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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 on
“Pakistan's Energy Transition”

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
- Sustainability
- Energy investment, innovation, automation
- Oil and gas sector
- Transport
- Industry
- CEPC Energy projects
- Energy finance and economics
- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

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Energy Governance

KUFPEC, MPCL sign MoU to collaborate, participate in bidding for selected blocks both in, outside Pakistan

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-17

Islamabad-Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC) KSCC and Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate, jointly evaluate, and participate in bidding for selected blocks both in and outside Pakistan. The MoU also covers to explore synergies to conduct joint studies for identified countries/regions and form a technical hub [more >>](#)

Investment co-op in energy; 'Framework' may be signed during PM's visit to UAE sector

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-17

ISLAMABAD: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Pakistan are likely to sign a framework on investment cooperation in the energy sector, specifically in the areas of solar, wind, hydro, and power transmission, sources in the SIFC told Business Recorder. The pact will be signed during the forthcoming visit of caretaker Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakar. He was due to undertake visit to UAE on Nov..... [more >>](#)

Ogra and PRL ink 'crucial' agreement

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-17

ISLAMABAD: In a landmark development aligning with Pakistan's refining policy, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) and Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) have officially inked a pivotal upgrade agreement, Thursday. Following extensive deliberations, consultations and a series of meetings with key stakeholders, the agreement marks a significant milestone for the energy sector. [more >>](#)

Little prospect of Russia oil deal

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

ISLAMABAD, Nov 27 (APP): The national media should amplify the sufferings of flood-affected communities during the upcoming International Climate Conference (COP-28) in Dubai, from 30th November to 12 December 2023. This was discussed in an online training session on COP28 and the Role of National Media, organized by Resilient Future International -an Islamabad-based research and training company..... [more >>](#)

Turkish co offers govt of its services for timely completion of Dasu transmission line project

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

ISLAMABAD-While pointing out irregularities in the award of contract for World Bank funded Dasu transmission line project, Turkish company SA-RA Energy, the second lowest bidder, offered its services to the Government of Pakistan stating that they are ready to take over the contract and will complete it timely. "There are glitches and major mistakes in the submitted document of the contra..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan LNG awards tender to OQ Trading

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

ISLAMABAD: State-run Pakistan LNG Ltd (PLL) on Monday awarded a contract to OQ Trading —an Oman subsidiary — to deliver an LNG cargo in the second week of January at a post-bidding negotiated price of \$17.95 per million British thermal unit (mmBtu) to minimise peak winter gas shortage. Earlier, the PLL had received four international bids against its urgent tender. OQ Trading was the l..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Oilfields Limited

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-29

Pakistan Oilfields Limited (PSX: POL is a subsidiary of the Attock Oil Company Limited (AOC), and is engaged in the exploration, drilling and production of crude oil and gas in the country. It produces crude oil, natural gas, and LPG that it markets under its brand name POLGAS as well as its subsidiary, CAPGAS (Private) Limited. POL also produces solvent oil and sulphur and has a vast pipeline net..... [more >>](#)

13,006 power pilferers arrested, 26,690 FIRs registered

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-21

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has got arrested 13,006 power pilferers by respective police which also registered a total of 26,690 FIRs in the entire five region's districts- Lahore, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Nankana Sahib and Okara- during 73 days of a grand antipower theft campaign. According to the Lesco spokesman here Monday that during the 73 day of operation against ele..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL disconnects 105 connections of gas thieves

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-30

LAHORE - The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), during its ongoing crackdown on gas theft, disconnected another 105 connections in Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad besides imposing Rs 4.38 million fine on gas thieves. According to a spokesman for the SNGPL, in Lahore, the regional team disconnected 20 connections on illegal use of gas, while another 10 for the use of compressor an..... [more >>](#)

Energy and Food Security

Source: [Hussam Mehboob](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-26

The dynamics of energy and food security in Pakistan are quite complex, and therefore warrant close scrutiny. While discussing the complex connection in Pakistan between energy and food production, we shall examine how the intensifying demand for food exacerbates the strain on the state's energy system. Moreover, we will unpack the economic impact of this interdependency and outline ways for..... [more >>](#)

ADB approves \$250m to help deliver reliable electricity in Pakistan

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-18

ISLAMABAD-The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved \$250 million in loans that will help deliver reliable electricity in Pakistan by expanding and improving the power transmission network in the country's Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces. ADB's Power Transmission Strengthening Project will help reinforce the stability of the national grid by increasing its transmission cap..... [more >>](#)

'Obsolete KE plants cost Karachiites Rs3-5 extra per unit'

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-16

KARACHI: Sindh Commerce Minister Muhammad Younus Dagha has said the Karachiites pay at least Rs3 to Rs5 per unit extra to K-Electric on account of fuel cost adjustment (FCA) every month as compared to other distribution companies (Discos) because of KE's obsolete power generation plants which need to be unbundled. "The electricity supply system stands completely unbundled across Pak..... [more >>](#)

Govt allows LPG imports without inviting bids

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-16

ISLAMABAD: Despite facing criticism last year, the government is once again relying on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) imports to address the emerging gas crisis. It has permitted a subsidiary of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) to bring gas without inviting bids. Last year, the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) government had granted SSGC's LPG subsidiary exemption from Public Procurement R..... [more >>](#)

ADB IED rates power transmission investment programme as successful plan

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The Independent Evaluation Department (IED) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has rated "Pakistan: Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program (Tranche 4 and Multi-tranche Financing Facility)" successful, relevant and likely sustainable. The IED in its validation report stated that in 2006, ADB approved the Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program, a multi-t..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price slashed by Rs2.04, HSD's by Rs6.47

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-16

ISLAMABAD: Interim government on Wednesday announced a significant reduction in the ex-depot prices of petroleum products up to Rs 9.01 per litre with effect from November 16, 2023. The rates of petroleum levy (PL) and general sale tax (GST) have been kept unchanged. In a fortnight review, the government slashed the price of petrol by Rs 2.04 per litre from Rs 283.38 to Rs 281.34 per litre. T..... [more >>](#)

Illegal gas sale to unlicensed third party; PEL secures stay order against PD letter from court

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-16

ISLAMABAD: M/s Petroleum Exploration (Pvt) Limited (PEL), a private oil and gas sector company has obtained a stay order from the court against a letter issued by the Ministry of Energy, Petroleum Division (PD) for stopping illegal gas sale to an unlicensed third party - a violation of gas sale agreement (GSA) with Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGC), documents available with Business Recorder..... [more >>](#)

Govt allows slight cut in oil prices

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-16

ISLAMABAD - The Caretaker government has announced a reduction of Rs2.04/litre in the price of petrol and Rs 6.47/litre in the price of High Speed Diesel for the next fortnightly of November. The prices of Kerosene Oil (SKO) and Light Diesel Oil (LDO) have also been decreased by Rs 6.05 per litre and Rs 9.01 per litre respectively, for the second fortnightly of November (November 16 to November [more >>](#)

Wapda supplied 15b power units to national grid from July to Sept

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-16

ISLAMABAD-The Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) provided over 15 billion units of hydel electricity to the national grid from July to September 2023, registering an increase of 1.788 billion units. The increase in hydel power generation helped the national exchequer save Rs 50 billion, which, otherwise, would have been spent in generating the same quantum of electricity through expen..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price slashed by Rs2.4 per litre, HSD by Rs6.47 per litre

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government has slashed the petrol price by Rs2.4 per litre for the next fortnight. The new prices will come into effect from November 16, at midnight and remain in place till November 30. In a statement, the Finance Division said the rates of petroleum products were slashed by up to Rs9.01 on the recommendation of Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority. The per litre price of [more >>](#)

Pakistan Refinery Ltd inches closer to producing Euro-5 fuels

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-17

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) and Pakistan Refinery Ltd (PRL) on Thursday signed the first agreement under the revised Brownfield Refinery Policy 2023 announced in August to upgrade and enhance refining capacity for production of better quality fuels. The Brownfield Refinery Policy, a critical component of the national strategic framework, necessitated these agreements [more >>](#)

Govt mulls tariff strategy overhaul

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-17

BALUCHISTAN: The federal government is contemplating a revision of the Unaccounted for Gas (UFG) benchmark for Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) as part of efforts to curb losses, particularly in Balochistan, where customers contribute to around 40% of gas losses. Sources revealed to The Express Tribune that the issue was discussed in a recent meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC), [more >>](#)

PRL, Ogra seal pivotal agreement under Brownfield Refinery Policy

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-17

Islamabad-Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) has become the first one to sign agreement with Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) and under Brownfield Refinery Policy, while other have refused to go ahead with a plan owing to differences over draft of agreement. In a landmark development aligning with Pakistan's refining policy, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) and Pakistan Refi..... [more >>](#)

Shamshad says another gas price hike to take place in Jan

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-17

ISLAMABAD: While emphasizing the importance of remaining in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme for economic stability, Caretaker Finance Minister Dr Shamshad Akhtar said another increase in gas prices would be in January 2024. Speaking to the media after the staff-level agreement (SLA) reached with the IMF, flanked by Secretary Finance Imdad Ullah Bosal, Additional Secretary Qama..... [more >>](#)

HSD, petrol: Ogra accepts claim of PSO exchange rate adjustment

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-18

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) accepted the claim of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) exchange rate adjustment of Rs 10.96 per litre on high-speed diesel (HSD) and Rs 2.12 per litre on petrol which has been adjusted in petroleum products price review for November 16-30. The exchange rate adjustment of PSO was 63 paisa on petrol and Rs 5.94 per litre on HSD in review for Novemb..... [more >>](#)

ADB okays \$250m for power networks

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-18

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Friday announced that it had approved \$250 million in loans to Pakistan for improving its power transmission network in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to ensure reliable electricity supply. The project is aimed at helping the country achieve national grid stability, energy security, climate resilience and increased transmission capacity to deploy suff..... [more >>](#)

Power sector inefficiencies

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-18

K-Electric's failure to modernise is costing power consumers in Karachi between Rs3 and Rs5 extra for every unit of electricity consumed, said Sindh's caretaker Commerce Minister Younus Dagha at an event recently. It goes without saying that an ageing and inefficient generation infrastructure produces power at a higher than average cost, which is obviously passed on to consumers. This [more >>](#)

Nepra to consider KE petition for grant of electric power distribution, supplier license

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-18

ISLAMABAD-National Electric Power Regulatory Authority will consider the K-Electric petition for grant of electric power distribution and supplier license, as the provisional renewal in license granted by Nepra for six months is due to expire on January 20,2024, as stakeholders have opposed the grant of license solely to one company. The authority is considering the application(s) of KEL for the..... [more >>](#)

Jul-Oct; Petroleum group imports register negative growth of 16.93pc

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-18

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum group imports witnessed a negative growth of 16.93 percent during the first four months (July-October) of the current fiscal year and stood at \$5.029 billion when compared to \$6.054 billion during the same period of last fiscal year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) said. The data of exports and imports released by PBS revealed that petroleum group imports increased by..... [more >>](#)

Another Price Hike

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-19

1100% hike in gas prices compared to the previous year is news of tough winters ahead. This hike, being a major contributor to over 40% increase in short-term inflation, reflects poorly on the management and mitigation of the adverse effects on millions of households. When winters set in, people are mostly worried about gas shortages. This time, there is an additional worry of beari..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan to issue tender for LNG cargo bids for January

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2023-11-20

ISLAMABAD: Keeping in view an expected escalated gas deficit in the first month of 2024 on account of refusal by Azerbaijan's state-owned firm SOCAR to offer a distressed LNG cargo for the month, Pakistan has decided to issue a tender in the current week, seeking bids from LNG trading companies for one spot LNG cargo required for January. "Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) will issue a tende..... [more >>](#)

Gas price hike Citizens of Pakistan deserve a stable economic environment

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-20

The recent report of an annual short-term inflation rate exceeding 40%, driven primarily by a staggering 1,100% increase in gas charges, shows the precarious and uncertain nature of economic challenges that Pakistan is currently juggling. This permeates through various aspects of daily life, affecting the prices of essential commodities and services. The overall cost of living rises, impacting cit..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff may be jacked up by Rs3.5 per unit

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-21

ISLAMABAD: increase of Rs3.5 per unit in electricity tariff on account of fuel charges adjustment for October 2023. Sources told The Express Tribune that based on data provided by the Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guarantee (CPPA-G), a tariff hike of Rs3.5339 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) had been requested for October over reference fuel charges of Rs7.8938 per kWh set for ex-Wapda distribution com..... [more >>](#)

Govt now eyes Rs920b revenue under petroleum levy Says consumption of petrol, diesel fell less than expected

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has made a commitment with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to further increase the petroleum levy collection to a record Rs920 billion in this fiscal year amid its failure to fully recover the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) from powerful industries. Sources in the finance ministry told The Express Tribune that during the recently concluded review talks, the [more >>](#)

Pakistan seeks LNG cargo for January delivery

Source: [Munawar Hasan, The News, International](#), 2023-11-21

LAHORE: Pakistan has floated a tender for a liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargo for delivery in January 2024, as it faces a twin challenge of gas shortages and high prices in the international market. Pakistan LNG Ltd (PLL), a state-owned company responsible for procuring LNG, said on Monday it was seeking a "reliable LNG supplier" for one cargo to be delivered at Port Qasim in Karachi. [more >>](#)

Govt to address refineries' concerns over upgradation agreements

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2023-11-21

KARACHI: The government is finalising a proposal to address the concerns of four oil refineries that have not signed upgradation agreements with the energy regulator, sources told The News on Monday. The refineries have raised issues over taxation, arbitration, force majeure and import incentives, which they say are not in line with the Brownfield Refinery Policy announced in August, the sources [more >>](#)

Major natural gas reserves discovered in Sindh's Sajawal

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-20

In a significant development that brings relief to the people of Pakistan grappling with a persistent gas shortage, the country's state-owned petroleum giant, Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL), has announced the discovery of substantial natural gas reserves in the Sajawal district of Sindh. According to Express News, the breakthrough came after PPL conducted drilling operations to a depth of 2,..... [more >>](#)

CCoE all set to consider CTBCM final test run report

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-22

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) is all set to consider Final Test Run Report of the long-awaited Competitive Trading Bilateral Contracts Market (CTBCM) for onward submission to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra) for final approval, well informed sources in told Business Recorder. CCoE headed and to be chaired by Minister for Power and Petroleum Muhammad..... [more >>](#)

'Discos anti-theft, recovery drives generate Rs55bn'

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-22

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Power Rashid Mahmood Langrial has stated that power Distribution Companies (Discos) anti-theft and recovery drives generated savings of Rs55 billion as of November 20, 2023 - 46 billion from September 7 till October 31, 2023, in less than 73 days, and Rs9 billion in November so far. According to Secretary Power November data includes detection charges and arrears recovery..... [more >>](#)

Plan to give 30pc equity of GBHPP for ten years to generate \$800m

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2023-11-22

ISLAMABAD: The government has worked out an apparently doable and unique strategy under which it will dole out 30 per cent equity of the Ghazi Barotha Hydropower Project (GBHPP) to generate \$700-800 million for financing the Diamer-Bhasha Dam. To this effect, the chief of army staff has been sensitized, who asked the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to take up this plan for positive..... [more >>](#)

Neptra to examine electrification schemes under SDGs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-22

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra) is to review proposed electrification/ rehabilitation schemes including their economic viability under Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), well informed sources told Business Recorder. Planning Division's Energy Wing in its comments on "provision of electricity of 59 schemes in various Union Councils (UCs) of Tehsil..... [more >>](#)

GIDC collection: Rs341bn remains un-utilised

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-22

ISLAMABAD: During the past eleven years Rs 340.789 billion has been collected under Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) – from 2012-13 to date – and not yet utilised for dedicated gas infrastructure development

projects identified in GIDC Act 2011. No GIDC collection has been released to Inter State Gas Systems (Private) Limited (ISGS) since its establishment in 1996 whose [more >>](#)

Questions raised over Rs510bn transmission plan

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-23

ISLAMABAD: Almost all the provinces and distribution companies as well as the power regulator have raised questions over the revised Rs510 billion investment plan for transmission system to be implemented by the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) over three years (2023-25). Similar objections were raised by provinces in January this year over insufficient allocations for evacuati..... [more >>](#)

Overcharging for electricity

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-22

News that power distribution companies have been using manipulative techniques to overbill customers — especially those in protected classes — is both upsetting and unsurprising. News reports say the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has confirmed that in August, the distribution companies raked in several billion rupees extra by delaying meter readings to allow cons..... [more >>](#)

NTDC investment plan termed unrealistic

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-23

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has raised serious questions over an investment plan submitted by the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) as it seems “unrealistic” to address system constraints that have resulted in blackouts several times across the country. The power-sector regulator pointed out that the blackout problem was mainl..... [more >>](#)

Swift progress in hydropower urged

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-23

PESHAWAR: In a bid to achieve self-sufficiency in hydel power generation, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Chief Minister, Justice (Retd) Syed Arshad Hussain Shah, has issued directives for an assertive plan to expedite ongoing hydropower projects under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization (PEDO). Additionally, he emphasized the initiation of new feasible projects within the provinc..... [more >>](#)

PM for media role to project results of anti-power theft drive

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-24

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan announced yesterday it had formally requested to join BRICS, a significant coalition of developing nations. Speaking at a weekly news briefing here, Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said this decision follows observations of BRICS-related developments in Johannesburg. Joining this organization, she said, will enable Pakistan to contribute substantially to int..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric consumers to pay additional Rs3.24 per unit from next month

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-24

ISLAMABAD-The consumers of K-Electric will pay additional Rs 3.24 per unit from the next month as National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has allowed the recovery of Rs1.52 per unit surcharge from the consumers of K-Electric effective from December 2023. The decision to allow imposition of Rs 1.52/unit surcharge will empower the federal government to recover Rs.24.5 billion from the..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan LNG receives four bids above \$18/MMBtu for January spot cargo

Source: [Munawar Hasan & Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2023-11-25

LAHORE/ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday received four bids at higher prices ranging from \$18.46 to \$19.64 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) for one spot liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargo required on Jan. 8-9, 2024, at Port Qasim, an evaluation report by Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) showed. The state-owned PLL had sought bids from LNG trading companies for one spot cargo carrying 140,000 cubic [more >>](#)

OGRA hikes RLNG prices for Sui gas companies by up to 1.2pc for November

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2023-11-25

ISLAMABAD: The government has raised the prices of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) for both the Sui Gas companies by up to 1.2 percent for November, following an increase in international Brent prices, the oil and gas regulator said on Friday. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) said the price of RLNG for consumers of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has increased by \$0..... [more >>](#)

A coherent energy plan

Source: [Ammar Habib Khan, The News, International](#), 2023-11-26

The government recently increased prices – across the board – of gas that is supplied through the country's distribution network. The increase in prices, although justified and which may bode well for gradual reduction in gas circular deficit, may lead to other unintended consequences, since the increase will affect how energy will be consumed in the country. The change in the f..... [more >>](#)

Energy security through coal

Source: [Farid Malik, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

Coal is back but with application of Clean Coal Technologies: this was the clear message shared at the 40th International Pittsburgh Coal Conference held in Istanbul October 4-6, 2023. My paper titled 'Experience of SNG Production from Thar Coal in Pakistan' was well received by the experts. After investing over \$5 trillion in research for transition to carbon-free energy, there is a r..... [more >>](#)

KE licence hearing today

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is set to conduct a public hearing on Tuesday to consider a request for the renewal of K-Electric's (KE) electricity distribution and supplier licence. Nepra has framed 17 questions in response to comments from various stakeholders while KE will present its arguments. KE, a private power utility, has filed for the renewal..... [more >>](#)

8 under-construction WAPDA projects completed

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

MANGLA - As a result of the completion of eight under-construction water and hydropower projects of WAPDA, the carry-over water capacity in the country will increase from 30 days to 45 days with an addition of 9.7 MAF water storage, while hydel power generation of WAPDA will also be doubled to more than 18,000 MW with an increase of 9,043 MW, it was officially said. This w..... [more >>](#)

Exemption from IP gas line sanctions; Govt using diplomatic channels to engage with US

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

ISLAMABAD: The government is reportedly using diplomatic channels to engage with the United States of America authorities to seek exemption from sanctions on multi-billion Pakistan –Iran (IP) Gas Pipeline Project, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali recently visited Iran to discuss the project and other energy sector related issue..... [more >>](#)

On Nepra's hearings

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

There are two important NEPRA hearings taking place today which are interlinked and can provide more clarity and direction on the future of the power sector. The first is on the license renewal request of K-Electric. To remind the readers, the exclusivity of distribution companies has ended in Pakistan's power sector since July 2023, and all XWDISCOS have also been provided non-exclusive lice..... [more >>](#)

LNG: Inefficient pricing continues

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

Having gone up 25 percent in October alone – LNG prices stabilized for much of November – as earlier supply side concerns wane and temperatures in Europe are far from the extreme seen in the last couple of years. Does that mean the LNG market will not be in a frenzy like yesteryears come winters? That appears highly likely – but it does not always mean it's the same for eve..... [more >>](#)

IGCEP and Nepra mismatch in cost calculations

Source: [Asim Javed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

A solid game plan for our energy needs is more than just a smart move; it is essential. Energy isn't just another industry; it is the foundation of our economy and the key to keeping our country functioning smoothly. That's why it's so important to pin down how much it will cost to generate the power we rely on. We've got to be spot on with these numbers because they will h..... [more >>](#)

Faults found in foreign-funded power projects

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

ISLAMABAD: A Senate panel on Monday found fault with the procurement of foreign multilateral-funded projects in the power sector and ordered the National Engineering Services of Pakistan (Nespak) not to sign a final agreement with a local firm till a conclusion because of suspicious circumstances. A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Power presided over by Saifullah Abro took up the ma..... [more >>](#)

Wapda to double hydro-generation

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

LAHORE: With the completion of eight under-construction water and hydropower projects, the carryover water capacity of the country will increase from 30 days to 45 days with an addition of 9.7 million acre-feet water storage and hydel power generation will be doubled to 18,000MW with an increase of 9,043MW. This was briefed to a delegation of PAF Air War College Karachi during their visit to Wapd..... [more >>](#)

KE claims meeting most of targets Says 71% of area in Karachi is now free from load-shedding

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-29

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric (KE) has claimed that it has achieved most of the targets, like significantly slashing power outages, curtailing losses and investment of around Rs550 billion for system improvement, set after its privatisation 18 years ago. Speaking at a public hearing on Tuesday, representatives of the private power utility pointed out that only 6.6% of area in its jurisdiction had been e..... [more >>](#)

Government entities owe PESCO Rs7b

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-28

PESHAWAR: Peshawar Electricity Supply Company (PESCO) on Monday revealed that government departments in the province owed over seven billion rupees in unpaid electricity bills. An official document of PESCO available with this news agency revealed that Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organisation (PEDO) and police were the major defaulters of the company who had to pay Rs3494.41 million an..... [more >>](#)

Nepra reserves judgment on KE petition for grant of license

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-29

ISLAMABAD-National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has reserved the judgment on K-Electric petition for grant of electric power distribution and supplier license as majority of the stakeholders have opposed the grant of license solely to one company. During a public hearing on the KE's petition, representative of K-Electric (KE) has claimed that it had achieved most of the targ..... [more >>](#)

UoS/wheeling charges; Nepra reluctant to approve 'heavy cost'

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-29

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Tuesday showed reluctance to approve the heavy cost of Use of System Charges (UoS)/wheeling charges to power Distribution Companies (Discos). The Authority comprising Nepra Chairman Waseem Mukhtar, Member (Technical) Sindh Rafique Ahmad Shaikh, Member (Tariff and Finance) Mathar Niaz Rana, Member KPK Maqsood Anwar Khan an..... [more >>](#)

A single fuel regime for Pakistan

Source: [Engr Tahir Basharat Cheema, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-29

Energy in Pakistan has always been a sore point, especially because availability waxes and wanes and so does the policy. Public policy is most deficient and has always remained subservient to the political needs of the days. The public is so gullible that it worships whoever promises salvation – be it indigenous development, autarchy of supplies or something soon to be found off-shore. The o..... [more >>](#)

Envisioning Karachi's energy future

Source: [Imran Rana, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-29

Karachi is seeing a surging energy demand due to its rapid expansion. Diverse industries and commercial activities serve as major employment hubs and propel the national economy and attract job aspirants from across the country. K-Electric anticipates a future where electricity usage is to rise because of this growth. Eventually, peak electricity demand is expected to surpass 5000MW by 2030, [more >>](#)

POL products' prices to remain unchanged?

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-29

ISLAMABAD: People are anticipating a relief from inflation in first half of December as the global crude and refined oil prices have shown a slight reduction. Sources said that the Finance Division may not pass on the reduction in the ex-depot prices of petrol and HSD and adjust in petroleum levy (PL) by revising the rate which are at the maximum of Rs60 per litre on both petrol and HSD. [more >>](#)

Further Rs3.5 per unit tariff hike in the offing

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-30

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers should brace for another hefty tariff increase of up to Rs3.53 per unit on account of fuel charges adjustment (FCA). In that regard, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) conducted a public hearing on Wednesday but reserved its judgement that would be issued after scrutiny of data. If the entire impact of fuel price increase is passed on to co..... [more >>](#)

Nepra allows K-Electric to recover Rs3 per unit subsidy availed by industrial consumers in 2 months

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-30

ISLAMABAD-National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has allowed K-Electric to recover Rs3 per unit subsidy availed by the industrial consumers during July to December 2019 within two months. Nepra, while vetting the Supreme Court's decision which has stated that subsidy is the prerogative of the government and they can withdraw it, has allowed K-Electric to recover Rs 3/unit subsidy ava..... [more >>](#)

Carbon credit sharing: PPIB seeks MoCC's nod

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has sought consent of Ministry of Climate Change for carbon credit sharing mechanism aimed at distributing carbon credits between the project sponsor and power purchaser equally. PPIB is pursuing the development of Alternative Renewable Energy (ARE) based power generation projects through private sector investors in Independent Pow..... [more >>](#)

Gas sector-related problems getting worse: audit report

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-30

ISLAMABAD: Gas sector-related issues have been worsening over the years which include inter alia gas shortage due to ever-widening demand and supply gap, unabated UFG losses especially of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) hovering around 17 percentage and under-utilized LNG infrastructure ranging from 250-300 MMCFD every year. This was revealed in the audit report on the Accounts of Petroleum D..... [more >>](#)

Navigating petroleum pricing; Need to introduce deregulation

Source: [Sajid Mehmood Qazi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-30

Introduction: The intricacies of Pakistan's oil pricing system, tethered to the fortnightly determination of prices, have sparked conversations about its efficiency and the potential benefits for consumers. To shed light on possible improvements, a comparative analysis of pricing models in neighbouring countries like India and Bangladesh, as well as global exemplars such as the UK and Canada..... [more >>](#)

At the rate of Rs3.53/unit for Oct 2023

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday agreed, in principle, to allow Discos to recover additional amount of Rs 32.7 billion at the rate of Rs 3.53 per unit from their consumers for October 2023 under the garb of previous adjustments. During the public hearing a representative of CPPA-G, Naveed Qaisar stated that positive impact of FCA in October 2023..... [more >>](#)

Chinese IPPs: MoF seeks update on payment issues

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-22

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Finance (MoF) has sought updated status from Power Division on commitments made by the caretaker Prime Minister, Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, regarding payment issues of Chinese Independent Power Producers (IPPs), well informed sources told Business Recorder. The non-payment to the Chinese IPPs remains an impediment in energy cooperation with China. During caretaker Prime Minist..... [more >>](#)

Tax officers get extensive powers

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-18

ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday expanded the wings of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) across almost all districts through the establishment of 145 tax offices and empowered them to disconnect electricity and gas connections as well as block mobile numbers of non-filers of tax returns. The drastic administrative and legal steps were taken with the objective of bringing 2 million more peopl..... [more >>](#)

Rs786.12m recovered from power defaulters As many as 5,182 meters were found manipulated

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-27

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has said its teams have recovered Rs786.12 million from 44,687 electricity defaulters and imposed fines worth Rs286.6 million during the ongoing operations. The company said in a statement that as per the directions of the government, operations against electricity thieves and defaulters are underway in various operation circles of IESCO i..... [more >>](#)

Oil as a weapon

Source: [Aneela Shahzad, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-24

Since the Gaza Israel War there is a lot of pressure on the Arabs in the MENA region to use their oil wealth and the power they wield from it to coerce Israel into a ceasefire and withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. Understanding the dynamics of the oil market and the forces that dictate it would thus give us a better outlook of the position of the oil-producing states. A general notion is that when [more >>](#)

Gas price hike fuels short-term inflation to 42pc

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-18

ISLAMABAD: A massive increase in gas prices drove the annual short-term inflation to above 40 per cent for the first time in over four months, official data showed on Friday. The inflation reading stood at 41.9pc for the week ending Nov 16, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) said, mainly because of over 1,100pc increase in gas charges compared to a year ago. Other items whose prices increas..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

PSA joins govt for 60% renewable vision by 2030

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-18

LAHORE: The Pakistan Solar Association (PSA) has pledged its commitment to collaborate with the government of Pakistan to achieve the ambitious goal of generating 60% renewable electricity by 2030. The announcement was made by PSA Chairman Amir Chaudhry at the 'Lets Grow Together' event on Friday. Chaudhry expressed the association's excitement, emphasising the importance of re..... [more >>](#)

Solar tubewells; HBL sets the industry benchmark with Rs1bn in financing to boost renewable energy

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-22

KARACHI: HBL sets the industry benchmark with Rs 1 billion in financing for solar tubewells. The facility enables farmers to adopt these capital-intensive technologies in an affordable and cost-effective manner. Farmers are facilitated with easy and quick access to credit through the Bank's vast rural footprint. The milestone fosters HBL's commitment towards sustainable and climate-sma..... [more >>](#)

Solar panel importers; Banks penalised for failing to check money laundering, over-invoicing

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz / Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has imposed penalties on certain banks for not checking massive money laundering and over invoicing of Rs69.5 billion by solar panel importers. Without disclosing names or amount of penalty, the SBP executive director, Wednesday, informed the Senate Standing Committee on Finance that the SBP has imposed monetary penalties on banks which did not raise..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Expo 2023

Achieving public, private sector goals: Sherry for addressing climate change impact

Source: [Asim Yasin, The News, International](#), 2023-11-20

ISLAMABAD: Senator Sherry Rehman emphasized the urgency of addressing climate change and its profound impact on Pakistan's capacity to achieve both public and private sector goals. "Senator Sherry Rehman, vice president of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), inaugurated the First Sustainability Investment Expo 2023 as the chief guest and delivered the keynote speech. The event served as..... [more >>](#)

Climate change termed a ticking bomb waiting to go off

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Sherry proposes Pakistan's public-private forum for sustainable investments

Source: [Shafqat Ali, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-20

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Food Security Hackathon 2023

Cross border trade important for Pakistan to address food security challenges amid climate crisis: Speakers

Source: [APP, Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-11-19

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Innovation for Food Security, Regional Trade in Agriculture vital: Speakers

Source: [APP, Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2023-11-19

ISLAMABAD, 19thDec 2023: The speakers at the Food Security Hackathon have called for innovation for food security and regional trade in agriculture through bridging ideas to action through the hackathon and funding partnerships. They highlighted the significance of collaboration, technology, and sustainable practices in ensuring food security in Pakistan. The Hackathon was organized by the Sustain..... [more >>](#)

Speakers call for innovation to achieve food security, regional trade in agriculture

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Agricultural Innovation Essential For Food Security, Regional Trade: Speakers

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 19th Nov, 2023) Speakers at the Food Security Hackathon emphasize the importance of innovation for food security and regional trade in agriculture, urging the transformation of ideas into action through the hackathon and fostering funding partnerships. During the event, they underscored the importance of collaboration, technology, and sustainable pra..... [more >>](#)

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'Light at the End of the Tunnel: Hope in Times of Despair', SDPI's 26th Sustainable Development Conference kicks off from tomorrow

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2023-11-20

ISLAMABAD, Nov 20 (SABAH): The 26th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC), the annual flagship event of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), kicks off from tomorrow (Tuesday) to Thursday (23rd) at local hotel in Islamabad. With an overarching theme "Light at the End of the Tunnel: Hope in Times of Despair", the Conference aims to raise hope and optimism for the futu..... [more >>](#)

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World order based on people's participation, morality to bring peace, sustainable development: President

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-11-20

ISLAMABAD, Nov 20 (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday reiterated his call for a world order characterized by the participation of the populace and steadfast adherence to moral principles to serve as the cornerstones for ensuring enduring peace and sustainable development. The president, addressing the inaugural plenary titled "Navigating the Road to Recovery, Resilience and Optimism&rdqu..... [more >>](#)

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No sustainable development sans women empowerment: Alvi

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-22

Islamabad: President Dr Arif Alvi has said the world cannot achieve the goal of sustainable development without women empowerment and global peace amidst dehumanising of society through perpetuated conflicts around the globe. Dr Alvi was addressing the inaugural plenary of the 3-day 26th Sustainable Development Conference on "Light at the end of the tunnel: hope in times of despair" or..... [more >>](#)

Roundtable calls for fiscal overhaul, consensus on economic agenda before polls

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-22

ISLAMABAD: The advisory committee comprising mainstream political parties has recommended realigning the National Finance Commission (NFC) with provincial capabilities to boost revenue mobilisation. The parties advocate for initiating new IMF programmes, improving governance and fostering a minimum broader consensus on the economic agenda for the upcoming general elections. Former finance ministe..... [more >>](#)

Mushaal Mullick stresses the need for empowering women & enhancing their role in decision making & policy formulation

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-11-22

ISLAMABAD, Nov 21 (SABAH): Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mushaal Hussein Mullick stressed the need for empowering women and enhancing their role in decision making and policy formulation because the dream of true progress and development could not be materialized without the empowerment of half of the global population. Mushaal Mullick made these..... [more >>](#)

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HDF marks 25 years of transformative impact

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-23

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Economist terms energy sector 'black hole'

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-11-23

ISLAMABAD: Dr Hafeez Pasha, former finance minister, Wednesday, while identifying key areas which undermine human security in Pakistan has said that the black hole in Pakistan's economy is the energy sector, due to unbelievable levels of line losses and rising energy prices. He said this while speaking at the launch of his report titled, "Human Security in Pakistan" on the secon..... [more >>](#)

Women's role imperative for sustainable development: Mushaal

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-11-21

ISLAMABAD, Nov 21 (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mushaal Hussein Mullick on Tuesday highlighted the crucial role of women in driving sustainable development. She emphasized that women are not just beneficiaries but pivotal agents of change in this trajectory. Addressing as a keynote speaker at the 26th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) o..... [more >>](#)

Abid Suleri For Promoting Slogan 'Wealth To Individuals, Resources To Society' For Sustainable Development

Source: [APP](#), Urdu Point, 2023-11-23

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 22nd Nov, 2023) Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Executive Director Abid Qaiyum Suleri on Wednesday said that we need to promote the slogan that wealth belongs to an individual, but resources belong to the society and the concept of sustainable production and consumption is to promote social justice. He was speaking at a session t..... [more >>](#)

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Climate diplomacy — a new form to protect national security interests

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-23

Islamabad: Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson, Board of Governors, SDPI, has said the climate diplomacy emerged as a new form of diplomacy where it was not only to safeguard national security interests of the country but also ensure the commercial and economic cooperation with the international community. Mr Kakakhel was addressing a plenary session of 3-day 26th Sustainable Development Conference bei..... [more >>](#)

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Tetra Pak shares hope at 26th Sustainable Development Conference and Expo 2023

Source: [DNA](#), [Centreline.com](#), 2023-11-23

Islamabad, Nov 22, 2023— Tetra Pak Pakistan, a frontrunner in sustainable food processing and packaging solutions, proudly participated in the 26th Sustainable Development Conference and Expo, held from November 19th to 20th in Islamabad. The annual flagship event, hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), brought together thought leaders, policymakers, and industry expe..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Living legend award presented on Dr. Pervez Hassan

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-11-23

ISLAMABAD, Nov 23 (SABAH): SDPI conferred Living Legend Series Award to Dr. Pervez Hassan for his unparalleled contributions in the fields of environmental protection and education. The award was presented to him at the plenary session titled: "SDPI's Living Legend Series Award 2023", at the 26th Sustainable Development Conference organized by Sustainable Development Policy In..... [more >>](#)

No good news on external debt restructuring: Shamshad

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-11-24

ISLAMABAD: Conceding debt reaching 'unsustainable' levels, Caretaker Minister for Finance Dr Shamshad Akhtar has said the government is in talks with the provinces to shift responsibility of BISP, to hand over provincial PSDP projects and close down devolved departments for rationalizing expenditures. She said there was no good news on the public debt burden on the multilateral and G-..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan exploring debt for nature swaps with global agencies: Dr. Shamshad Akhtar

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ISLAMABAD (23 November 2023): Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, the Caretaker Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, has said that amid growing international fiscal constraints, the country is exploring debt-for-nature-swap with global agencies to enhance its market competitiveness as foreign direct investment is harder to fetch in these testing times. She was speaking at a high-level plenary tit..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance Dr Shamshad Akhtar has said political and economic instability over the period of time has greatly disrupted Pakistan's economic growth. While addressing the 26 Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), here on Thursday, the minister said economic growth has to be backed by str..... [more >>](#)

Interim regime committed to IMF programme: Dr Shamshad

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in Islamabad, she said the interim leadership has successfully reached a staff-level agreement with IMF for a standby three billion dollar loan grant. She said the governme..... [more >>](#)

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Islamabad:Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Caretaker Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, has said that amid growing international fiscal constraints, the country is exploring debt-for-nature-swap with global agencies to enhance its market competitiveness as foreign direct investment is harder to fetch in these testing times. Dr Shamshad was speaking at a high-level plenary on "Reforms fo..... [more >>](#)

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Sachs on Pakistan's economy

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'Koi khwaab na ho to bataen kya?' (When no dreams stay what can one say?) — Athar Nafees (sung by Farida Khanum) ON Nov 21, Dr Jeffrey Sachs, the renowned development economist of Columbia University, addressed the Sustainable Development Policy Institute in Islamabad. He began by referring to the general "failure of political systems to address people's needs&rdqu..... [more >>](#)

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Economist terms energy sector 'black hole'

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ISLAMABAD: Dr Hafeez Pasha, former finance minister, Wednesday, while identifying key areas which undermine human security in Pakistan has said that the black hole in Pakistan's economy is the energy sector, due to unbelievable levels of line losses and rising energy prices. He said this while speaking at the launch of his report titled, "Human Security in Pakistan"..... [more >>](#)

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CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN PAKISTAN – THE UNTAPPED POTENTIAL OF WASTE TO RESOURCE

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Insights from SDPI's 26th Sustainable Development Conference

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Nestlé Pakistan Wins Top Honors in Gender Equity and Agri Tech at Sustainability Awards

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HEALTHThe Spread Of Smoking: Experts Call For Punitive Measures

Source: [Salman Ahmad](#), [CTN News](#), 2023-11-27

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Instability disrupted economic growth: Pak Finance Minister

Source: [pti](#), [Daily Pioneer](#), 2023-11-25

Pakistan’s caretaker Finance Minister Shamshad Akhtar has said that political instability over the period of time has greatly disrupted the cash-strapped country’s economic growth, which has to be backed by structural reforms.

Addressing the Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) here on Thursday, the minister said macroeconomic stability has become more difficult in the last decade..... [more >>](#)

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Experts for sustained action to control inflation crisis

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SDPI Articles

Large population: a boon or bane

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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations member states in 2015, provides a blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. It stipulates that poverty cannot be ended by 2030 if the member states act in isolation. At its heart are 17 sustainable development goals, an urgent call [more >>](#)

Hope in a time of despair

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In these unprecedented times, the world seems to be hurtling into a dark abyss. A myriad of crises, spanning political, economic, financial, and climatic dimensions, looms over countries, casting a haze of uncertainty over their futures. Across 55 nations, including Pakistan, the pressing issue of economic challenges and particularly debt sustainability forces governments to grapple with the agon..... [more >>](#)

Food Insecurity on the Rise

Source: Asif Javed, [Daily Times](#), 2023-11-28

The global acute malnutrition rate of Pakistan is 17.7 % which exceeds the emergency threshold. The major reasons for malnutrition include monsoon rains and floods in all provinces, higher percentage of people facing food insecurity, lack of access to basic services such as health and nutrition. The Global Hunger Index 2022 ranks Pakistan as 99th out of 121 countries in food insecurity. The report..... [more >>](#)

Peace education

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Every society struggles with conflict at both small and big levels. Not only do such conflicts affect the lives of individuals, they also disrupt a country in terms of its growth, economy and culture, and the mental health of its people. Only those societies which are well-prepared and well-skilled can get rid of conflict. Resolving conflict is necessary to maintain stability in society. It is [more >>](#)

Climate Change and Mental Health Resilience

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Expectations from COP28

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The twenty-eighth annual UN conference on climate change (COP28), hosted by the UAE in Dubai from November 30 – December 12 will grapple with a daunting agenda concerning the most complex existential crisis facing humankind. The outcomes of the conference on a set of key issues would indicate the world's likely prospect of averting the consequences of climate change such as water shor..... [more >>](#)

National media should amplify sufferings of flood-impacted communities at COP-28: Experts

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Cross border trade important for Pakistan to address food security challenges amid climate crisis: Speakers

Source: [APP, Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-11-19

ISLAMABAD, Oct 20 (APP): The speakers at a webinar on food security and agriculture promotion through cross border trade on Friday said the Asia region had a tremendous agriculture potential and could help enhance resilience to environmental degradation food security challenges through cross border trade between the regional states. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized the..... [more >>](#)

Innovation for Food Security, Regional Trade in Agriculture vital: Speakers

Source: [APP, Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2023-11-19

ISLAMABAD, 19thDec 2023: The speakers at the Food Security Hackathon have called for innovation for food security and regional trade in agriculture through bridging ideas to action through the hackathon and funding partnerships. They highlighted the significance of collaboration, technology, and sustainable practices in ensuring food security in Pakistan. The Hackathon was organized by the Sustain..... [more >>](#)

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Seminar News

Deforestation in KP enhancing risk of flooding

Source: Rasheed Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2023-11-16

Islamabad: Experts at a seminar underscored increased risk of flooding and other natural catastrophes due to loss of massive tree cover at the hands of timber mafia in Khyber-Pakhtoonkhwa. The seminar on "Walking into disaster: massive illegal deforestation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" was jointly organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Sarhad Conservation Netw..... [more >>](#)

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