

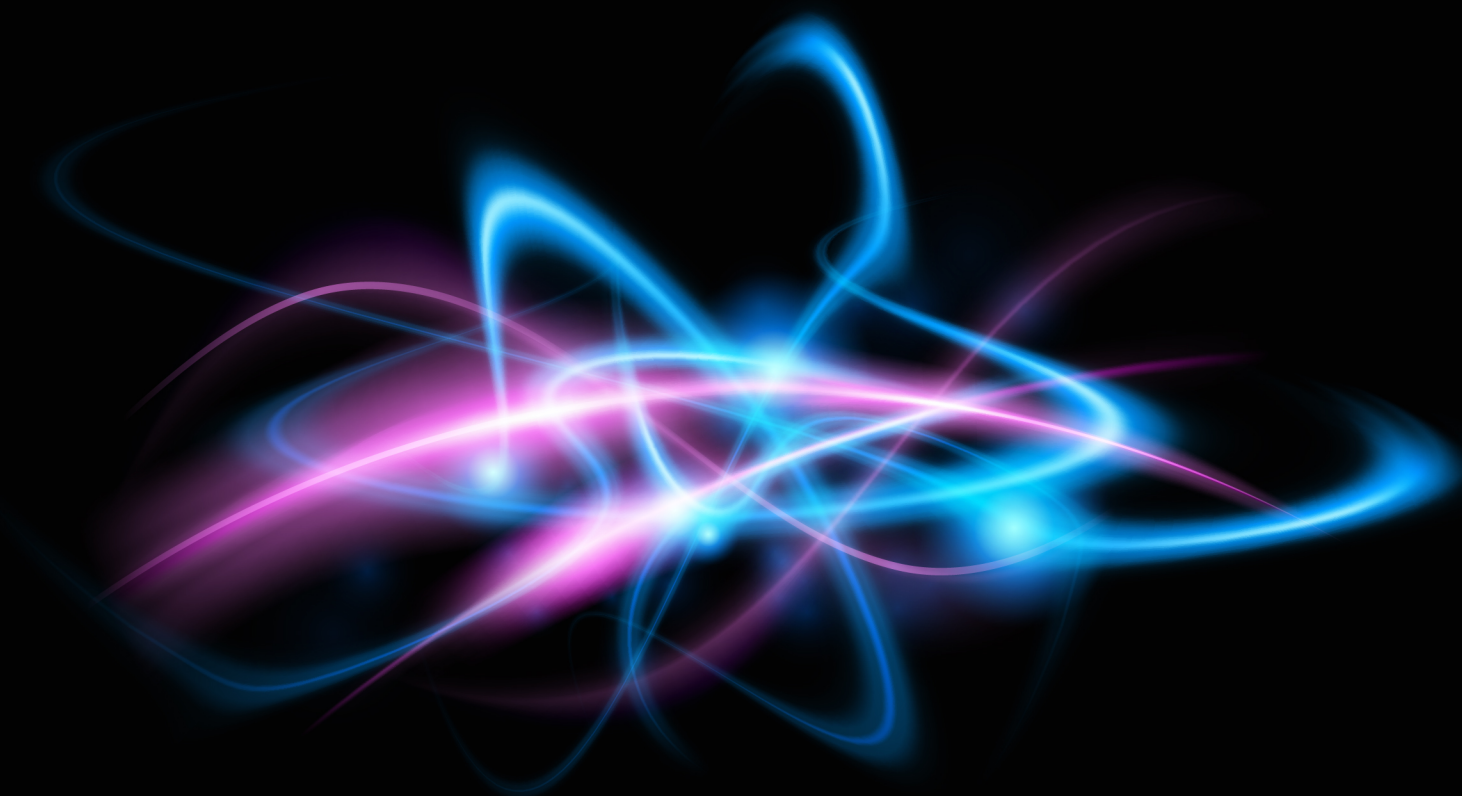
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SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. 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.

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

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

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To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter on
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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.

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Subjects Covered

- Energy and power
- Renewable energy
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- Transport
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- Energy finance and economics
- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

Pakistan's Energy Transition

Energy Governance

FY24 budget; RRMCM recommends cashless purchases at petrol pumps

Source: [Sohail Sarfraz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

ISLAMABAD: The Reforms & Revenue Mobilization Commission (RRMC) has recommended that petrol stations across the country should not accept cash payments for fuel purchases. Through Finance Bill 2023, the said restriction has been proposed to be imposed on petrol stations in the coming budget (2023-24), according to the RRMCM. Currently, petrol stations in Pakistan accept cash payments [more >>](#)

Oil and Gas Development Company Limited

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-16

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 over 40 percent of the country's total acreage awarded with net hydrocarbons of oil and gas. With..... [more >>](#)

POL products' prices cut on world market, exchange rate decline

Source: [Wasim Iqbal / Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The government has reduced the retail price of petroleum products on account of a decline in the international market and exchange rate for the next fortnight. Sources said that the on high-speed diesel, average of platts with incidentals and duty was reduced by Rs13.20 per litre to Rs189.23 from Rs202.43 per litre and Pakistan State Oil (PSO) exchange adjustment by Rs23.16 per lit..... [more >>](#)

\$18bn penalty feared if Pakistan doesn't complete Iran gas project

Source: [Jamal Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-18

ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee expressed concern on Wednesday that Pakistan would have to pay a staggering amount of \$18 billion in penalty if the country did not go ahead with the Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline project. "The US should pay the penalty if it does not approve of Pakistan and Iran going ahead with the gas pipeline project. The USA will have to do away with double standar..... [more >>](#)

Shehbaz, Raisi electrify ties with power, trade plans

Source: [Saleem Shahid | Behram Baloch](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-19

MAND-PISHIN (Pakistan-Iran Border): Top leaders of Pakistan and Iran inaugurated the first border market and an electricity transmission line on Thursday as relations warm between the two countries. Located in the remote village of Balochistan's Mand town, the marketplace is the first of six to be constructed along the Pakistan-Iran border under a 2012 agreement signed by the two sides. Pr..... [more >>](#)

Jul-Apr: petroleum group imports show 17.96pc negative growth

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-21

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum group imports witnessed a negative growth of 17.96 percent during the first 10 months (July-April) of the current fiscal year 2022-23 and remained \$ 13.974 billion compared to \$ 17.033 billion during the same period of last fiscal year, says the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The data of exports and imports released by the PBS revealed that petroleum group imports [more >>](#)

Pakistan to receive Russian imported oil from Oman in small ships: Musadik Malik

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-24

Minister of State for Petroleum Dr. Musadik Malik on Wednesday said the first ship carrying 100,000 tonnes of crude oil will reach Oman on May 27, from where it will be shifted to Pakistan in small ships. Given the reason behind anchoring the ship at an Omani port, Musadik Malik said Pakistani ports don't have the capacity to accommodate vessels carrying over 50,000 tonnes of goods. The [more >>](#)

0.1m tons of Russian oil to arrive in first week of June

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-25

ISLAMABAD: The vessels carrying 100,000 tons of discounted Russian oil will arrive at Pakistan ports in the first week of June which is part of the energy security plan of the government. State Minister for Energy, Musadik Malik announced this during an off-camera meeting with mediapersons on new refinery policy, which aims at incentivising the greenfield investment in shallow, deep conversio..... [more >>](#)

Russian cargo vessel arrives at KPT

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

KARACHI: Before the arrival of Russian crude oil, a container vessel Crystal St Petersburg on its maiden call reached Karachi Port in just 21 days. The vessel took berth at Karachi International Container Terminal (KICT) on Thursday. Minister for Maritime Affairs Syed Faisal Sabzwari welcomed the vessel along with Karachi Port Trust (KPT) chairman Syedain Raza Zaidi and Consul General of Russia [more >>](#)

Imports of petroleum group contract by 17.96pc in 10 months

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-27

ISLAMABAD - The imports of the overall petroleum group contracted by 17.96 percent during the first ten 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-April (2022-23) stood at \$13,974.610 million, as against the imports of \$17,033.574 millio..... [more >>](#)

A hollow achievement?

Source: [Syed Rashid Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-29

After much dilly-dallying, Pakistan has made its first purchase of Russian crude oil — at a “discounted” price. With Russia looking for new outlets for its crude oils and Pakistan looking for cheaper crude to overcome its acute balance of payments crisis, the deal serves both countries well. With a multipolar world in the making, and Pakistan's traditional allies from Chin..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price likely to drop by Rs10 per litre in upcoming review

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-05-30

KARACHI: The price of petrol is likely to drop by up to Rs10 per litre in the upcoming fortnightly review of petroleum product prices, industry officials said on Monday. They said that the ex-refinery price of petrol is showing a decline of Rs10-12 for the next fortnight, however the exchange rate adjustment may allow the government to only pass on up to Rs10 per liter. "The ex-refinery price..... [more >>](#)

Carbon Market

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-30

In the absence of a carbon market policy, the federal government gave Sindh the permission to sell carbon credits worth at least \$200 million in the next two decades so that it can expand its mangrove forest cover. It would appear that we are finally benefiting off of being a low emitting country. Funds generated through this avenue could enable the government to initiate great development project..... [more >>](#)

Role of Nuclear Weapons

Source: [Nimra Ejaz](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-26

India emanates from years of endeavouring to increment military power through military modernization. India has expanded its defence cooperation significantly, incrementing with many countries for military modernization. It is additionally reinforcing its nuclear and conventional forces. As a result, it is engendering a security dilemma for Pakistan. In this situation, the paramountcy for Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

Gas shortage paralyses textile industry in Sindh, Balochistan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-24

KARACHI: In a press release issued by the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA), on Tuesday, APTMA Southern Zone, Chairman, Zahid Mazhar raised an alarming concern about the dire consequences of a severe shortage and disruption of gas supply on the textile industry in Sindh and Balochistan. The situation has forced 50% industries to shut down or operate at only half of their production c..... [more >>](#)

MOL energy operations remain unaffected: POL

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-25

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Oilfields Limited (POL) has confirmed that despite a recent militant attack on an energy facility, all plants and field installations of MOL, the operator of the TAL Block, have remained secure and unaffected. In a notice sent to the Pakistan Stock Exchange, POL stated that on May 23, 2023, an armed attack took place at the Manzalai-08 and Manzalai-10 well sites during late h..... [more >>](#)

Ishaq Dar announces 12-rupee cut in petrol prices

Source: [Dawn.com](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-16

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced on Monday that the price of petrol was being cut by Rs12 and diesel by Rs30 per litre for the next fortnight. In a televised address, he said: "Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif sahib and his government try to provide maximum relief to the public on the basis of prices in the international market. "Hence, after 12pm tonight, for the next 15 days, [more >>](#)

CCOE body to evaluate deemed duty spending

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The failure of Petroleum Division to respond to queries has caused delay in approval of the proposed oil refinery policy designed to upgrade the existing plants, say sources. The Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCOE), in its previous meeting, took up the collection of deemed duty and its spending on the upgrading projects of refineries. However, the Petroleum Division failed to respond a..... [more >>](#)

KE signs multi-party MoU to add indigenous resource-based power generation

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-16

KARACHI: Committed to increasing reliance on indigenous sources of energy production to provide access to affordable energy for all, K-Electric inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Sindh, Oracle Power, and PowerChina for the potential development of 2x660 MW coal-fired power project based on Thar coal. KE was represented by CEO Moonis Alvi, while Secretary Energy Abu B..... [more >>](#)

Dismal performance; Top brass of Sepco, Hesco grilled by Nepra

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulator Authority (Nepra) on Monday quizzed the top brass of Sukkur Electric Supply Company (Sepco) and Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (Hesco) for their dismal performance with respect to investment, higher losses, less recovery and theft. The Authority comprising, Chairman Tauseef H Farooqi, Member Sindh, Rafique Ahmad Shaikh, Member KP, Maqsood An..... [more >>](#)

Delay in Ghara transmission line irks IPPs

Source: Mushtaq Ghuman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Three Wind Independent Power Producers (IPPs) have expressed concern at the delay in completion of transmission line, from Ghara Cluster, which is creating hurdles in their smooth operation and consequently inflicting financial loss. These concerns were conveyed by three wind power projects, i.e., Hydrochina Dawood Power (Pvt) Limited, Zephyr Power Limited and Tenaga Generasi Limit..... [more >>](#)

Black gold that glitters

Source: Dr Farid A Malik, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-16

William Shakespeare said; "All that glitters is not gold." In the 16th century, Shakespeare came to the conclusion that appearances can be deceptive. The moral-laden story of the stag who was proud of his horns and apologetic about his thin ugly legs has always been ignored by successive generations of mankind. When attacked by the hounds the trapped stag ran fast to save his life, [more >>](#)

Petrol Price Decreased

Source: Editorial, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-17

After a decrease in international oil prices, the Finance Minister has announced a reduction in petrol and diesel prices to provide relief for the struggling population. This initiative is well-intentioned, with the idea that it will also lead to a decrease in other prices. However, it is important to note that the concept of deflation is complex and takes time to manifest. The impact of petrol p..... [more >>](#)

Nepra refuses Rs32 per unit tariff for Jamshoro project

Source: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday showed reluctance to allow about Rs32 per unit generation tariff for the 660-megawatt Jamshoro coal-based power plant as inordinate delays escalated its cost despite payment of loan commitment charges to the Asian Development Bank for years. "Who will pay such a high tariff?" questioned Nepra Chairman [more >>](#)

Rs9b released for equity injection into power plant

Source: Zafar Bhutta, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has released Rs9 billion for equity injection in an attempt to kick-start work on the stalled 660-megawatt Jamshoro coal-based power plant. A local bank had earlier refused to extend financing of Rs10 billion owing to the federal government's reluctance to provide funds for equity injection. Pakistan has been paying commitment charges to a foreign lender [more >>](#)

Suki Kinari project achieves dam capping

Source: China Economic Net, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The Suki Kinari Hydropower Project in the north-western part of Pakistan achieved dam capping this week, marking its entry into a new construction stage. The successful capping of the concrete dam on Kunhar River will help advance the construction of power station, located in Mansehra district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, under CPEC. Calling the capping a key milestone of the 884-megawatt [more >>](#)

Fuel price cut provides little relief

Source: Shahram Haq, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-17

LAHORE: Pakistan's recent cut in petroleum prices has failed to provide relief to the public, as the country continues to reel under the impact of hyperinflation. Some business lobbies, however, say the decrease is a welcome sign and will give the industrial sector some much-needed breathing space. The government, on Monday, decreased the price of petrol by Rs12 and diesel by Rs30, with [more >>](#)

Cut in POL products' prices; Dar urges authorities to provide relief to masses

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-17

ISLAMABAD: A day after slashing prices of petroleum products, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Tuesday informed the National Assembly that oil prices were reduced while keeping in view several international matters, including talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and reduction of oil prices in the international market. In a statement in the National Assembly, the economic czar of the [more >>](#)

Circular debt shoots up by 'Rs500b' PAC calls for lifting ban on new gas connections

Source: [Irshad Ansari](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-18

ISLAMABAD: The parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was informed on Wednesday that circular debt in the gas sector increased during the current year but efforts were afoot to bring it down. The committee which met with its chairman Noor Alam Khan in the chair, also sought details of perks provided to the top government functionaries including the prime minister, ministers as well as the..... [more >>](#)

Power supply to Karachi may be cut off

Source: [Amna R Ali](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-18

ISLAMABAD: An official told a parliamentary panel on Wednesday that electric supply to Karachi might be shut down if the federal government did not pay subsidy to K-Electric (KE), a private company that supplies power to Pakistan's economic hub. "The federal government provides a subsidy of Rs10 to Rs20 per unit to K-Electric to maintain the tariff differential," the power secr..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum sector; Govt plans to curtail circular debt to Rs600bn

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-18

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division has devised a strategy for curtailing Rs1.7 trillion petroleum sector circular debt to Rs600 billion by the end of fiscal year 2022-23. Secretary Petroleum Division Captain Muhammad Mahmood (retd) revealed this in a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Wednesday. Under the chairmanship of Noor Alam Khan, the committee examined the Audit Repo..... [more >>](#)

Non-determination of tariff by Nepra; Kapco threatens to invoke sovereign guarantee

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-18

ISLAMABAD: M/s Kot Addu Power Company Limited (Kapco) is said to have threatened to invoke sovereign guarantee if its tariff is not determined by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) as the role of the Senate Committee on Energy is 'advisory' in nature and it is not competent enough to issue directions, well-informed sources in Nepra told Business Recorder. Kot Add..... [more >>](#)

Reduction in POL products' prices

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-18

Petrol price was slashed by 12 rupees per litre and high speed diesel's 30 rupees per litre while petroleum levy (PL) was kept at the maximum level of 50 rupees per litre as allowed by the legislature on these two major levy earners; however, the levy was massively reduced on kerosene oil (from 24.65 rupees per litre to 19 paise per litre) and light diesel oil (at 7.18 rupees per litre), the..... [more >>](#)

Int'l Day of Light today

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-16

International Day of Light will mark on May 16 (Tuesday) across the globe, with an aim to strengthen scientific cooperation and harness its potential to foster peace and sustainable development. The celebration will allow many different sectors of society worldwide to participate in activities that demonstrate how science, technology, art and culture can help achieve the goals of UNESCO – bu..... [more >>](#)

Govt announces reduction in POL products prices: Massive relief

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-16

The federal government on Monday announced a massive reduction in the prices of petroleum products in the country following a declining price trend in the international oil markets. "The government has decided to reduce the existing prices of petroleum products in order to pass on the benefits of decreasing price trend of petroleum products in the international market and provide maximum re..... [more >>](#)

Europe resists energy crunch, boosting growth forecast

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-16

Europe's economy rode out the energy price crisis triggered by Russia's war on Ukraine with better than expected economic growth, Brussels said Monday, as it boosted its forecast. The European Commission revised upwards its 2023 economic outlook, but also warned that inflation remains higher than hoped, maintaining pressure for higher interest rates. The commission raised its 2023 gr..... [more >>](#)

Rs 82.5bn disbursed for various projects of NTDC/PEPCO so far

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-18

The government has released a sum of Rs 82.538 billion for various projects of the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) and Pakistan Electric Power Company (PEPCO) under the Annual Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) so far during the current fiscal year 2022-23. According to the data of the Planning Commission, the government had allocated Rs 40,983.26 million for various NTDC..... [more >>](#)

FFC Energy Wind Power Plant celebrates 'Decade of Excellence'

Source: [PR](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-18

FFC Energy Limited (FFCEL) "Pakistan's pioneering Wind Power Project", a subsidiary of Fauji Fertilizer Company, celebrated 10 years of its commercial operations at FFC Energy Plant Site with the leaders of wind industry, senior government officials, and notables from the community. FFCEL is dedicated in its drive towards transition to a clean and green future by promoting innov..... [more >>](#)

Electricity concerns

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-05-19

A TOP power ministry official has cautioned that power supply to the residents of Karachi may face disruption if the government does not immediately pay outstanding tariff differential subsidy dues to K-Electric. That is quite disturbing. He informed the Public Accounts Committee during a briefing on Wednesday that KE consumers get Rs10-20 per unit in subsidy, which the government pays to the dist..... [more >>](#)

NTDC's tampered conductors caused Oct blackout: Nepra

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-05-19

ISLAMABAD: A six-member probe committee of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has held the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) responsible for the national power breakdown in October last year. In a detailed inquiry report, the committee lamented NTDC for using 26-year-old and tampered conductors and inordinate delays in the completion of a dedicated transmi..... [more >>](#)

Refineries warn of shutdown, seek incentives

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-05-19

ISLAMABAD: Oil refineries have warned that they will shut down plants in the absence of a new refinery policy as they are suffering huge losses from furnace oil exports. Smuggled Iranian oil has pushed down demand for the locally produced petroleum products and oil marketing companies (OMCs) are hesitant to lift the stocks at refineries. Compelled by thin demand, the refineries are running belo..... [more >>](#)

Supply of gas, other heads; Rs50bn spent on PSM since its shutdown

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-19

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has spent about Rs 50 billion on Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM), since it shut down its operations in mid of 2015 on salaries, supply of gas and other heads without any output, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The government is extending Rs 3.5 billion per annum to PSM, of which salary bill is about 400 million per month since Mills' closure wh..... [more >>](#)

International Industries Limited (IIL) goes green with Installation of 1 MW solar power system

Source: [PR](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-19

International Industries Limited (IIL), Pakistan's largest manufacturer & exporter of steel and polymer pipes, proudly announces the successful commissioning of a state-of-the-art 1 MW solar power system at IIL Factory 1 in Karachi. This initiative marks a significant step towards IIL's larger commitment to sustainability and reducing its environmental footprint by installing a tot..... [more >>](#)

Pak-Iran Gas Pipeline

Source: [Editorial Board](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-19

The threat of a \$18 billion penalty from Iran looms over Pakistan's head at a time when the country is already embroiled in economic turmoil. There's no question that the Iran-Pakistan pipeline project did not pan out the way it was intended to. Under the original agreement, Islamabad was meant to pay Iran nearly \$1 million per day. Needless to say, this has not happened. Three years [more >>](#)

Power firms seek to extract Rs50bn more

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-20

ISLAMABAD: Amid inflation already rising at the highest rate in half a century at 36.4 per cent, one of the key contributory factor — the electricity costs — continue to sustain spiking trend as ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (Discos) and K-Electric seek regulatory clearance to extract over Rs50 billion more from their consumers in the sizzling month of June. In their separate tariff..... [more >>](#)

Hydropower, water projects; Ministry agrees to allocate Rs100bn as IBC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-20

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives (MPD&SI) has agreed to allocate Rs 100 billion as Indicative Budget Ceiling (IBC) including foreign aid allocation for hydropower and water projects for FY 2023-24, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. M/s PD&SI has urged Ministry of Water Resources to finalize the budgetary proposals for PSDP 2023-24whil..... [more >>](#)

Rs1.25/unit hike in consumer tariff also sought

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-20

ISLAMABAD: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government has asked the federal government to announce second interim arrangement to clear outstanding arrears of Net Hydel Profit (NHP) of Rs 62 billion and increase consumer tariff by Rs 1.25 per unit, sources close to Secretary Finance told Business Recorder. This demand was placed by the Caretaker Chief Minister Azam Khan in two different letters. One l..... [more >>](#)

Payment Woes

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-21

The Islamabad Electric Supply Company's (IESCO) decision to stop the supply of electricity in key state buildings as a result of a non-payment of dues is a needed decision. IESCO has sent a final seven-day warning notice to institutions such as the Parliament Lodges, CDA and Pak Secretariat. The state has a pattern of not making timely payments, with businesses and institutions having no cho..... [more >>](#)

Circular debt spike

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-21

Circular debt in the petroleum sector continues to rise, going up by Rs500 billion, or about 42%, in less than a year, despite pressure from the IMF to address the issue through revocation of subsidies and introduction of new taxes. A recent Public Accounts Committee meeting was informed that the government is looking into asset swaps to help clear dues to power plants, and that new gas tariffs ha..... [more >>](#)

Gas sector to get Rs76b against Rs230b requested

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-21

ISLAMABAD: Gas prices may increase further for exporters and domestic consumers in the next fiscal year, as the government considers allocating Rs76 billion for gas sector subsidies in the new budget. This allocation falls short of the Ministry of Energy's demand of Rs230 billion. The Ministry of Energy's demand is based on providing subsidised imported gas to domestic and industrial..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric seeks tariff increase under FCA NEPRA will conduct hearing on May 31

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-21

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has submitted a petition to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa), requesting an increase of Rs0.489 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) in power tariff under fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for April 2023. Separately, K-Electric, a listed company privatised in 2005, has requested a hike of Rs5.170 per kWh on account of quarterly adjustments for January-March 2023. Ne..... [more >>](#)

Proposed policy; Local refineries: Finance Div for adequate tariff protection

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-21

ISLAMABAD: Finance Division has proposed that tariff protection enjoyed by the existing refineries in neighbouring countries/ region be made part of refineries policy, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Commenting on draft refineries policy, Finance Division maintains that financial projections/ estimates of funds be arranged by granting incentivize tariff protection equivalent to [more >>](#)

POL products' prices cut by up to Rs30

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM)-led federal government Monday announced decreasing the price of petrol by Rs12 per litre to Rs270 per litre after a fall in the international oil rate. The rates will come into effect at 12am tonight and remain in place for the next fortnight, Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Ishaq Dar said during a televised address. The rates of petroleum..... [more >>](#)

Oil imports decline 48 percent in April

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2023-05-16

KARACHI: Pakistan's oil imports suffered a significant decline of 48 percent in April of the current fiscal year compared to the same month in the previous year, latest data showed on Monday. "The massive decline in the petroleum products import was due to low economic activities and their higher prices," said analyst Tahir Abbas at Arif Habib Limited. The data showed that oil im..... [more >>](#)

KE, Sindh govt sign MoU to develop coal-fired power project

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-05-16

KARACHI: K-Electric has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sindh government, Oracle Power, and PowerChina for development of a 2x660 megawatt coal-fired power project based on Thar coal, a statement said on Monday. KE was represented by CEO Moonis Alvi, while Secretary Energy Abu Bakar Ahmed was present from the Government of Sindh, CEO Naheed Memon from Oracle Power, and Cheng Qiang [more >>](#)

Power sector non-exclusivity: what comes next?

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-22

There is a silent change coming in the electricity distribution system for good. The exclusivity to distribute power in certain jurisdictions for all XWDISCOs (ex- WAPDA distribution companies) barring two companies (SEPCO and TESCO) has ended and these are granted with non-exclusive licenses for twenty years beginning May 23 while KE has applied for its no-exclusivity license, as its exclusivity [more >>](#)

Petroleum imports slip 18pc

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-23

ISLAMABAD: The imports of the petroleum group witnessed a significant decline of 17.96 per cent during the July-April period of FY23 compared to the previous year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics data showed on Monday. This drop can be attributed to a sharp reduction in consumption, which was a direct result of a slowing economy amidst unprecedented inflationary pressures. The country also witnessed..... [more >>](#)

Smaller OMCs take on Ogra over 'unfair' pricing

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-23

ISLAMABAD: More than two dozen smaller oil marketing companies (OMCs) claim to have suffered massive losses due to unfair petroleum pricing and marketing conditions and lashed out at the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) for its inability to ensure a coherent regulatory environment, causing existential crisis for them. "The entire industry, barring state-run Pakistan State Oil (PSO), [more >>](#)

Rs67bn loss caused thru misuse of subsidised RLNG for EoUs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-23

ISLAMABAD: Directorate General of Audit Petroleum and Natural Resources has found shortcomings in supply of subsidized RLNG to Export Oriented Units (EoUs), which was massively misused as no monitoring mechanism was framed by the ministry of Commerce (MoC) and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for checking exports and foreign remittances by individual EoUs. No analysis was undertaken of present [more >>](#)

Swelling circular debt also affects NPPs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-23

ISLAMABAD: As the country's energy sector is facing a cumulative circular debt of stock of over Rs 4 trillion, Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs) are also victim of indecisions of federal government entities with respect to payment of overdue receivables. Of Rs 4 trillion total circular debts, Rs 2.6 trillion is related to power sector whereas the stock of petroleum sector stands at Rs 1.7 trillion..... [more >>](#)

Power generation: Record fall

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-23

Electricity generation in April 2023 went down 23 percent year-on-year. April of 2018 saw higher electricity generation than April of 2023. This is how worrisome the slide is – by far the steepest fall recorded in power generation in at least 15 years. The previous low was during the peak Covid three years ago at 14 percent. The year-to-date power generation at 100 billion units is down 10 p..... [more >>](#)

KE, Nepra get notices on plea against load-shedding

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News](#), [International](#) , 2023-05-17

karachi: The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Tuesday issued pre-admission notices to K-Electric, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) and others on a plea against power load-shedding and shutdowns in the Jehangir Road and Patel Para areas of District East. Sarwar Shah said in the petition that the residents of the Jehangir Road and Patel Para areas have been enduring power load-shed..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum sector circular debt rises to Rs1.7 trillion

Source: [Asim Yasin, The News, International](#), 2023-05-18

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division told the Public Accounts Committee that the circular debt of the petroleum sector has increased by more than Rs500 billion during one year from Rs1,200 billion to Rs1,700 billion. While expressing strong annoyance over the non-recovery of arrears worth Rs 57 billion from petroleum company, Chairman Public Accounts Committee Noor Alam Khan directed the Federal Inv..... [more >>](#)

'Power generation from Tarbela extension project to start in 2025'

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-05-20

LAHORE: Wapda Chairman Engr Lt-Gen Sajjad Ghani (Retd) during his visit to Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project was briefed that electricity generation from the project would start in 2025. Accompanied by Masood Ahmed from World Bank, the chairman Wapda was briefed by GM Tarbela Dam Zakir Ateeq, PD Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project and representatives of the consultants and the contrac..... [more >>](#)

Discos seek Nepra's nod for additional Rs2.01/unit

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2023-05-20

ISLAMABAD: The power distribution companies (discos) have pleaded with the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) for permission to collect an additional Rs2.01/unit from the consumers in their June electricity bills on account of monthly fuel charges adjustments (FCA) for April. Similarly, the K-Electric has also sought the Nepra's permission for an additional collection of R..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan generates lesser energy from expensive fuels in July-April FY23

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2023-05-20

KARACHI: Pakistan produced lesser electricity at a higher cost in the first ten months of the current financial year due to increased power generation from expensive fuels, data showed on Friday. Total power generation in July-April FY23 stood at 103,592 GWh (14,198 MW) compared to 114,660 GWh (15,715 MW) during the same period last fiscal. However, the cost of power generation during the period [more >>](#)

Karachi consumers face additional burden as power tariff rises by Rs1.55

Source: [Agencies, Daily Times](#), 2023-05-21

Karachi consumers are set to bear the brunt of another increase in power tariffs as the federal government has approved a hike of Rs1.55 per unit. The decision comes under the fuel adjustment mechanism for the previous year, 2022. The new electricity prices will be applicable from this month, imposing an additional financial burden on the residents of Karachi. Moreover, the increase will be applic..... [more >>](#)

Nepra rejects plea for Rs3.5 per unit hike in KE tariff

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-24

ISLAMABAD: With a majority vote, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday rejected on technical grounds, rather than on its merits, a federal government's request to increase electricity tariff for K-Electric consumers by an average Rs3.5 per unit for three months. Interestingly, Nerpa had conducted the joint public hearing on two requests by the government for in..... [more >>](#)

LPG body for boosting fuel reserves

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-24

ISLAMABAD: The LPG Industries Association of Pakistan (LPGAP) has pleaded with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to allow third-party access for commercial utilisation of SSGC LPG (Pvt) Limited's facilities at Port Qasim to those players interested in building LPG storages. In a letter to the premier, LPGAP Chairman Irfan Khokhar said that Pakistan lacked LPG storages and the permission for th..... [more >>](#)

Mapping the economics of imported coal-fired power plants

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-24

Nepa (National Electric Power Regulatory Authority) has rejected the power generation tariff petition of Jamshoro Power Company Limited (JPCL), terming it too high and unaffordable by the consumers. Is NEPRA playing to the gallery or it has some recipe to offer some solution for tariff reduction? The plant (imported coal-based power unit) is cheaper than the other similar plants approved by Nepa..... [more >>](#)

Mari Petroleum Company Limited

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-24

By operating the country's largest gas reservoir at Mari Gas Field, Daharki, Sindh, Mari Petroleum Company Limited (PSX: MARI) is the second largest producer of natural gas. Mari Petroleum is an integrated oil and gas exploration and production company and around 70 percent exploration success rate, which is much higher than industry averages of around 33 percent national and 14 percent international..... [more >>](#)

Power theft; KE moves PD for early approval of amended PPC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-24

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric (KE) has approached the Power Division for early approval of Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) (Amendment), Act 2022 to curb theft of electricity, claiming contribution of hooks (kundas) and theft that reached over Rs 39 billion during the first three quarters of the current fiscal year. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), K-Electric, Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi, in a letter to Minister..... [more >>](#)

US nod sought for Iran gas pipeline to avoid \$18bn penalty

Source: [Anwar Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-25

WASHINGTON: Pakistan is believed to have asked the United States to allow it to build a pipeline for buying gas from Iran or help it pay an expected \$18 billion penalty it would face if it did not complete the project by March 2024. Diplomatic sources told Dawn that Petroleum Minister Musadik Malik raised this issue with US officials when he visited Washington earlier this month, explaining to them..... [more >>](#)

Discos to extract Rs46bn extra

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-25

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) on Wednesday firmed up an increase in electricity rates by Rs1.25 per unit to provide about Rs46 billion additional revenue to ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (Discos) on account of quarterly tariff adjustments (QTAs) for January- March. The increase was sought by the Discos on account of capacity charges, transmission charges, m..... [more >>](#)

Nepa asked to raise electricity rates by Rs1.25 per unit

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-25

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) has hinted at allowing an increase in electricity rates by Rs1.25 per unit, resulting in a burden of Rs46.28 billion on power consumers. This decision comes as part of the 3rd Quarterly Adjustment of XWDISCOs for the fiscal year 2022-23. The Power distribution companies (XWDISCOs) had requested Rs46.28 billion for the 3rd Quarter..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL to make equity investment in PRL

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-25

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's largest oil and gas explorer, Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), is set to make equity investment as a strategic investor in Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL). The two companies have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore this option. One of the key aspects of this cooperation includes OGDCL's equity investment in PRL as a strategic i..... [more >>](#)

Nepra okays 79 paise per unit hike in tariff

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday notified about a 79 paise per unit additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) in power tariff for ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) for one month to mop up about Rs4.5bn in additional funds in the current billing month. "The adjustment, an increase of Rs0.7917/kWh, shall be applicable to all consumer categorie..... [more >>](#)

Officials behind last year's countrywide power outage to face music: minister

Source: [Staff Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

HYDERABAD: Federal Minister for Energy Khurram Dastagir Khan said on Thursday that in an internal enquiry into the October 2022's countrywide breakdown, Nepra had found that 26-year-old conductors were used in the system by the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) in 2019, which led to the incident. Nepra was finalising the probe against those responsible for the fiasco, he sai..... [more >>](#)

Matiari-Thar transmission line inaugurated

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

HYDERABAD: Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division), Khurram Dastagir Khan, marked a momentous occasion on Thursday as he inaugurated the 220-kilometer Matiari-Thar 500 KV Quad Bundle transmission line. The project, completed in a record time of four months at a cost of Rs20 billion, was directed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and executed by the National Transmission Dispatch Company (NTDC)..... [more >>](#)

LPG rates skyrocket despite the price cap

Source: [Muhammad Ilyas](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

LAHORE: Winter is long gone, further evidenced by the heat wave that has gripped Lahore, but the gas shortage remains, which has triggered an exponential increase in prices of liquified petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders - despite the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) price cap. In its notification of prices for May, OGRA fixed the LPG price at Rs 229 per kilogram (kg) but that has had no impac..... [more >>](#)

Bringing energy efficiency to industrial sector; WB advocates establishing credit line

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank has proposed establishment of an energy efficiency credit line through one or more commercial banks to provide industrial firms with access to affordable financing for near-term investments aimed at bringing energy efficiency to Pakistan's industrial sector. The World Bank, in consultation with the National Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (NEECA)..... [more >>](#)

Discos' tariffs; Nepra approves 79-paisa per unit FCA for March

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved positive adjustment of paisa 79 per unit in tariffs of Discos for March 2023 under monthly Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) mechanism. The Authority conducted a public hearing on May 3, 2023 which was attended by the private sector and officials of CPPA-G, NPCC and NTDC. The cumulative financial impact of FCA adjustmen..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum imports slide

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

Consumption of petroleum products in the country has been on a downward trajectory. Weak economic activity amid unprecedented inflationary pressures and political turmoil is eating away demand for the same. Consumption has been waning due to record high fuel prices for over 10 months. The decline in demand has also resulted in a downward slide in import of petroleum products. The recent number..... [more >>](#)

LNG financial relief; PSO seeks amendments to taxation laws, Rs628bn allocation

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has sought amendments to taxation laws about LNG financial relief and allocation of funds of Rs 628 billion in budget of FY 2023-24 as the company now has no fiscal space to absorb substantial fluctuation in international oil prices. PSO's Managing Director/CEO Syed Muhammad Taha in a letter to Secretary Petroleum Division has submitted different prop..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL, PRL sign MoU on collaborative growth in energy sector

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) recently established a strategic partnership with the Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) to identify and pursue potential cooperation opportunities and foster mutual growth in the energy industry of Pakistan. Both companies have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a strategic cooperation relationship in the [more >>](#)

Staggering Rs80 million electricity dues owed by just 20 defaulters

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-26

KARACHI-A list comprising 20 electricity defaulters from various parts of Karachi, including Gulshan, North Karachi, Nazimabad, Clifton, Defence and Lyari among others, has surfaced on social media, shedding light on their collective unpaid electricity bills amounting to PKR 83 million. Per the list, those mentioned have chronically evaded payment obligations for years, with several individuals re..... [more >>](#)

High electricity prices strain consumer affordability: survey

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-27

ISLAMABAD: A recent survey has revealed that soaring electricity tariffs in Pakistan are pushing the affordability limits of the masses and significantly impacting their consumption patterns. This concerning trend not only burdens consumers but also poses hurdles to the recovery of power distribution companies (Discos). The survey titled "The impact of rising electricity prices on consumer [more >>](#)

Expensive RLNG burdens economy

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-27

KARACHI: Pakistan's reliance on costly regasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) imports under long-term agreements is taking a toll on the country's economy. While international spot markets offer RLNG at a cheaper rate of \$9.5/mmbtu, Pakistan is compelled to import it at an average price of \$13.40/mmbtu. This significant price disparity is raising concerns among experts. According to..... [more >>](#)

Russian crude likely to reach Pakistan by first week of June

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-05-29

ISLAMABAD: A shipment carrying 750,000 barrels or 100,000 tonnes of discounted Russian crude oil is set to dock at Oman port any time soon as it was spotted last week in Egypt waiting to cross the Suez Canal. The 193.30 km (120.11 mi) long Suez Canal is a popular trade route between Europe and Asia, which is an artificial sea-level waterway connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea th..... [more >>](#)

New guidelines on LPG air-mix plants okayed

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-30

ISLAMABAD: The government has approved new policy guidelines on the installation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) air-mix plants by the private sector. Under the new regulations, the private sector will be free to set up LPG air-mix plants on commercial considerations by bearing the cost and liabilities subject to meeting the regulator's, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), licens..... [more >>](#)

LNG: end of long-term deals?

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-30

Energy markets have baffled observers like never before. While crude oil keeps finding a way to hold on, gas prices have taken an entirely different route. The two commodities have a history of well-oiled movement, with gas prices generally following the broader trends in the oil market. That seems to be over, at least for now. Europe has just registered eighth straight weekly loss in gas prices &..... [more >>](#)

KP govt raises power sector issues with federal govt

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-30

ISLAMABAD: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government has raised different issues of provincial power sector with Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan, requesting him to convene a meeting of concerned stakeholders to sort out the challenging issues. Advisor to caretaker Chief Minister KP on Energy and Power, Himayatullah Khan in a letter to Power Minister has highlighted that Net Hydel Profit (NHP)..... [more >>](#)

'Worst yet to come' for Europe energy shortages: Qatar minister

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-24

Qatar's energy minister warned on Tuesday the "worst is yet to come" for Europe's oil and gas shortages, saying a warm winter had prevented greater difficulties in recent months. Saad al-Kaabi and his Saudi counterpart Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said a lack of investment in oil and gas, as the world tries to transition to cleaner fuels to prevent global warming, risked ca..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL, PRL sign MoU for collaborative growth in Pakistan's energy sector

Source: [PR](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-25

The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) on Tuesday established a strategic partnership with the Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) to identify and pursue potential cooperation opportunities and foster mutual growth in the energy industry of Pakistan. Both companies have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a strategic cooperation relationship in the energy industr..... [more >>](#)

500 KV Matiari-Thar power transmission line inaugurated

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-26

Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Eng. Khurram Dastagir Khan on Thursday inaugurated 220 kilometer Matiari – Thar 500 KV Quad Bundle transmission line completed by National Transmission Dispatch Company (NTDC) at the cost Rs. 20 billion in the record time of four months on the directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. While addressing a press conference before inauguration of [more >>](#)

Lahore braces for daily four-hour power outages

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-05-30

LAHORE: Despite reduction in electricity demand on the back of relatively pleasant weather, Lahore Electric Supply Company formally started subjecting consumers up to four hours a day outages. According to latest Load Management Programme, consumers of category-I and II, where up to 20 percent aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) losses are observed, two hours a day outages of one hour e..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan LNG withdraws termination notice to PGPC

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-05-30

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) on Monday withdrew its termination notice for the operation and services agreement (OSA) with the Pakistan GasPort Consortium (PGPC) that owns and operates the LNG terminal-2, after losing a case in the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). The arbitral tribunal appointed under the LCIA Rules, 2014, on April 26, 2023, issued its award in the arbit..... [more >>](#)

Govt approves new guidelines for LPG air-mix plants

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#) , 2023-05-30

ISLAMABAD: The government has approved new guidelines for the installation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) air-mix plants by the private sector, the Directorate General of Liquid Gases (DGL) said. The new guidelines allow the private sector to set up LPG air-mix plants on commercial considerations at their own costs and liabilities subject to meeting the regulator, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority..... [more >>](#)

70% of city lacks streetlights

Source: [Afzal Talib](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-31

LAHORE: A survey has disclosed that about 70 per cent of the streetlights in the metropolis are not in a working condition and the proportion of the functional lights is decreasing, due to which the citizens are facing problems. A resident of the city asserted while speaking to The Express Tribune that the authorities made efforts to keep the streetlights properly lit on the important routes of [more >>](#)

K-P govt executing 42 electricity projects

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-31

PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Secretary Energy and Power Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah has said the problems faced with the Centre in some energy projects will be resolved on top priority basis at high-level forums. He said that the energy sector is very important for the province. He expressed these views while addressing a high-level briefing after taking charge as secretary energy and power. [more >>](#)

Non-stop power supply to Peshawar directed

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-31

PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Governor Ghulam Ali on Tuesday directed Peshawar Electricity Supply Company (PESCO) to provide uninterrupted power supply to areas with 100 per cent recovery. Chairing a high-level meeting on electricity load shedding and other issues here at Governor House, he asked PESCO to chalk out a mechanism to provide power supply to consumers who pay their 100 per cent bills [more >>](#)

Coal comfort

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2023-05-31

After reaching their peak in March of last year—at US\$441 per ton for South African Richards Bay (API4), international coal prices have been on a decline, the downward trajectory becoming more decisive since Dec-22. Now, in the last week of May, coal prices have been trailing US\$110 per ton, down 75 percent since the historic peak that materialized last year. Though still well above the coal..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric's safety initiatives recognized at PIDG Safety Awards

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2023-05-31

K-Electric has been recognized by Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) for best practices in Health, Safety, Environment and Social Governance (HSES) at the Sustainable Development Impact Award 2022. Safety is a core value at K-Electric, and the company is committed to building safer communities through a top-down approach. In addition to investing in infrastructure to provide a safe, [more >>](#)

Tarbela electricity generation capacity to reach 6, 418 MW in 2025

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2023-05-30

The total electricity generation capacity of Tarbela Power House will jump to 6,418 megawatts (MW) from the existing 4,888 MW after the commissioning of the Tarbela 5th Extension Project scheduled to be completed in 2025. Official sources told APP here that the cumulative generation capacity of the project stood at 1530 MW with three generating units of 510 MW each. On completion, the project wou..... [more >>](#)

Oil majors go slow on green transition despite pressure

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-27

Most oil majors are stepping up investments in green energy but they are facing a barrage of recriminations and protests from activists for their refusal to completely forsake fossil fuels. Campaigners again used a series of shareholder meetings in the past month to make their anger known and push energy firms to do more to shift towards solar, wind, and other cleaner projects. In the latest act..... [more >>](#)

FCA for March: Power consumers to pay additional Rs0.8/unit in May bills

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-05-26

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) on Thursday allowed the state-run power distribution companies (Discos) to charge an additional 0.7917/unit from consumers in May 2023 power bills. On May 3, 2023, the regulator held a public hearing on the petition of Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) on behalf of Discos. The agency had asked for permission to allow companies..... [more >>](#)

Costly electricity affecting consumers' affordability, consumption pattern: survey

Source: [Jamila Achakzai](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-05-27

ISLAMABAD: High power tariffs are adversely affecting consumers' affordability and their consumption patterns. The trend is ultimately causing a sharp decline in the recoveries of distribution companies (DISCOs). Besides, the low recoveries can lead to difficulties in paying for power purchases from the generation companies, maintaining distribution networks and servicing debts. These factors..... [more >>](#)

Petrol pricing: Taxes may go up

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-19

As the government reduced petroleum prices earlier this week, eyebrows were raised. Skeptics were quick to relate it to the possibility of Pakistan saying goodbye to the stalled IMF program. Only that there was nothing out of the ordinary and the reduction was simply a result of reduced benchmark price for the fortnight. Even the IFEM in case of HSD went to positive zone, for the first time since D..... [more >>](#)

Tube well power cuts spark water crisis 400 tube wells taken off grid over non-payment of dues

Source: [Yawar Hayat](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-30

HARIPUR: The closure of 400 tube wells, after they were taken off-grid by officials of the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) over non-payment of dues, has exacerbated the drinking water crisis in the city, making it extremely difficult for the citizens to cope with the prevalent hot weather conditions. Sources said the disconnection of electricity connections to 400 tube wells of the..... [more >>](#)

Mol&P proposes steps to meet Kharif requirements

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-24

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Industries and Production (Mol&P) has proposed import of 0.2 million tons of urea on G2G basis, and uninterrupted gas supply to SNGPL-based urea fertilizer plants till December 2023, well informed sources told Business Recorder Ministry of Industries and Production submitted a summary to the ECC for operations of SNGPL-based fertilizer plants, which was based on the..... [more >>](#)

Thar coal mine expansion

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-17

SECMC (Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company) has filed a tariff petition for expanding its capacity. This is a third expansion. The mine started its phase-I at 3.8 MTPA (Million Tons per Annum) through phase-II at 7.6 MTPA to the current Phase-III expansion at a cumulative capacity of 11.2 MTPA. We will make a few comments on improving the proposal and approaches for reducing foreign exchange component..... [more >>](#)

Irregularities in tendering process of 765Kv double circuit line pointed out

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-25

ISLAMABAD-The Senate Standing Committee on Power has pointed out irregularities in the tendering process of 765Kv double circuit line from Dasu Hydro Power Station, asking NTDC to furnish the information related to the local agents of World Bank who participated in the bid and recommended Power Division to hold a departmental inquiry in this regard. The Senate Standing Committee on Power, which..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Wake-up call

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-29

Reports that Washington has categorically ruled out any further investment in Pakistan by the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) unless tariff issues of five wind power projects are settled ought to have sounded serious alarm bells in Islamabad. Yet it's one thing to give a matter the important consideration it deserves and quite another to deliver results before a certain..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Braces for Summer

Source: [Dr Iqra Mushtaq](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-20

As the mercury rises and daylight expands, summer is here in Pakistan. This period of extreme warmth and humidity brings with it the promise of joyful experiences of mangoes and bright colours. However, amidst the embrace of this delightful season, one cannot overlook the challenges that accompany it in the realm of electricity. In terms of changing climate, Pakistan is no stranger to scorching h..... [more >>](#)

Tariff relief: AEDB urges govt to hold talks with DFC's 5 wind power projects

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-19

ISLAMABAD: The Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) has proposed to the government to start negotiations with five wind power projects of US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) in order to reach a mutually acceptable agreement and provide relief/reduction in tariffs, well-informed sources in the AEDB told Business Recorder. US Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome at a me..... [more >>](#)

Waste-to-energy project falls flat LWMC launches plan to sell garbage after segregation

Source: [Afzal Talib](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-22

LAHORE: Work on a waste-to-energy project in the provincial capital has not been started because of political instability, fluctuation in foreign exchange rates, poor planning and incomplete information. Over the years, local officers have spent millions of rupees on foreign tours to launch the project to generate electricity and produce fertiliser from garbage, but the scheme has not materialised..... [more >>](#)

Delayed notifications; Wind energy association not happy with Power Division

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Wind Energy Association is reportedly unhappy with Power Division for delaying notifications of change of base year for Consumer Price Index (CPI) and reimbursement of Withholding Tax (WHT) on dividends of Wind Power Projects (WPPs). The Association on behalf of its affected WPP members has written to Power Division, saying that through its decision of March 10, 2021 title..... [more >>](#)

Use of 'local' parts: WPPs disagree with EDB

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-23

ISLAMABAD: Wind Power Plants (WPPs) are said to have disagreed with Engineering Development Board (EDB) for use of locally manufactured parts, saying that the proposal does not match with the ground realities or even

plausible approach of the government of Pakistan for reviving local industry, sources close to CEO AEDB told Business Recorder. On March 3, 2029, EDB wrote a letter to Power Divi..... [more >>](#)

'Green Alliance' brings clean energy

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-27

KARACHI: In a significant milestone for Pakistan's water management and clean energy sectors, the country has attained self-sufficiency through scientific research and studies. The US-Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Water (USPCAS-W), established at Mehran University of Engineering and Technology in Jamshoro nine years ago with USAID funding, has successfully delivered clean water en..... [more >>](#)

Solar switch saving capital police millions

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-30

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) police said on Monday that it had saved Rs74 million by shifting seven police stations and various offices to an efficient energy system. The environment-friendly energy-saving project envisions using solar energy to power police stations, offices and other buildings and equipment and has been rolled out after approval from the interior ministry. [more >>](#)

EMPOWERED BY SOLAR TECH: WOMEN FARMERS IN K-P THRIVE WITH INNOVATION

Source: [Khadija Begum](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-05-21

KARACHI: Women constitute a majority of the workforce in agriculture and play a significant role worldwide in crop production. But their contribution largely remains invisible thus their involvement in agricultural policies and programs continues to be overlooked. This invisibility of women affects their access to new agriculture and irrigation technologies as mechanical work and technologies are..... [more >>](#)

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Public-private Partnership Crucial For Providing Relief To Poor Affected By Diseases: Experts

Source: Umer Jamshaid, [Urdu Point](#), 2023-05-18

ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 17th May, 2023): Health experts on Wednesday emphasized the crucial role of public-private partnership in extending aid to the vulnerable section of society, as the poor grappled with the dual burden of a debilitating illness and worsening financial circumstances. The experts made the remarks at a webinar on Sehat Sahulat Program, organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. [more >>](#)

Cooperation Among Public, Private Sectors Crucial To Reduce Plastic Waste: Experts

Source: APP, [Urdu Point](#), 2023-05-24

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 24th May, 2023): The experts in environmental studies on Wednesday stressed the need for strong collaboration between the public and private sectors and a conducive legislative framework to reduce plastic use and shift to sustainable eco-friendly packaging. They made these remarks during a session on 'Rethinking Plastics: Engaging Business' organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Government of Punjab. [more >>](#)

Holistic gender policy integral for economic development: experts

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2023-05-28

Special Assistant to Prime Minister Romina Khurshid Alam on Saturday said gender inequality is an international issue which requires targeted policy interventions with a bottom-up approach. She was addressing a consultative workshop on "Gender Policy and Economic Development: Applying the Disaster Resilience Lens" organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning, Government of Punjab. [more >>](#)

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Experts term gender inequality global issue

Source: Kalbe Ali, [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-05-28

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Insufficient gendered data hinders effective policy implementation to address climate disaster, inequalities: Romina

Source: APP, [APP](#), 2023-05-29

ISLAMABAD, May 29 (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) and Convener Parliamentary Taskforce on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Romina Khurshid Alam on Monday said lack of gendered data hinders effective policy implementation to address climate disaster issues and inequalities. Speaking at the consultative workshop titled "Gender Policy and Economic Development: Applying the Disaster Resilience Lens" organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning, Government of Punjab. [more >>](#)

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In the pursuit of a cleaner, greener, and sustainable energy future, Pakistan, faces new challenges in terms of transition towards modern and renewable energy sources. The increasing prominence of clean energy technologies brings to the forefront the critical role of minerals in ensuring energy security. Therefore, the action plan in Pakistan must address the unique demands and vulnerabilities ari..... [more >>](#)

Food security is national security: Pakistan's looming crisis

Source: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, [Arab News](#), 2023-05-17

The Pakistan Business Council's latest report on the agricultural sector highlights three significant issues. Firstly, the increasing food inflation rate is causing food to become less accessible to low-income groups. Secondly, there is a risk that inadequate foreign exchange reserves may restrict the government's ability to import food promptly and address any deficits. Thirdly, while the..... [more >>](#)

Anatomy of a protest

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2023-05-21

No sane person can condone the violence and arson attacks that rocked Pakistan in reaction to former prime minister Imran Khan's arrest on May 9, 2023. These acts of vandalism are utterly indefensible and entirely unacceptable, and those guilty of carrying them out must be brought to book. This, however, does – and should – not preclude a level-headed analysis of the factors that..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Economic Crisis Deepens as Political Infighting Takes Priority

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Pakistan is flirting with an economic meltdown, but it's politicians and constitutional institutions are too busy fighting each other to care. The country has been facing a huge budget deficit, weak currency, stagflation (sky-high inflation and slowed economic growth), and historically high-interest rates for a while now. With the depreciation of the rupee, food and energy is getting more ex..... [more >>](#)

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According to Pakistan's Bureau of Statistics (PBS), inflation has surged to a record 36.4 per cent, driven primarily by soaring food and energy prices. This makes the inflation rate the highest in South Asia, with rural areas experiencing food inflation reaching 40.2 per cent. Despite contractionary monetary policy by the central bank, inflation has not decreased. However, the finance minist..... [more >>](#)

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PBHF arranges seminars to create awareness among growers

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Pakistan Basmati Heritage Foundation (PBHF), a consortium of Basmati rice exporters, arranged seminars to create awareness amongst the growers and other stakeholders of the rice value chain for improving productivity and food safety through the usage of certified seeds and judicious application of pesticides. The seminars held at Narowal and Mandi Bahauddin were attended by the farmers, exporters..... [more >>](#)

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