

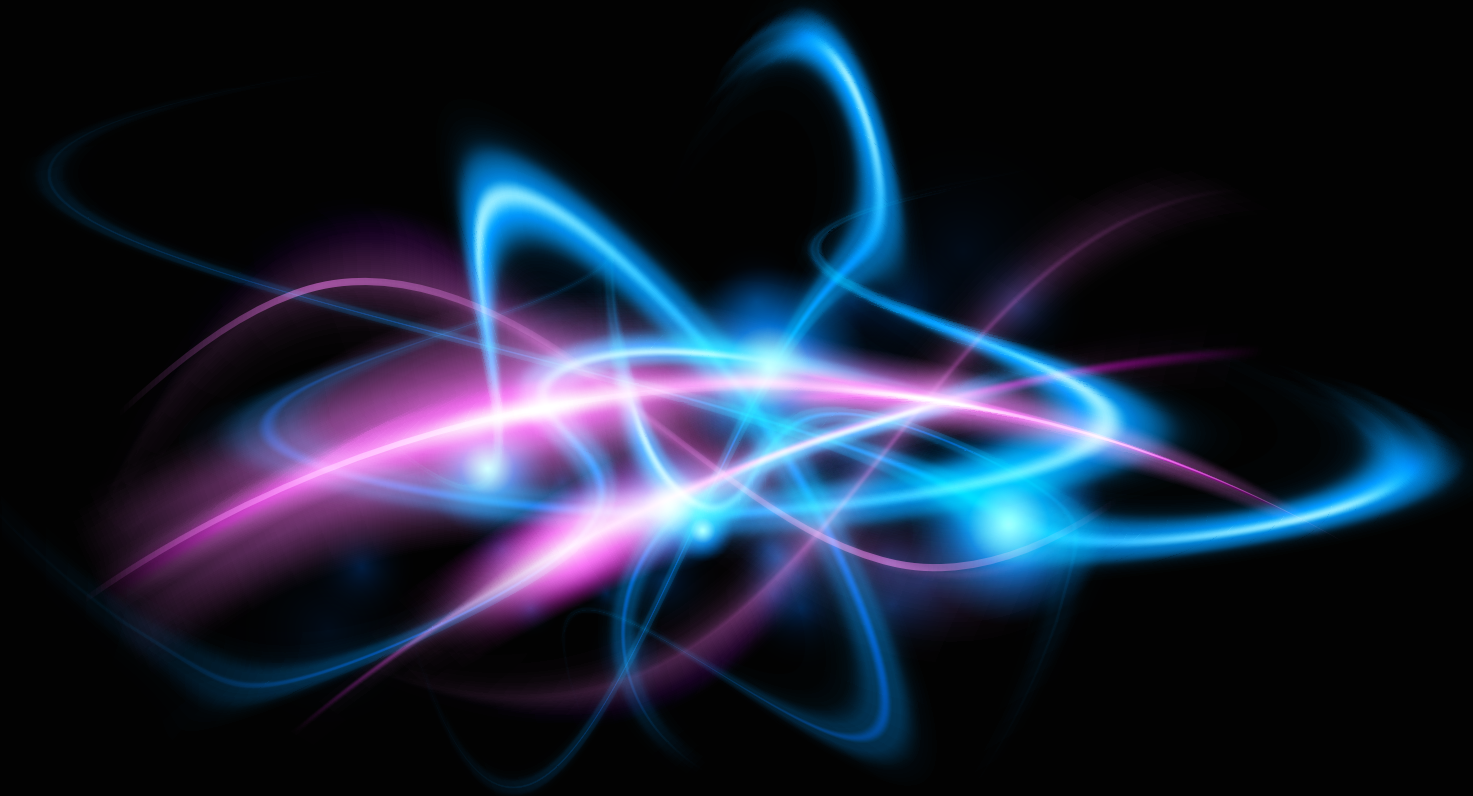
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• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

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.

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Subjects Covered

- Energy and power
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- CEPC Energy projects
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Pakistan's Energy Transition

Energy Governance

238 connections severed in crackdown on gas pilferers

Source: App, [The News, International](#), 2023-12-26

LAHORE: Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) during its ongoing crackdown on gas pilferers in Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad has disconnected another 238 connections and imposed a fine of Rs3.41 million on pilferers. According to a press release issued here on Monday, in Lahore, the regional team disconnected 26 connections on illegal use of gas and nine others on use of compressor..... [more >>](#)

Despite reduction, oil prices still higher Businessmen ask govt to ensure benefits of lower fuel prices reach common man

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-17

KARACHI: Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry President Muhammad Farooq Shaikhani has praised the government's decision to reduce petroleum product prices, stating that this step will help mitigate the wave of inflation in the country. He said the announcement made on Friday by the Ministry of Finance, on the recommendation of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), t..... [more >>](#)

Jul-Nov; Petroleum group imports witness 16.19pc negative growth

Source: Tahir Amin, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-22

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum group imports witnessed a negative growth of 16.19 per cent during the first five months (July-November) of the current fiscal year and stood at \$6.453 billion when compared to \$7.7 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 decreased by..... [more >>](#)

Over half of FDI lands in coal power projects

Source: Shahid Iqbal, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-23

ISLAMABAD: Despite assurances of being provided a level playing field, it seems the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) will be playing its election innings without its signature 'bat', as the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Friday deemed its intra-party polls "unconstitutional" and revoked its claim on the iconic electoral symbol. The reserved verdict was announced [more >>](#)

LNG imports set to hit 18-month high

Source: Salman Siddiqui, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-24

KARACHI: Pakistan's liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports are all set to surge to an 18-month high with 11 cargoes arriving in December this year as the country has placed orders for two spot cargoes for the first time in the past one year. A substantial fall in LNG prices from their peak in the international spot market and with the advent of winter when demand from household consumers sp..... [more >>](#)

Expensive gas, power hitting industry as exports keep declining: BMP

Source: Agencies, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-25

ISLAMABAD-The high gas and power prices have made the local as well as the export industry uncompetitive on the world market resulting in an 8 percent monthly and 7 percent annual decline to \$1.3 billion in November. The BMP Chairman and FPCCI former president Mian Anjum Nisar observed that the government would have to sustain its top focus on enhancing the share of renewable energy and hydropow..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan one of likely destinations for ME exports; Asian refiners to face diesel supply glut

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-29

SINGAPORE: Diesel supply in Asia is set to jump in 2024 fueled by new refineries in the Middle East and robust exports from China, and is likely to outpace the region's world-leading demand growth, analysts and trade sources said. As a result, diesel prices are expected to fall, meaning Asia's refiners face a second consecutive year of sliding profit margins for the fuel used in c..... [more >>](#)

Punishing power pilferers

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

Efforts to address losses in the power sector are finally getting some teeth. The government's recent move to make electricity theft a cognisable offence will hopefully make it harder for power pilferers to avoid significant punishment for their illegal actions. The ordinance promulgated by President Arif Alvi amends the PPC clause about the energy-related crimes to allow senior officials fr..... [more >>](#)

—detects 278 power pilferers on 99th day of anti-theft campaign

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-18

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 278 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) on the 99th day of grand anti-power theft campaign. The LESCO spokesman told media here Sunday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against 278 elect..... [more >>](#)

Crackdown against gas pilferers continues across Punjab

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-26

LAHORE - Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) during its ongoing crackdown against gas pilferers in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad has disconnected another 238 connections and imposed a fine of Rs 3.41 million on pilferers. According to a press release issued here on Monday, in Lahore, the regional team disconnected 26 connections on illegal use of gas and 9 others on use of compre..... [more >>](#)

FIPPA law to shield Turkmenistan investment in \$10 billion TAPI project

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-20

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to extend the Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Act (FIPPA), a special legislative cover, to the investment of Turkmenistan in the TAPI gas pipeline project, a senior energy ministry official said on Tuesday. The move is aimed at increasing the bankability of the project in the eyes of the international lenders, which is estimated to cost \$10 billio..... [more >>](#)

Expensive gas hits textile exports

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-22

KARACHI: High gas prices appeared to have made textile exports uncompetitive on the world market resulting in an eight per cent month-on-month and 7pc year-on-year decline to \$1.3 billion in November. In rupee terms, the country's textile exports clocked in at Rs376bn, down by 7pc month-on-month but rose 19pc year-on-year owing to rupee depreciation against the dollar, said a note by Toplin..... [more >>](#)

Costly RLNG to replace cheap blended gas for Punjab textile sector from January

Source: [Munawar Hasan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-17

LAHORE: The textile industry in Punjab will have to pay more for gas from January as the state-owned gas utility switches to supplying costly imported liquefied natural gas (RLNG) for running captive power plants. The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL) has been providing a blend of 50 percent locally produced gas and 50 percent RLNG to new and old industrial and captive consumers of export se..... [more >>](#)

Fuel prices slashed by up to Rs14

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday reduced the prices of all petroleum products by 4.6 per cent to 6.4pc (Rs10 to 14 per litre) for the next fortnight ending Dec 31 due to lower international market prices and exchange rate gains. In a late-night announcement, the ministry of finance said the government had decided to revise the prices of petroleum products for the fortnight starting Dec [more >>](#)

Investments must reflect COP28 outcome: International Energy Agency

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

PARIS: Energy investments should be informed by the COP28 agreement to accelerate the move away from fossil fuels this decade, the head of the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Friday. "After COP28, governments, companies, investors, need to tell the people around the world what actions they are taking to move the world away from fossil fuels," Executive Director Fatih Birol..... [more >>](#)

Govt resolves disputes with KE ECC okays deals, sending positive signals to Saudi investors, Shanghai Electric

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The interim government on Friday approved the finalisation of four deals with the country's largest privately-managed power firm, K-Electric (KE), ending years-old disputes over power purchase payments and the supply of electricity. This decision sends a positive signal to foreign investors. The Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet approved the signing of the Power Pur..... [more >>](#)

Govt slashes petrol price by Rs14 per litre Also decreases rates of diesel and kerosene oil

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker federal government on Friday decreased the prices of petroleum products by up to Rs14 per litre for the next fortnight on the recommendation of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority. According to a notification issued by the Finance Division, petrol, which was earlier being sold at Rs281.34 per litre, will now be available at Rs267.34 per litre, showing a drop of Rs14. [more >>](#)

Govt slashes petrol price by Rs14, HSD's by Rs13.50

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government on Friday announced reduction in ex-depot prices of major petroleum products, owing to a significant drop in oil prices globally and strengthening of the rupee against UD dollar, effective December 16-31, 2023. In a fortnightly review, the prices of petroleum products — petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) reduced by Rs14 per litre and Rs 13.50 per litre..... [more >>](#)

KE and govt entities; ECC approves PD proposal for signing various draft agreements

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has decided to approve the proposal of the Power Division for signing draft PPAA, ICA, TDA and Mediation Agreements between K-Electric and government entities. The meeting presided over by the caretaker Finance Minister Dr Shamshad Akhtar on Friday took up the matter of approval of the draft Power Purchase Agency Agreement (PPAA),..... [more >>](#)

Hubco asks CPPA-G to pay Rs13.4bn dues

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

ISLAMABAD: M/s Hub Power Company (Hubo) has demanded Central Power Purchasing Agency –Guaranteed (CPPA-G) to pay Rs 13.47 billion which includes interest matured through arbitration. In a letter to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) CPPA-G Rihan Akhtar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Hub Power Company, Kamran Kamal referred to the award approved by former Chief Justice Nasir ul Mulk in arbitr..... [more >>](#)

Industrial consumers in Sindh; SSGC plans three days a week gas suspension

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has planned two to three days industrial closure in Sindh in a week depending upon the line pack conditions and the acceptance of RLNG-local gas blend by industrial consumers. Suspension of gas supply to industrial units in Sindh in the winter is expected considering the short indigenous gas supplies and increase in demand of the domestic sector [more >>](#)

Energy sector – ‘a nightmare’

Source: [Farhat Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar in a statement this week has described the energy sector as “a nightmare for the country” mainly because of the fact that the government produces costly electricity and sells it at subsidized rates. This fact is well known to all and sundry; and it is experienced by consumers day in and day out. What is not in public knowledge is the ex..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL spends Rs1.166bn under CSR

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) spent Rs 1.166 billion for the development of local communities in last five years along with an estimated Rs 650 million pledged for ongoing and new initiatives in Balochistan although overall security situation of the province is not very conducive. The company is satisfactorily carrying out exploration and production activities in [more >>](#)

Govt working towards reducing electricity cost: minister

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali, has said that the government is working on revising electricity tariff structure to reduce the cost of electricity as export industry cannot compete with regional competitors that are supplying electricity at 9 Cents/ kWh. Testifying before the reconstituted Senate Standing Committee on Power, now headed by Senator Azam [more >>](#)

Coal use to decline next year after record high in 2023: IEA

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

Paris-World coal consumption should start declining next year after peaking in 2023, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said Friday. The IEA's latest forecast came after nearly 200 countries at the COP28 UN climate talks adopted a deal stating that the world will be “transitioning away from fossil fuels” to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 and limit global warming. Coal is..... [more >>](#)

Inching towards a coal crisis?

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-17

On top of all the economic and financial crises facing the country, it seems now we have a coal crisis on our hands as well. It turns out that the delay in clearing the outstanding balance of Rs55 billion owed by power plants to Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company Limited (SECMC) has not just caused “severe cash flow issues”, according to the company, but also threatens a shutdown of opera..... [more >>](#)

Price Cuts

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-17

Price cuts by Rs10 to Rs14 per litre on petroleum are good news as well as representative of a balanced fiscal approach being adopted by the government to shield the citizens from bearing a direct impact of economic

constraints. The new petroleum prices reflect a fall in the international market. 4.6-6.4% decrease for the next fortnight in comparison to the previous rates is a big relief for consu..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price drops by over Rs64 per litre in last 3 months

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-17

ISLAMABAD-Prices of oil products have declined massively during last three months due to continuous reduction in international rates and local currency appreciation. Petrol price has declined by Rs64.04 per litre to Rs267.34 per litre on December 16 from Rs331.38 per litre on September 16 this year. Meanwhile, diesel price has declined by Rs52.99 per litre to Rs276.19 per litre from Rs329.19 per litre..... [more >>](#)

Navigating Pakistan's energy transition

Source: [Shafqat Hussain Memon](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-18

Amidst the challenges of soaring energy prices, escalating impacts of climate change, and economic hurdles, Pakistan confronts a complex trilemma encapsulated by the three interlinked challenges of energy, environment, and economy. Presently, the country is grappling with inflated energy costs due to imported fuels, worsening local air pollution, economic instability, and challenges in delivering [more >>](#)

Relief at the pump

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-18

In a welcome move, the caretaker government has taken a decisive step to alleviate the burden on the common man by slashing the price of petrol by Rs14 per litre and that of high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs13.5 per litre for the next fortnight. This reduction, as announced by the Ministry of Finance, brings the new price of petrol to Rs267.34 and HSD to Rs276.21. The rationale behind this significan..... [more >>](#)

Net Metering – an impending source of relief for consumers

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-18

ISLAMABAD: In an era of escalating power prices, selling power to the national grid would be a source of relief for consumers as alternate energy systems installed at houses would make them earn money instead of simply being the consumers. The net metering system enables them to sell extra electricity to Power Distribution Companies (Discos) generated easily through their solar and wind systems [more >>](#)

President calls for adopting nationwide electricity, gas & water conservation strategies

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-18

President Dr. Arif Alvi has called for adopting consensus-based nationwide electricity, gas and water conservation strategies to save precious national resources. Addressing a ceremony in Islamabad today, he said for this purpose there is a need to bring some behavioural changes to achieve the desired objectives in the shortest possible timeframe. The President said that the Islamic teaching..... [more >>](#)

GPPs settlement; ECC may approve Rs262.075bn TSG

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-20

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet is likely to approve Rs262.075 billion technical supplementary grant (TSG) for the settlement of payables to government-owned power plants (GPPs) at par with IPPs today (Wednesday). Sources said that the Power Division in a proposal informed the ECC that it had submitted a summary on 16th March 2022 for seeking approval for cleara..... [more >>](#)

Nepra owns up overcharging report; Discos' functioning assailed

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-20

ISLAMABAD: The power sector regulator said on Tuesday that the power sector would not be viable the way distribution companies are functioning and owned its report on overcharging consumers in July and August 2023. While hearing the amendments in the Consumer Services Manual (CSM), presided over by the chairman of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), the members of the author..... [more >>](#)

Regulator's warning; Power sector will be doomed if Discos fail to mend their ways

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-20

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Baqar urges PM to allocate Sindh 'proper' gas share

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-20

KARACHI: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister former Justice Maqbool Baqar has urged Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq to allocate Sindh its rightful portion of natural gas under Article 158 of the Constitution, so that the industrial and business activities in the province may be carried out smoothly. In a DO letter addressed to the prime minister, CM Baqar said that Sindh was facing an acute shortage o..... [more >>](#)

Our findings confirm overbilling by power distribution companies: Nepra

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-20

ISLAMABAD-Strongly rejecting the counter narrative of the Ministry of Energy on overbilling report, Nepra has said that the regulator's findings are based on the data provided by the power distribution companies (Discos) and all of them have acknowledged that overbilling was done. In a public hearing on amendment in Consumer Service Manual, the stakeholders have rejected the proposed amend..... [more >>](#)

President for improving energy efficiency, reforestation

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-19

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi said that there was a need to improve energy efficiency, adopting sustainable practices, and changing attitudes and priorities to mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change. "Transitioning to renewable energy sources, improving energy efficiency, and reforestation are key to curb the adverse impacts on the planet's climate and ecosystems,&rdqu..... [more >>](#)

Hunkering down

Source: [Khurram Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-21

A GOOD example of how Pakistan is hunkering down further and further in the face of increasing scarcities is provided by natural gas. Pakistan has been blessed with abundant gas discoveries from a very early age, and one of the first public sector enterprises created in the country was Pakistan Petroleum in 1950. From a country with barely any energy sources, and practically no power generation..... [more >>](#)

Nepra rejects power division's criticism of overbilling report

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-20

ISLAMABAD: The power regulator Nepra on Tuesday rejected objections raised by the power division over its overbilling investigation report finding massive irregularities to consumers and made it clear to take the regulatory process to the logical conclusion. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority also appeared unconvinced by the power division's move to charge Rs15,000 to Rs30,0..... [more >>](#)

Sindh being forced to buy costly RLNG, caretaker PM told

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-20

KARACHI: As the gas crisis deepened with the advent of cold weather hitting both the domestic and industrial consumers, Chief Minister retired Justice Maqbool Baqar approached caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar and asked him to ensure uninterrupted supply of rightful share of natural gas to Sindh, saying the province was being compelled to buy costly imported gas. The caretaker CM on Tue..... [more >>](#)

KE can't collect utility charges via power bills, amicus curiae tells SHC

Source: [Ishaq Tanoli](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-20

KARACHI: Senior lawyer Munir A. Malik, who was appointed as an amicus curiae, on Tuesday informed the Sindh High Court that the government was required to follow the contract rules and could not nominate K-Electric to collect the Municipal Utility Charges and Taxes (MUCT) for the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) through electricity bills. The senior lawyer submitted that under the relevant [more >>](#)

Power tariffs for all raised by Rs1.15

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-21

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday approved an additional across-the-board charge of Rs1.15 per unit for electricity consumers throughout the country, including K-Electric, and also concluded the process of imposing another Rs1.72 per unit on K-E consumers for the next three months — January to March 2024. Effectively, K-Electric consumers wou..... [more >>](#)

Power generation hits 33-month low

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-21

KARACHI: Power generation in Pakistan plummeted to a 33-month low, reaching 7,547 Gigawatt-hours (GWh) in November 2023. This decline was attributed partly to the onset of the winter season and, more significantly, to the overall economic slowdown in the country. The dip in power generation has intensified the burden of capacity payments on end-consumers. The cost of fuel in power generation sur..... [more >>](#)

Minister defends DISCOs overbilling

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-21

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker minister of energy has stepped in to defend the corrupt power distribution companies (DISCOs) over allegations of inflated consumer bills and has turned down a report of the power-sector regulator. Talking to journalists on Wednesday, Energy Minister Mohammad Ali argued that wrong data had been used by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) in its rep..... [more >>](#)

Nepra hikes tariff by Rs1.15/unit

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-21

ISAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has decided to escalate the power tariff by Rs1.15 per unit. This decision, imposing an additional financial burden of Rs22.29 billion on the populace, raises concerns about the economic strain on consumers. Effective from January 1, 2024, to March 3, 2024, this tariff hike is set to affect all consumers, including K-Electric. The..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff being restructured: minister

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-21

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker regime is vigorously working on the overall restructuring of the existing tariff regime by rationalizing the cross-subsidies, and fixed and variable costs in the tariff to make the export industry competitive, Energy Minister Muhammad Ali told The News in an exclusive talk here on Wednesday. All categories, except protected and some unprotected domestic consumers using up..... [more >>](#)

Power generation cost jumps 20pc y/y in November

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-21

KARACHI: The power generation cost surged nearly 20 percent year-on-year in November, as the country relied more on expensive fossil fuels amid a drop in nuclear and renewable energy sources, data from a brokerage house showed on Wednesday. The average cost of electricity production rose to Rs7.17 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) last month, compared with Rs5.99 a year earlier, an increase of 19.7 percent..... [more >>](#)

Attock refinery resumes operations of two plants after OGRA intervention

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-21

ISLAMABAD: Attock Refinery Limited (ARL) has restarted its two crude distillation plants that were shut earlier this month due to low demand for its products, its managing director said on Wednesday. The plants, which process local crude oil from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) and Potohar regions, were closed on Dec. 11 as the refinery faced a glut of petrol and diesel stocks amid reduced off-take [more >>](#)

Urgent Subsidy Calls

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-21

Though economic indicators are improving and the stride of the most difficult economic crunch is narrowing, some critical financial challenges still persist and need attention. One such challenge is the power sector where a circular debt crisis is looming. The Ministry of Power has put forward an urgent request for a subsidy of Rs319 billion to pay off debts and keep the fuel supply chain going. T..... [more >>](#)

Increase in power sector subsidy; Hamstrung by grim lack of fiscal space, FD says 'no'

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-21

ISLAMABAD: The Finance Division has reportedly refused to enhance power sector subsidy in any eventuality due to financial constraints, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. This assertion came from the Finance Division at a recent meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet when the issue of agreements between K-Electric and Government of Pakistan came under di..... [more >>](#)

Energy mix; 'Govt plans to enhance share of hydel, RE to 61pc by 2030'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-21

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Power, Muhammad Ali, on Wednesday said the government is working on a plan to enhance the share of hydel and renewable energy (RE) in the total energy mix to 61 percent by 2030 from the existing 31 per cent. While speaking at the 3rd International Hydropower Conference after lauding the energy update for organizing the conference on Wednesday, he said that it..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric: a clear-cut success story

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-21

The government has come to its senses at long last and settled its disputes with K-Electric (KE) Ltd, the country's only private and vertically-integrated electricity provider. A sceptic might say, the settlement is a day late and a dollar short, considering that the four agreements between K-Electric and government entities received the seal of approval by the federal government three years..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA approves Rs1.15 hike in power tariff

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-12-21

In yet another shock to the already overburdened power consumers, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Wednesday notified a hike of Rs1.15 per unit in electricity tariff. According to the notification issued by the power regulatory authority, NEPRA approved hike in electricity in the wake of the monthly fuel adjustment for first quarter of the current financial year. It add..... [more >>](#)

IPP pledges free electricity after coming into power

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-12-18

The Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) President Abdul Aleem Khan promised free electricity on consumption of up to 300 units if they come into power after the upcoming elections. As per details, the IPP leader said that the nation's major problem is inflated electricity bills however he claimed that after coming into power they will provide financial assistance to WAPDA and people who consume..... [more >>](#)

Net Metering – an impending source of relief for consumers

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-12-18

In an era of escalating power prices, selling power to national grid would definitely be a source of relief for consumers as alternate energy systems installed at houses would make them earn money instead of simply being the consumers. Yes, the Net Metering system that now enables them to sell extra electricity to Power Distribution Companies (DISCOs) generated easily through their solar and wind..... [more >>](#)

Energy imports drop 13% to \$1.42 billion in Nov

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-22

KARACHI: Pakistan experienced a 13% decline in overall energy imports, reaching \$1.42 billion in November 2023, shedding light on subdued demand for petroleum, oil, and gas products. Economic activities remained lacklustre due to sluggish growth, and the recent surge in product prices has hampered purchasing power across various sectors. The diminishing demand for products, particularly furnace [more >>](#)

KE consumers to pay additional up to Rs9.05 per unit

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-22

ISLAMABAD-The new year will further burden Karachiites with a huge hike in electricity tariff, as the consumers of the K-Electric will pay an additional up to Rs 9.05 per unit during the first quarter (January to March) of calendar year 2024 on account of various quarterly adjustments and a surcharge. The hike includes Rs 6.15 per unit on account of four quarterly adjustments, and a surcharge of R..... [more >>](#)

Regionally competitive level sought; APTMA demands power tariff at 9-10 cents per kWh

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-22

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has expressed deep concern over the absolutely dismal state of the power sector and emphasised the dire need for power tariff rationalisation to prevent further economic deterioration. The APTMA demanded of the government to bring power tariffs down to a regionally competitive level of 9-10 cents/kWh where Pakistan's exports [more >>](#)

Workshop on challenges facing petroleum exploration, production sector held

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-22

ISLAMABAD: Taking cognizance the increasing energy import bill, reduced investment in petroleum exploration activities and the challenges presented by exploration and production companies during various interactions, Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) took the initiative of meaningfully engaging with upstream petroleum industry. Accordingly, a full day workshop was held on Thursday, whic..... [more >>](#)

RLNG price raised amid high system losses

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-12-23

ISLAMABAD: With system losses touching a record 14.5 per cent, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Friday notified about 10pc increase in the sale price of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) for two Sui gas companies – SSGCL and SNGPL — for the current month with effect from Dec 1 owing to higher international prices, particularly of two spot cargoes. The RLNG sale pri..... [more >>](#)

Unaffordable electricity

Source: Editorial, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-23

The government's decision to round out the year with yet another power tariff hike shows just how long we have to go before power theft and circular debt issues are resolved. The fresh increase of Rs1.15 per unit comes on top of other recent increases in the prices of electricity as well as gas — which the government says is necessary to address the circular debt problem, but is making..... [more >>](#)

Up to 10.11pc increase in price of RLNG for Dec 2023

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-23

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Friday notified a raise in the price of RLNG up to 10.11 percent for consumers for December 2023 as compared with the previous month of November. According to the notification, Ogra states, "The increase in RLNG prices is due to increase in DES price." New prices will be applicable with retrospective effect December 1, 2023..... [more >>](#)

LUMS energy report sheds light on inefficient practices

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-24

LAHORE: In a significant development, the Lahore University of Management Sciences' (LUMS) Energy Institute (LEI) has released a pioneering report titled "Sustainable Architecture: Advancing Energy Efficient Buildings." The report, presented at a ceremony attended by policymakers, regulatory bodies, and key stakeholders, addresses Pakistan's pressing energy challenges and [more >>](#)

100 days of anti-theft drive; Lesco detects 36,428 power pilferers

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-24

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has detected a total of 36,428 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 100 days of grand anti-power theft campaign. According to sources, the LESCO also submitted 36,036 FIR applications against electricity thieves in the rele..... [more >>](#)

Why has the power sector failed?

Source: Engr. Tahir Basharat Cheema, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-24

The Power Sector has failed the country since more than the last two decades. It all started with the mantra that WAPDA, as an integrated power utility, had failed and that only some new scheme could improve things. Along, came the World Bank to rescue and then gave the country both the IPPs and the PSCEs (DISCOs, NTDC and the GENCOs) as a gift. Both, unfortunately, have been the proverbial Trojan..... [more >>](#)

Cracks in the pipeline: why Pakistan's energy sector is in turmoil?

Source: Zafar Bhutta, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-24

ISLAMABAD: The energy landscape in Pakistan has long been troubled by inconsistencies and short-term policies motivated primarily by political objectives. The result of this short-sighted approach is not just a threat to the country's energy security but also endangers its overall economic stability. These fleeting strategies and policy inconsistencies have left the energy sector vulnerable..... [more >>](#)

POWER AND ITS DISCONTENTS

Source: Ijlal Naqvi, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-24

Islamabad is a planned city, the federal capital and markedly less violent than the major metropolis of Karachi. The state, in various forms, is much more present than is the case in other Pakistani cities. State services in general are above average, electricity supply is more regular and residents have more personal connections to the state. By studying Islamabad, one sees Pakistani state ins..... [more >>](#)

Energy use in region: comparisons odious

Source: Shahid Sattar and Muhammad Mubasal, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-25

Energy is pivotal for growth, yet Pakistan's situation is grim. Despite possessing abundant resources, its energy landscape is plagued by inefficiencies and distorted consumption pattern. This complex issue is multifaceted that intertwines to shape the current energy paradox. The energy to GDP conversion rate serves as a key metric to gauge an economy's energy efficiency and measu..... [more >>](#)

Power sector: there're solutions aplenty but...

Source: Ali Khizar, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-25

The power sector woes are not resolving despite successive and massive increases in the consumer tariffs – especially for industrial, commercial, and high consuming domestic users. The overall consumption is falling due to tariff increases, and that is not letting the circular debt growth to stop, as the fixed capacity and other charges are not being fully recovered, and to plug the hole, hi..... [more >>](#)

Electricity costs skyrocket by Rs47 in 2023

Source: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-25

LAHORE - Just in one year, electricity expenses for Pakistani consumers have surged by a staggering Rs 47, making 2023 the most expensive year in the nation's history. The exorbitant prices have posed significant challenges for citizens, creating difficulties in meeting their electricity bills. Amidst the overall economic hardships faced by the people in 2023, electr..... [more >>](#)

Audit firm to supervise upgrade plans of local refineries

Source: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2023-12-25

ISLAMABAD: Following the directives from Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) about doing away with all hurdles in the implementation of policy on local refineries' upgradation, the KPMG, which is one of the best audit firms in the country, has been assigned by the government to come up in the current week as to how much the local refineries' upgrade plans are sound and perfe..... [more >>](#)

In a first, Iesco gets suppliers licence

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-26

ISLAMABAD: After a decades-long delay, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has started granting first-ever separate licences of Suppliers of Last Resort (SoLR) to existing distribution companies (Discos) for 20 years to bifurcate their distribution (wire & pole infrastructure) and electricity supply (commercial & billing etc) businesses for future bilateral competitive..... [more >>](#)

Empowering Pakistan's Energy Future: A Solar Revolution

Source: Mujahid Asim, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-26

LAHORE - Amid the global push for climate action and reduced greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan faces a critical juncture in its energy landscape. The focus on coal and fuel in electricity generation comes under scrutiny, prompting a re-evaluation of the nation's energy policies. With the urgent need to balance immediate energy requirements and long-term sustainability go..... [more >>](#)

Power generation: Headaches aplenty

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-27

The worst fears are coming true. When the electricity tariff rebasing exercise was carried out in July 2023, it was feared it would have a telling impact on demand. It took a couple of months for the effect to kick in. Electricity generation for two months running has now dipped 10 percent year-on-year. On year-to-date basis, total generation for Jul-Nov 2023 is up only 1.6 percent. Mind you, this..... [more >>](#)

Govt to recover Rs232b for LNG

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-27

ISLAMABAD: In the face of resistance from the Sindh province, the caretaker government is aiming to recoup Rs232 billion, representing the cost of diverting expensive Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) supply to domestic consumers from January 1, 2024. The gas utility, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), had redirected costly LNG to domestic consumers during winter seasons to address gas crises..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA considers hike of Rs4.66/unit

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-28

ISLAMABAD: As the calendar flips to 2024, consumers are bracing themselves for yet another blow to their household budgets. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) has signalled a potential surge in electricity prices, with a proposed increase of up to Rs4.66 per unit in the electricity bills for January 2024. This anticipated hike, attributed to the fuel adjustment for the month..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers to face Rs4.66/unit hike in Jan bills

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2023-12-28

ISLAMABAD: Consumers are poised to confront another surge in electricity prices, reaching up to Rs4.66 per unit in the January 2024 electricity bills, attributed to the fuel adjustment for November. The proposed increase, if implemented, would impose an additional burden of Rs33 billion on power consumers. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) held a public hearing on the petition..... [more >>](#)

Gas Supply Disruption

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-28

Disruption in gas supply in various areas of Karachi because of a damaged pipeline indicates a dire insufficiency in critical infrastructure around the city. Karachi's problems related to infrastructure have been a cry of its citizens since the day of its inception. Such sudden disruptions in the availability of essential services to a sizeable population all at once call for a growing need [more >>](#)

Shunt reactor installed on 500-kV Guddu-RY Khan transmission line

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-28

LAHORE - Teams of National Transmission and Dispatch Company Limited (NTDC) have installed a shunt reactor on 500-kV Guddu-Rahim Yar Khan Transmission Line to enhance power system stability. The shunt reactor was installed on Bay-2 of Guddu - RYK transmission line and after all testing, the shunt reactor was energised successfully. According to a spokesman for the company, the NTDC is vigorously..... [more >>](#)

Govt provides Rs200bn subsidy to power sector to curtail circular debt

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2023-12-29

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Finance on Thursday provided a Rs 200 billion subsidy to cash bleeding power sector to erase the monster of the circular debt which had mounted to Rs 2.7 trillion by the latest available estimates. After clearance of this amount, the remaining circular debt of the power sector was expected to stand at around Rs 2.5 trillion till end of ongoing month (December 2023). &ld..... [more >>](#)

First half of Jan'24; POL products' prices may be sustained

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-29

ISLAMABAD: The interim government may sustain the prices of petroleum products in the first half of January 2024 following a marginal increase in the prices of Brent globally. According to the estimates of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), the prices of petrol and kerosene oil (SKO) would go down by Re1 per litre, whereas, the prices of high-speed diesel (HSD) and light diesel oil (LDO) may go [more >>](#)

Imported coal-based projects; ECC okays settlement of issues with PQEPCL

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-29

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has approved the principles for settlement of capacity deduction issues of imported coal-based projects and subsequent execution of side agreement with Port Qasim Electric Power Company. The meeting presided over by the caretaker Finance Minister Dr Shamshad Akhtar submitted a summary of Power Division for approval of the..... [more >>](#)

Nov 23 FCA; CPPA tells Nepra why it seeks tariff hike

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-28

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has attributed low utilisation of electricity in winter and power generation through expensive RLNG for Rs4.66 per unit increase in FCA cost during the month of November 2023, which would have an impact of Rs33.9 billion on consumers. As the hearing on a request of Rs4.66 per unit FCA increase by CPPA started on Wednesday under the Chairma..... [more >>](#)

Tariff adjustments: More in store

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-28

With the quarterly tariff adjustment for 1QFY24 notified, consumers are all set to pay the highest per unit price ever for January 2024. Before that, they will be paying the highest per unit price ever in December 2023, as monthly FCA at Rs3.08 per unit has been notified across consumer categories, barring lifeline consumers. The 1QFY24 quarterly adjustment at Rs1.15 is much smaller in scale [more >>](#)

Engro Powergen Qadirpur Limited

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-28

Engro Powergen Qadirpur Limited (PSX: EPQL) is an independent power producer with 217 megawatts (MW) combined cycle power plant near Qadirpur, District Ghotki. It was incorporated in 2006 and is headquartered in Karachi. The plant is a combined cycle plant, with 1+1+1 configuration including one gas turbine, one heat recovery system generator (HRSG), and one steam turbine. It uses permeate gas as [more >>](#)

Nepra finally issues separate licenses of SoLR to seven Discos for 20 years

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-29

ISLAMABAD-National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has finally issued separate licenses of Suppliers of Last Resort (SoLR) to seven power distribution companies (Discos) for 20 years with a backdated effect from April 27, 2023 to April 26, 2043. The Authority hereby approves the grant of supplier licences to Discos (to act as SoLR) in terms of Section-23E and 23F of the NEPRA Act on the term..... [more >>](#)

Govt raises gas prices for fertiliser plants to unify rates

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-26

ISLAMABAD: The government has increased the gas sale prices for three fertilizer plants that use gas from Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL) as part of a plan to unify feed gas prices for the fertilizer industry with industrial rates. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) notified Engro Fertilizer Company Limited, Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited (Rahim Yar Khan), and Fatima Fertilizer C..... [more >>](#)

Circular debt: Ministry seeks Rs319bn subsidy for KE, govt power plants

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-20

ISLAMABAD: In the wake of escalating monster of circular debt and keeping the cash-bleeding power sector afloat, the Ministry of Power has sent out an SOS to the government and requested approval of a whopping subsidy amount of Rs319 billion for K-E and Government Owned Power Plants (GPPs). The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet is all set to consider two important summaries pre..... [more >>](#)

PM for according significance to climate resilience, finance aspects in Balochistan hydro projects

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-26

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday stressed upon focusing on the climate resilience and climate finance aspects in all the water projects of Balochistan province and reiterated that progress and prosperity of the people of province were among the top priorities of the government. The caretaker prime minister chaired a review meeting on the important matters pertaining to Ba..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Mobilink Bank provides Rs1.7bn for green energy products

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-26

ISLAMABAD: Mobilink Bank has financed green energy products worth Rs 1.7 billion under its climate finance portfolio to boost the sustainability of micro, small, and medium businesses, mainly working in the country's agriculture sector. In an exclusive talk with Business Recorder, the bank's Chief Operating Officer, Haaris Chaudhry said gender-inclusive and equitable climate finan..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL disrupts 149 more connections

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-29

LAHORE - In a relentless pursuit against gas theft, the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) disconnected another 149 connection besides imposing Rs 2.09 million fine over illegal usage during its ongoing crackdown in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), and Islamabad. According to a spokesman for the SNGPL, regional teams of Lahore disconnected 16 connections for illegal gas use and 21 connecti..... [more >>](#)

Nestlé powers Rs2b renewable energy investment in Pakistan

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-16

LAHORE-Nestlé has reaffirmed its commitment to Pakistan's vision for renewable energy with investment of PKR 2 billion in renewable power and sustainability initiatives. In a first, Nestlé Pakistan inaugurated a 2.5 megawatt solar power plant completed with an investment of PKR 480 million at its Kabirwala Factory that aims to reduce 1,800 tCO₂e of greenhouse gas emissions per [more >>](#)

Bidding for solar projects; Private sector investors seek deadline extension

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-17

ISLAMABAD: Private sector investors have advised the government to extend deadline for bidding of 600 MWp PV solar power projects at Kot Addu (Muzaffargarh), two months after General Elections 2024 as this time Development Financial Institutions (DFIs) are holding back on the clean energy project due to uncertainty and lower credit rating of Pakistan. This suggestion was floated by M/s Atlas [more >>](#)

Solar power initiative: PD asked to coordinate with SkyPower

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-19

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakar has directed the Power Division to coordinate with SkyPower Global Group which has shown an interest in direct investment of \$ 800 million in Pakistan's 1000 MW solar power initiative, well informed sources told Business Recorder. M/s SkyPower was established in 2003 in Toronto - Canada and has +18 years of operation experience. The..... [more >>](#)

'Urban mining' offers green solution to old solar panels

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-24

YUMA: As the world pivots from planet-warming fossil fuels to renewable energy, a new pollution problem is rearing its head: What to do with old or worn-out solar panels? Thousands of photovoltaic slabs are being installed across

the United States every day, particularly in the sunny west and south of the country, as states like California race towards greener energy production. But with an exp..... [more >>](#)

CORPORATE WINDOW: The shift away from fossil fuels

Source: Syed Rashid Husain, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-18

A consensus on how to combat global climate issues and the rising greenhouse emissions at the recently concluded United Nations Climate Change Conference — also known as Conference of the Parties (COP28) that had signed the original UN climate agreement in 1992 — remained elusive until Wednesday, some 24 hours later than the scheduled close of the conference on December 12. After two [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Remembering Ahmad Salim

The contrary traveller

Source: [Raza Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-17

Main maut nuun jiveya Tay hayati tikar aagaya vaan Ae kavitaavaan likhday hoay Main maut vich muskuraya, par hayaati meral val hath vadhaa ditta Tay aakheya Aseen kadon miaye saan yaar? Aseen Kadon Milays Saan? [I lived death Then came towards life While writing these poems I smiled in death, but life extended its hand to me And said When did we ever meet, friend?] [more >>](#)

SDPI, PAL to hold memorial reference for renowned Urdu Punjabi literati Ahmed Saleem

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-18

ISLAMABAD - The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) are holding a memorial reference to present tribute to the great efforts of famous Urdu and Punjabi poet, dramatist, and researcher Ahmed Saleem at the Pakistan Academy of Letters on December 19 (Tuesday). The renowned Punjabi and Urdu literati, who was the author of over 175 books, passed away pe..... [more >>](#)

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Memorial reference for Ahmed Salim today

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-19

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Memorial reference to pay tributes to late Ahmed Salim

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-12-18

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SDPI, PAL jointly holding a memorial reference to pay tributes to late Ahmed Salim tomorrow

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-12-19

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ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 18th Dec, 2023) The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Pakistan academy of Letters (PAL) are jointly holding a memorial reference on Tuesday to pay tributes to famous urdu and Punjabi poet, playwright, and rights activist, Ahmed Salim, who passed away in Islamabad after a protracted illness on December 10. He was buried in Lahore at the gra..... [more >>](#)

Glowing tributes paid to poet late Ahmed Salim

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2023-12-20

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Ahmed Saleem's unique treasure of archives needs to be preserved for future generations: Jamal Shah

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-12-20

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Roundtable Session

Experts call for anticipatory climate adaptation to cope crisis in region

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-12-29

ISLAMABAD-Experts at a high-level roundtable called upon Thursday, the government and policymakers to come up with an inclusive and holistic approach to meet the exacerbating climate crisis through anticipatory adaptation. The roundtable titled "Foresight and Futures Thinking for Anticipatory Adaptation in Pakistan" was organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)..... [more >>](#)

Anticipatory inclusive approach can handle climate crisis

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-12-29

Islamabad: Experts at a roundtable called upon the government and policy makers to come up with an inclusive and holistic approach to meet the exacerbating climate crisis through anticipatory adaptation. The roundtable on "Foresight and futures thinking for anticipatory adaptation in Pakistan" was organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration wi..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for anticipatory climate adaptation to cope crisis in region

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2023-12-28

ISLAMABAD, Dec 28 (APP): The experts at a high-level roundtable called upon Thursday, the government and policymakers to come up with an inclusive and holistic approach to meet the exacerbating climate crisis through anticipatory adaptation. The roundtable titled "Foresight and Futures Thinking for Anticipatory Adaptation in Pakistan" was organized by the Sustainable Development Poli..... [more >>](#)

Experts Call For Anticipatory Climate Adaptation To Cope Crisis In Region

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2023-12-28

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