Senior General Manager Syed Mukhtar Shah took notice of people’s complaints about gas outages and low pressure in the city and suburbs and directed to start work to lay down 2-inch supply lines immediately to ensure uninterrupted gas supply to domestic consumers. The SNGPL staff has started wo..... [more >>](#)

### Transport consumes 30pc of energy in Islamabad

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-07

Islamabad: The experts at a panel discussion have said there was need of a stakeholder collaboration and engagement of the government and civil society to come up with sustainable transport systems across the country to cope with spiking up risk of smog and air pollution. This was stated by the experts at a panel discussion on “Sustainable urban transportation for smart cities in the devel..... [more >>](#)

### OGDCL produces 33,443 BPD oil , 779 MMCFD gas in 1st quarter

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-15

Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), during the first quarter of the current fiscal year, has produced around 33,443 BOPD, 779 million MMCFD gas and 722 TDP LPG. The production witnessed a little decline as compared to 37,347 Barrel per Day (BPD) oil, 845 Metric Million Cubic Feet per Day (MMCFD) gas, and 805 Tons per Day (TPD) Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) during the same period of t..... [more >>](#)

## Renewable Energy

### ‘Varsities can multiply budgets through research commercialisation’

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-16

LAHORE: Participants in All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo-2022 were of the view that industry-academia linkage could multiply the budget of universities through the commercialisation of their research output and solution-oriented consultancy services to the government in various projects. Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) and other public sector universities of the province jointly ..... [more >>](#)

### 184 education centres to be solarised, says CS GB

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-20

GILGIT - Chief Secretary Gilgit-Baltistan muhiudeen Wani on Saturday said that they had made a great stride towards digitisation of our educational institutions, adding it would all be futile if there was no electricity to power the digital skeleton in these schools. Talking to media, he said that “we do realise (importance of electricity provision) it and for this purpose we were solar..... [more >>](#)

### Blunders vis-à-vis solar energy

Source: [Mujtaba Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

Policy changes and uncertainties in Pakistan have been a major bane for consumers and businesses alike. With frequently changing governments, important policies are made, changed, and scrapped just as rapidly. Solar energy, unfortunately, has not been an exception. Championed as one of the greatest assets for this country, solar energy has not been fully exploited to our benefit, nor has its prog..... [more >>](#)

### KPRA gets solar energy system

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-21

PESHAWAR: The USAID-funded Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Mobilization (KPRM) Activity handed over 30-kilowatts solar energy system to KPRA, meant to strengthen Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority (KPRA) and overcome power outages issues in its South Region Office. A proper handover ceremony was held at the KPRA head office in which the USAID-KPRM Chief of Party Temur Aziz handed over the system..... [more >>](#)

### New solar power plants; Tariffs to be indexed annually: ECC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-22

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has decided that tariff of new solar power plants will be indexed annually rather than on a quarterly basis on rate variation of USD/ PKR, official sources told

Business Recorder. Power Division, sources said, has informed the ECC that for promotion and development of indigenous renewable energy resources in the country on le..... [more >>](#)

### **Waste-to-energy schemes picking up steam**

Source: [Hamid Waleed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-23

LAHORE: The work on the proposed 100MW waste-to-energy project is picking up momentum as German and Thai firms are interested in launching their projects under the public-private partnership. "We signed an MoU with a German firm under which we will be liable to provide a minimum of 2,000 metric tons of solid waste to the company for power generation daily," Lahore Waste Management Com..... [more >>](#)

### **Cost-plus reflection of transportation; PC asks Nepra to make Thar coal economically viable**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-23

ISLAMABAD: Planning Commission (PC) has urged National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to allow cost-plus reflection of transportation cost of Thar coal in the tariff, to make utilization of indigenous coal viable. This was suggested by Planning Commission's Member Energy during a meeting held on Thar coal convened on the directions of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who has const..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt to encourage private sector to produce solar panels, renewable energy**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-23

ISLAMABAD-The Alternative Energy and Development Board (AEDB) is drafting policy measures under which the regulations have been relaxed to encourage the local private companies to manufacture solar panels and related equipment in order to promote the use of green and clean energy and effectively meet the country's increasing need for energy, reported WealthPK. Fahim Ahmed, Electrical Engine..... [more >>](#)

### **USAID assures cooperation in clean energy, small dam projects**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-23

LAHORE - Mission Director of USAID Pakistan Mr Reed Aeschliman called on Punjab Chief Minister ChParvez Elahi at his office and agreed to enhance the development partnership between Punjab and USAID on Tuesday. Both agreed to promote bilateral cooperation in IT, agriculture, water management, energy, education and security sectors. Cooperation was assured by USAID regarding th..... [more >>](#)

### **German firm, LWMC sign MoU to produce energy from waste**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-24

LAHORE: Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) has signed an MoU with a German firm to produce energy from waste. The work on the proposed 100MW waste-to-energy project is picking up momentum as German and Thai firms are interested in launching their projects under the public-private partnership. In a press release issued Wednesday by the LWMC, its CEO has stated that LWMC will provide at least ..... [more >>](#)

### **Alternative energy; PM urges Pak-Turkish collaboration**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-26

ISTANBUL: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday, citing huge potential in the field of alternative energy in both countries, called for Turkey and Pakistan to join hands for the production of solar, wind and hydel energy to cut the carbon emission and open up new avenues of investment cooperation. The prime minister, addressing the launching ceremony of the third of the four MILGEM Corvette..... [more >>](#)

### **UET to host moot on sustainable energy**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-30

PESHAWAR: The US-Pakistan Centre for Advanced Studies in Energy (USPCAS-E) at the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Peshawar, will host the fourth international conference on 'Sustainable Energy Technologies' on Dec 5 and 6. A statement issued here said that the conference would bring professionals from the industry, government officials and researchers from academia for..... [more >>](#)

### **Two 110MW wind power projects inaugurated**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-01

THATTA: The Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Khurram Dastgir Khan, on Wednesday, inaugurated two wind power projects with capacity of 110 megawatts at the Jhimpir District in Thatta. "The promotion of renewable energy will not only reduce our dependence on imported oil, but will also help reduce consumer tariffs," he said during the ceremony, adding that, "Prime Min..... [more >>](#)

### **PM urges Chinese co to invest in renewable energy sector**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-03

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has invited China Construction Third Engineering Bureau to invest in Pakistan's renewable energy sector. A delegation of the China Construction Third Engineering Bureau led by Tan Guofu, Vice Chairman met the Prime Minister on Friday. The Prime Minister said that the mutual relations between Pakistan and China have been very reliable and exe..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese firm opens 'solution factory' for wind energy plants in Pakistan**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

KARACHI: Goldwind Corporation, a Beijing based multinational wind turbine manufacturer, launched a first of its kind solution factory in Pakistan this Monday in the presence of a wide range of energy sector representatives and energy developers. The solution factory aims at developing indigenous solutions for Pakistani wind power plants. The event was attended by Sindh Minister for Energy Imtiaz A..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese firm to install 477 wind turbines**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

KARACHI: Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmad Shaikh has said that 33 projects in the air corridor of Jhimpir and Gharo in Sindh are providing 1,835 megawatts of environment-friendly and green energy from wind. He said this on Monday while speaking as the chief guest on the occasion of the inauguration of Goldwind Solution Factory at a local hotel in Karachi. Consul General of China Yang Guanguan, Gold..... [more >>](#)

### **German firm shows interest in setting up waste-to-energy plant in Lahore**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-13

LAHORE - An investors delegation led by Mr. Carsten Wenske, CEO of German firm Innovative Techno Plus met with Punjab Chief Minister Ch Parvez Elahi at his office on Monday and expressed willingness to set up a waste-to-energy project in Lahore besides showing interest in investing in solar panel manufacturing. The CM pledged that cheap electricity will be provided by the waste-toenergy proje..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI s Events

### A Lecture

#### Social protection system training

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-11-16

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

### SDC 22

#### SDPI's moot on sustainable development begins today

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-05

ISLAMABAD: The Silver Jubilee flagship annual sustainable development conference (SDC) of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on "Sustainable Development in Unusual Times: Building Forward Better" kicks off here from Monday as Southern version of the Economic Forum. "This year, the SDC which will continue till 8th December is being hosted along-with the Sixth Sou..... [more >>](#)

#### SDPI's 25th SDC kicks off today

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2022-12-06

The Silver Jubilee flagship annual Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on "Sustainable Development in Unusual Times: Building Forward Better" will kick off here from Monday as Southern version of the Economic Forum. While explaining highlights of the conference, Executive Director of the SDPI Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri said, &ldqu..... [more >>](#)

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#### Conference on sustainable development in unusual times today

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-05

Islamabad: The Silver Jubilee Annual Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on "Sustainable development in unusual times: building forward better" kicks off here from Monday as southern version of the Economic Forum. This year, the 4-day SDC is being hosted along-with the Sixth South and South-West Asia (SSWA) Forum on the Sustai..... [more >>](#)

#### Sixth South and South-West Asia Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals

Source: [Press Release](#), [UNESCAP.ORG](#), 2022-12-05

The SDG Forum is organised annually as the subregional preparatory meetings for the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) at the regional level and the ECOSOC High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) at the global level. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), led by its South and South-West Asia Subregional Office, has been organizing these s..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan to table economic losses at donors moot: Ahsan**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal has said that the Donors Conference is expected to meet in Geneva on January 10, 2023, whereby Pakistan would table its post-disaster economic and infrastructure losses as well as its \$46 billion reconstruction requirement with the hope that the international community would come forward to give us climate justice. "Our infrastructure and..... [more >>](#)

### **Regional countries should work together to achieve common goals: Ahsan Iqbal**

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#) , 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD, Dec 5 (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal Monday called upon the regional countries to make joint efforts in achieving common goals of poverty alleviation, literacy, sustainable socio-economic development, and mitigation of climate disaster impacts. He was speaking at the inaugural plenary of 25th Sustainable Development Conferen..... [more >>](#)

### **Total Cost of Damages and Needs Due to Floods Over \$45 Billion: Minister**

Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani.com](#) , 2022-12-06

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Monday said that the preliminary estimates suggest that total cost of damages, loss and needs caused by the devastating floods are about \$46.4 billion. He said preliminary estimates suggest that as direct consequences of flood the national poverty rate will increase by four percent approximately pushing between 8.4 ..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistani minister calls on regional countries to cooperate for common development goals**

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#) , 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 5 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal called upon regional countries to jointly achieve the common goals of poverty alleviation, literacy, sustainable socio-economic development, and mitigation of climate disaster impacts. Iqbal made the remarks here on Monday at a conference titled "Sustainable Development Conference&q..... [more >>](#)

### **SL committed to achieving microeconomic and debt sustainability, Semasinghe tells int'l forum**

Source: [Online](#), [Daily Mail](#) , 2022-12-06

The Sri Lankan government remains steadfast in achieving microeconomic stability and debt sustainability, Finance State Minister Shehan Semasinghe told an international forum yesterday, indicating the island nation is on track to come out of the ongoing economic crisis. He expressed confidence that going forward, Sri Lanka expects to harness the full potential of a new economic model based on ..... [more >>](#)

### **Planning Minister urges South Asian countries for making joint efforts in achieving common SDGs**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Ministry of Planning & Dev. Special Initiative](#) , 2022-12-06

Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal has called upon the regional countries to make joint efforts in achieving common goals of poverty alleviation, literacy, sustainable socio-economic development, and mitigation of climate disaster impacts. He was speaking at the inaugural plenary of 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) organized by ..... [more >>](#)

### **Long-term interest-free loan critical for developing countries to cope with climate disasters**

Source: [Samaa Web Desk](#), [Samaa tv](#) , 2022-12-06

Federal Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Monday said that developing countries ravaged by climate change-induced disasters would require financing from international financial institutions to survive. He said this on Monday while addressing an inaugural plenary of the 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), held jointly alongside..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan must prepare itself for global challenges, says ex-NSA Moeed Yusuf**

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: Former national security adviser (NSA) Dr Moeed Yusuf on Monday emphasised that Pakistan must prepare itself to face the changing global geo-political and geo-economic situation. Speaking at a conference on theme, Geopolitical Conflicts: Implications for Pakistan's Geo-economic, he said unipolarity is transforming into a new world order, which will make it difficult for Pakistan ..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan needs diversified, inclusive trade for climate friendly growth & development, say experts during Sustainable Development Conference**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2022-12-05

ISLAMABAD (December 05, 2020): Pakistan needs a diversified and inclusive trade based on reduction in its carbon footprint to ensure climate-friendly growth and development. Experts said this at a panel discussion on Monday titled: "Can National Trade Policies Help Mitigate Climate Change?" on the first day of 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) organized by Sustainable Devel..... [more >>](#)

### **New estimates place flood losses at \$46bn**

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Monday said that the total estimated cost of damages, loss and needs caused by the devastating floods is about \$46.4 billion, besides the floods have raised the poverty rate by four percent pushing between 8.4 and 9.1 million people in poverty. "A conference of Friends of Pakistan will be organi..... [more >>](#)

### **Globalisation versus regionalism: Proximity advantage could cut cost of trade: ex-Bol chief**

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: Former chairman of Board of Investment (BoI), Haroon Sharif Monday while shedding light on major challenges facing Pakistan, said that globalisation was shifting towards regionalism and proximity advantage could cut the cost of trade, an opportunity Pakistan should not miss. Speaking at the first day of 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) jointly organised by Sustainable Deve..... [more >>](#)

### **Regional cooperation key to find solutions to the socio-economic challenges: Speaker NA**

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD, Dec 6 (APP): Speaker of the National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf on Tuesday said that regional cooperation was a key to find solutions to the socio-economic challenges of South and South-West Asia region particularly climate change, hunger, and malnutrition, promoting quality education and decent work for youth and ensuring equitable access to health. He was speaking at a discussion s..... [more >>](#)

### **Minister calls on neighbours to cooperate for shared development goals**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Point](#), 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal called upon regional countries to jointly achieve the common goals of poverty alleviation, literacy, sustainable socio-economic development, and mitigation of climate disaster impacts. Iqbal made the remarks at a conference titled "Sustainable Development Conference" organised by the Sustainable Developme..... [more >>](#)

### **'Integration in energy sector can save \$9bn for S Asia'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: World Bank's Director of Integration for South Asia Cecile Fruman said Tuesday South Asia could save \$9 billion if regional integration in energy sector was implemented. She said the WB could not provide a guarantee on the pattern of Indus Waters Treaty for protecting regional integration projects in different sectors of the economy. "The state of electricity in South Asia ..... [more >>](#)

### **Cooperation key to overcoming regional challenges: NA speaker**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: Speaker of the National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf has said that regional cooperation is key to finding solutions to the socioeconomic challenges of South and South-West Asia region, particularly climate change, hunger and malnutrition, promoting quality education and decent work for youths besides ensuring equitable access to health. He was speaking at an evening plenary titled: Sub..... [more >>](#)

### **Transport consumes 30pc of energy in Islamabad**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-07

Islamabad: The experts at a panel discussion have said there was need of a stakeholder collaboration and engagement of the government and civil society to come up with sustainable transport systems across the country to cope with spiking up risk of smog and air pollution. This was stated by the experts at a panel discussion on "Sustainable urban transportation for smart cities in the devel..... [more >>](#)

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### **Experts Warn Of Food Insecurity In 2023**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-12-07

Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, the Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) stressed the need for improving the food security situation - one of the most affected goals of SDGs to counter rising poverty ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 6th Dec, 2022): Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, the Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) stressed ..... [more >>](#)

### **National SDGs Progress and Challenges in the context of COVID-19: Reflections on (VNRs) in SSWA**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD, Dec 06 (SABAH): Minister of State for Finance and Revenue, Dr. Aisha Ghaus Pasha, said the South Asian region is facing similar challenges of climate crisis, and global recession due to conflicts and slow growth in terms of achieving the ambitious sustainable development goals (SDGs) that demands the entire region to join hands for a holistic and unanimous intervention to attain the tas..... [more >>](#)

### **Achieving SDGs pivotal to tackle global challenges: Raja Pervez Ashraf**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD - Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf has said that world at present is facing challenges of climate change, hunger and malnutrition. He said that it was an opportunity to re-assess the national and regional strategies toward achieving the SDGs. He also said that the unimaginable scale of loss and damage caused by unprecedented climate-induced floods has rendered more th..... [more >>](#)

### **Experts Stress For Sustainable Transport To Cope With Spiking Risk Of Smog, Air Pollution**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 7th Dec, 2022): The experts at a panel discussion said there was need of a stakeholder collaboration and engagement of the government and civil society to come up with

sustainable transport systems across the country to cope with spiking up risk of smog and air pollution. This was stated by the experts at a jointly organized panel discussion by Ins..... [more >>](#)

### **Fatyana doubts capacity, commitment of Pakistan to implement SDGs**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: Former Convener of Parliamentary Taskforce on SDGs Riaz Fatyana on Wednesday said that Pakistan has excellent legislation and policy frameworks in terms of environment-friendly development and industrialization, but lacks capacity and commitment with the cause of implementing sustainable development goals (SDGs), thus, concerted efforts should be made to address the issues of sustainabl..... [more >>](#)

### **'Funding' major challenge to achieve SDGs, says Aisha Pasha**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Finance Dr Aisha Ghaus Pasha has said that funding is a major challenge in achieving SDGs, especially consequent global and regional conditions after the Russia-Ukraine war, the Covid-19 pandemic, and the catastrophic floods. Addressing the session of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Conference, "National SDGs progress and challenges in th..... [more >>](#)

### **PepsiCo presents exemplary model for circular economy at SDPI sustainable development conference**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-08

PepsiCo Pakistan has partnered with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) for its 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) in Islamabad and led the plenary session titled "Closing the Loop; Policy Solutions for Achieving SDG 12". SDG 12 is about ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns. PepsiCo leadership, relevant government ministries and offices, k..... [more >>](#)

### **PepsiCo Pakistan steps forward to help resolve environment issues**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: PepsiCo Pakistan has taken steps to resolve some of the most pressing environmental issues to deal with sustainability challenges of climate change, renewable energy and clean energy projects in the country. PepsiCo Pakistan on Tuesday partnered with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) as the lead corporate sponsor for its 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) i..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan Must Improve Internal Governance to Maintain GSP+ Status: Experts**

Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2022-12-08

The government would have to ensure improvement in internal governance and compliance with global conventions to maintain its special status provided by the European Union on trade. This was stated by the experts at a panel discussion titled: "Have GSP+ and FTAs improved Pakistan's Trade Competitiveness?" on the third day of the 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) or..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan Needs Strengthen Implementation Process Of SDGs: Speakers**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD, Dec 7 (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 7th Dec, 2022 ) :Speakers on Wednesday said Pakistan had excellent legislation and policy frameworks in terms of environment-friendly development and industrialization, but was lagging behind to implement sustainable development goals (SDGs) due to lack of capacity and commitment. The speakers made these remarks while addressing a discus..... [more >>](#)

### **Forum underscores urgency for climate action, strengthening resilience and regional cooperation to get South and South-West Asia**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Mirage News](#), 2022-12-08

With South and South-West Asia being highly vulnerable to climate-induced disasters, there is a critical need to accelerate climate action and inclusive disaster risk reduction with regional and international support. Just energy transition and digital inclusion are also necessary and urgent steps to get back on track towards the Sustainable Development Goals. These were among the key action area..... [more >>](#)

### **Call for collective response to handle climatic disasters**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-08

ISLAMABAD: Participants of three different events on climate change on Wednesday called for building a new social contract rooted in climate justice. They also stressed the need for collective response and better preparedness to handle climatic disasters, urging the government to prioritise family planning in climate resilience and rehabilitation strategies. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

### **Increasing representation of women in trade unions, federations stressed**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-08

Islamabad: Women participation in workforce is rising with diverse employment opportunities, but there still remains the need to increase awareness on employment opportunities, knowledge of laws and increasing representation of women in federations and unions, said Zahida Parveen Mughal, Secretary for Women Workers Alliance. Ms Mughal was speaking on third day of Sustainable Development Conferen..... [more >>](#)

### **'Improvement in internal governance must for holding EU special trade status'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-08

ISLAMABAD: The government would have to ensure improvement in internal governance and compliance to global conventions to maintain its special status provided by the European Union (EU) on trade. This was stated by the experts at a panel discussion titled: "Have GSP+ and FTAs improved Pakistan's Trade Competitiveness?" on the third day of 25th Sustainable Development Conference ..... [more >>](#)

### **Session on achieving SDGs**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-09

Islamabad: Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and PepsiCo Pakistan has partnered as the lead corporate sponsor for its 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) in Islamabad and led the plenary session titled 'Closing the Loop; Policy Solutions for Achieving SDG 12.' SDG 12 is about ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns. The relevant government mini..... [more >>](#)

### **President Arif Alvi wants politicians to 'cash in' on army's 'apolitical' stance**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-09

ISLAMABAD: President Arif Alvi on Thursday urged politicians to "grab the opportunity" resulting from the military's planned retreat from politics and work together to strengthen democracy. The president was speaking at the concluding session of 'Islamabad Conclave-2022' organised by the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islam & sh..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan needs to rely on local resources, skills for overcoming pressing challenges: Naveed Qamar**

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2022-12-09

ISLAMABAD, Dec 8 (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar said on Thursday Pakistan needs to rely on local resources and skills for overcoming pressing challenges like climate change, economic crisis, and devastating flood losses. He was speaking as chair at the closing plenary on the fourth day of 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) of Sustainable Development Policy Instit..... [more >>](#)

### President for attitudinal shift to water, energy conservation

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2022-12-09

ISLAMABAD, Dec 08 (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday urged the need to bring about an attitudinal shift from rapid consumption to conserving water and energy enabling Pakistan to minimize its financial and economic difficulties. The president, addressing the opening plenary of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute's (SDPI) 25th Sustainable Development Conference here, said by c..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan must develop advanced skills to overcome challenges: Naveed Qamar

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-09

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar on Thursday said that Pakistan needs to rely on local resources and develop advanced skills to overcome today's pressing challenges such as economic crisis, climate change and devastating flood losses. He was speaking at the concluding plenary titled: 'Looking Beyond 75', on the last leg of 25th Sustainable Development C..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan Needs To Rely On Local Resources, Skills For Overcoming Pressing Challenges: Naveed Qamar

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### Experts For Establishing Insurance Pools To Protect People From Losses In Disasters

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-12-08

ISLAMABAD, Dec 8 (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 8th Dec, 2022 ) :Experts have stressed the need for establishing insurance pools at national and sub-national levels in the country to protect farmers and citizens in vulnerable areas from losses in disasters. They were speaking at a plenary session titled, "Disaster Risk Financing in Pakistan" on the fourth day of the 25th Sustaina..... [more >>](#)

### By closing our businesses early in the evening, we could save 3000 to 4000 megawatts of energy: President Alvi

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2022-12-08

ISLAMABAD, Dec 08, (SABAH): President Dr. Arif Alvi has urged the need to bring about an attitudinal shift from rapid consumption to conserving water and energy so that Pakistan can minimize its financial and economic difficulties. He said that by closing our businesses early in the evening, we could save 3000 to 4000 megawatts of energy, and we could save precious rain and flood water and reuse i..... [more >>](#)

### President for conserving water and energy

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ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday stressed the need to change the approach from rapid consumption to conserving water and energy, enabling the country to minimise financial and economic difficulties. While addressing the Sustainable Development Policy Institute's (SDPI) 25th Sustainable Development Conference here, the president also stressed the need for starting business activ..... [more >>](#)

### President for attitudinal shift to conserve water, energy

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Addressing the opening plenary of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute's (SDPI) 25th sustainable development conference in Islamabad, the president said that the co..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD: PepsiCo Pakistan has partnered with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) for its 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) in Islamabad and led the plenary session titled "Closing the Loop; Policy Solutions for Achieving SDG 12". SDG 12 is about ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns. PepsiCo leadership, relevant government ministries and..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD: Strong local governments ensure improved social services and for that, we need strong vision and ambition for implementation of local governance. Ms Ayesha Bano, MPA, Parliamentary Secretary Higher Education, KP said on Friday during a session on Making Local Governments In-charge of Social Services Delivery. The session was organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) ..... [more >>](#)

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