

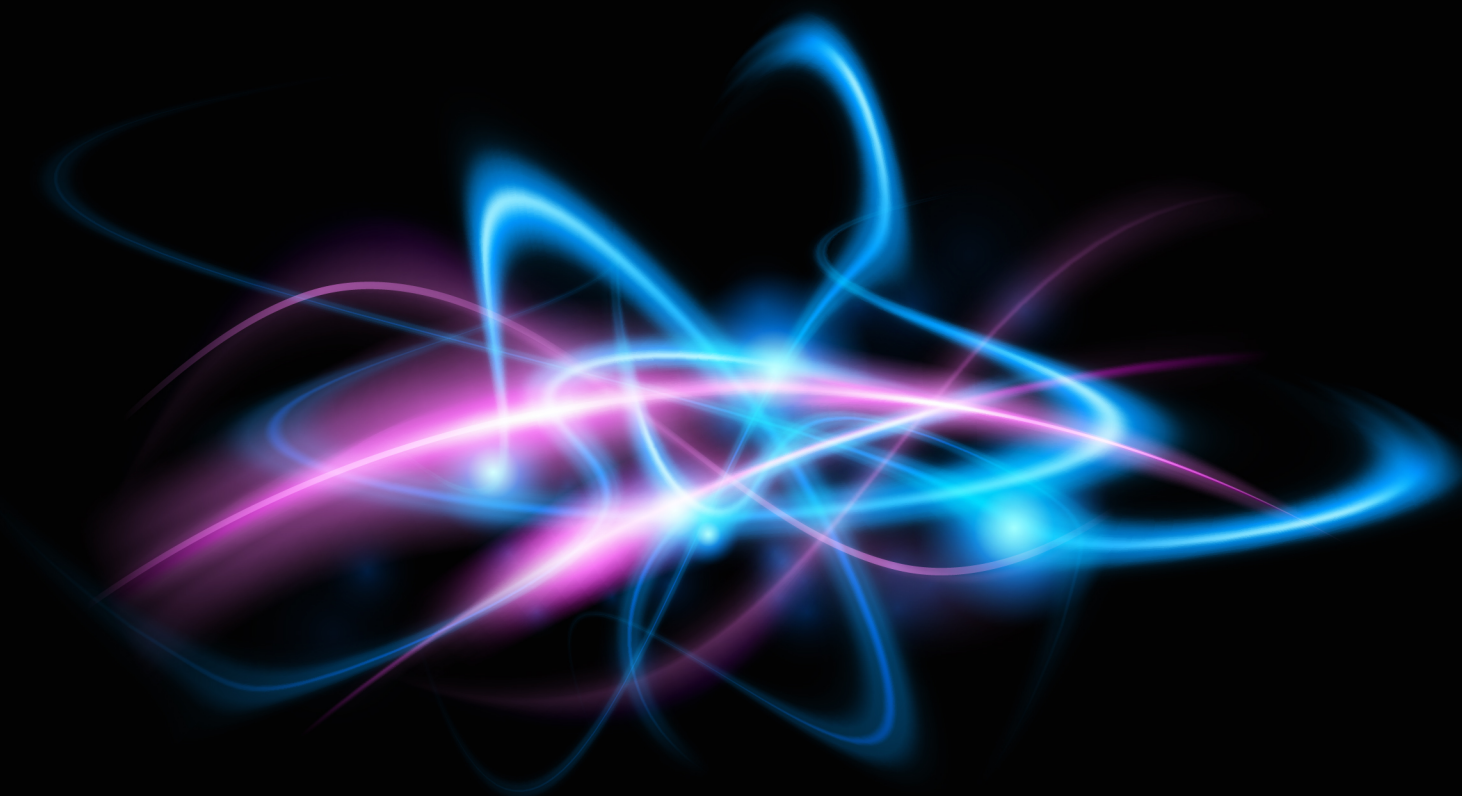
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SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan.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

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”

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Newspapers Covered:

• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

Editor Note:

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

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

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

Subjects Covered

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

Pakistan's Energy Transition

Energy Governance

'Emerging OMCs responsible for petrol crisis'

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-18

KARACHI: Emerging oil marketing companies (OMCs) contributed the most to the frequent petrol shortages in recent months, with local refineries unwilling to supply them petroleum products because of their non-commercial approach, The News learnt on Friday. Emerging OMCs or the smaller ones in the oil sector are not financially strong to keep the stock of petroleum products especially petrol and di..... [more >>](#)

Ending RCET will be 'disastrous' for economy, say textile exporters

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

KARACHI: Textile makers-cum-exporters on Wednesday warned the federal coalition government of a 'disastrous' impact on the five exports-oriented sectors if it ended the regionally competitive energy tariff (RCET) facility, saying that the economic turmoil will further worsen with any imprudent decision. The exporters perceive the present government's expected move as an atte..... [more >>](#)

PSO receivables reach Rs734bn

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The receivables of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) have reached Rs 734 billion including Rs 163 billion late payment surcharge (LPS) as several clients failed to retire their bills for fuel supplies. PSO mainly supplies oil to different clients across the country and also provides liquefied natural gas (LNG) for a public gas utility. Besides oil, circular debt has also emerged in the supp..... [more >>](#)

CASA-1000: WB, USAID withdraw funding

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

ISLAMABAD: The Central Asia-South Asia-1000 (CASA-1000) is reportedly facing a delay of two years as the World Bank and USAID have withdrawn their funding after regime change in Afghanistan, well-informed sources in EAD told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said, a meeting, to discuss the progress of CASA-1000 project, was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Economic Affa..... [more >>](#)

Investment in Power T&D: long overdue!

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

Electricity is one of the key parameters for growth in any economy, whether of a country, province, or urban center. It is one of the most efficient ways to use energy. Globally, there is a trend to shift transportation to electricity. In Pakistan, domestic, commercial, and industrial use of gas is being shifted to electricity at an accelerated pace. The number of consumers is growing and the cons..... [more >>](#)

LNG Court Case

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

Two state-run companies have been in British courts for years. Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited and National Power Parks Management Company Ltd, the companies in question, operate under the Ministry of Energy. The dispute rests on the issue of LNG supply to NPPMCL for its two power plants during delayed commercial operations. Now, SNGPL has lost the Rs24 bn case against NPPMCL and thi..... [more >>](#)

SNEOA welcomes appointment of acting MD SNGPL

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-20

Sui Northern Executive Officers Association welcomes the decision of Board of Directors regarding appointing Mr. Amer Tufail as Acting Managing Director of SNGPL. It is an honor to welcome Mr. Amir Tufail worthy Managing Director on this honourable leadership position of SNGPL serving the nation through largest integrated gas distribution and transmission network in the country. With his versatil..... [more >>](#)

NA panel okays Rs298.44b budget proposal for power sector for FY2023-24

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

ISLAMABAD - The National Assembly panel Monday approved budget proposal of Rs298.44 billion for the power sector for the FY2023-24. It was told by the Federal Minister for Power that the government has refused the IMF demand for hike in base electricity tariff. The NA Standing Committee on Energy (Power Division), which met under the chairmanship of Sardar Riaz Mazari, has asked the Power D..... [more >>](#)

Export industry; APTMA demands uniform gas tariff

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-21

KARACHI: All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has urged the federal government for a level playing field within the country by implementing a uniform gas price of \$7 per MMBtu for the export industry across the country. APTMA has also warned that the decision of the government to suspend the regionally competitive energy tariff (RCET) of electricity for Export Oriented Units (EOUs) [more >>](#)

Petrol soars to Rs272 per litre as govt hikes prices of petroleum products

Source: [Tahir Sherani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

Hours after tabling a finance bill in parliament to revive a stalled International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan programme, the federal government on Wednesday increased the price of petrol by Rs22.20 and high speed diesel (HSD) by Rs17.20. According to a press release issued by the Finance Division, a copy of which is available with Dawn.com, the prices of kerosene and light diesel oil were also increased..... [more >>](#)

Pay dues or face action, Qesco warns defaulters

Source: [Saleem Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

QUETTA: The Quetta Electric Supply Company (Qesco) has warned government departments and agricultural consumers to pay their outstanding electricity bills, otherwise power supply to them will be disconnected. The power utility has started issuing notices to all defaulters as their power dues have reached billions of rupees. A spokesman for Qesco said that outstanding dues of the company against [more >>](#)

No headway in talks on loadshedding, power meters

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

KHYBER: A stalemate persisted over the curtailment of the duration of loadshedding and installation of digital meters by domestic consumers in Landi Kotal during talks between officials of Tesco and a 10-member committee of local tribesmen. Sources said that both the sides could not reach an agreement over the two thorny issues as they were not willing to budge from their respective positions. Th..... [more >>](#)

Energy tariff 'compulsory' for export sectors

Source: [Usman Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

KARACHI: The government's decision to discontinue the Regionally Competitive Energy Tariff (RCET) of gas and electricity for five export-oriented sectors is expected to create a significant setback for the national economy, potentially leading to reduced competitiveness and revenue losses for the affected industries. "Discontinuation of RCET of gas and electricity for five export-ori..... [more >>](#)

Two-year extension granted for Missa Keswal field lease

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The government has granted another two-year extension in the development and production lease of Missa Keswal field being operated by Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL). The field is located in Punjab. The government has granted the extension keeping in view the current energy crisis in the country. The Petroleum Division had informed policymakers that Pakistan was facin..... [more >>](#)

'Fixed electricity charges unfair on industries'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

LAHORE: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra)'s Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI) initiative that imposes fixed charges for electricity are causing industries to shut down, said the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) on Wednesday. Speaking to the CEO of the Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco), LCCI President Kashif Anwar urged the Lesco chief to aid in the im..... [more >>](#)

PM for giving Discos to provinces

Source: [Mushtaq Ghuman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif is all set to hold meeting with Chief Ministers to convince them of provincialisation of at least one power Distribution Company (Disco) before placing this proposal before the Council of Common Interests (CCI). This decision was taken at a meeting of Strategic Roadmap on Privatisation held on February 8, 2023 with Prime Minister in the chair. Th..... [more >>](#)

Gas tariffs: Higher than you think

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

Hot takes are plenty on the recent gas price revision. Some want more. Others see it as a measure that arrests the circular debt flow at least for 2HFY23. Truth be told, the weighted average impact is no more or no less than what the regulator had determined last month. Some are worried about sharp currency adjustments in the last month, which may not necessarily be part of Ogra's determinat..... [more >>](#)

16.6pc to 124pc hike in gas tariff notified

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Wednesday notified 16.6 percent to 124 percent hike in the tariff of gas across the board for six months — January to June 2023. In a statement, OGRA says that Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) communicated the decision of Economic Coordination Committee (ECC), ratified by the Federal Cabinet, in respect of gas sale price, effe..... [more >>](#)

Utility getting ready to operate in competitive environment; KE has applied for 'non-exclusive' distribution licence: CEO

Source: [Muhammad Shafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

KARACHI: After enjoying status of the sole 'vertically integrated' power company for more than 100 years, K-Electric (formerly the Karachi Electric Supply Company Ltd) has decided in principle to gear up for operating in a competitive environment and has approached the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) for a 'non-exclusive' distribution licence. The [more >>](#)

CCP applauds NEPRA's decision to maintain net metering regulations

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-16

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has welcomed the decision of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to maintain the existing NEPRA (Alternative & Renewable Energy) Distributed Generation and Net Metering Regulation, 2015. The decision comes after NEPRA proposed amendments to the net metering regulations, which raised concerns over competition, said a press relea..... [more >>](#)

Consumers to see Rs2.3 reduction in Feb bills

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has notified a reduction in electricity rates by Rs2.32 per unit for consumers of all power distribution companies (Discos) except K-Electric (KE) on account of fuel adjustment for the month of December 2022. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) had requested a reduction of Rs2.20 per unit on account of fuel adjustment f..... [more >>](#)

State minister opposes supply of subsidised gas

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

KARACHI: State Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) Musadik Malik has opposed the supply of subsidised gas to fertiliser manufacturers and power producers, as poor people are paying a high price for the “elite capture”. Speaking at the concluding session of the sixth edition of The Future Summit, organised by the Nutshell Group, Malik underlined that the government was supplying [more >>](#)

Rs9.92/litre on petrol, Rs13.12 on HSD

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD: The federal government allowed the Pakistan State Oil (PSO) an exchange rate adjustment of Rs9.92 per litre on petrol and Rs13.12 per litre on high-speed diesel (HSD) with effect from February 16 while keeping the petroleum levy (PL) rates on both products unchanged. On January 29, there was no adjustment claim of PSO on petrol and Rs13.15 per litre on HSD. The Oil and Gas Reg..... [more >>](#)

Dec 2022: Nepra approves negative adjustment

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved negative adjustment of Rs 2.32 per unit in power Distribution Companies (Discos) for December 2022 under monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) mechanism. During the hearing on January 30, 2023 the Nepra observed that energy from costlier RFO-based power plants was generated to the tune of over Rs 1.003 billion, d..... [more >>](#)

Jan 23 power breakdown; Nepra forms probe body as entities adopt contrary stances

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has constituted a five-member inquiry committee to thoroughly investigate power breakdown due to contradictory stances of concerned entities. Due to system disturbance in the transmission network of NTDC, a total power system collapse occurred on January 23, 2023 around 07:34 a.m. which plunged the whole country into darkness and..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL asked by ECC to give Missa Keswal D&PL extension

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has directed Oil and Gas Development Company (OGDCL) to grant two-year extension in renewal in Missa Keswal Development and Production Lease (D&PL) within a month. According to Petroleum Division, Pakistan was facing challenges in meeting ever-growing energy needs due to expanding population, natural depletion of major oi..... [more >>](#)

Nepra allows XWDiscos to refund Rs2.32 per unit to power consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD-National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Thursday allowed the ex-WAPDA power distribution companies (XWDiscos) to refund Rs2.32 per unit to the electricity consumers on account of monthly fuel

charges adjustments (FCA) for December 2022. "It is hereby clarified that negative adjustment on account of monthly FCA is also applicable to the domestic consumers having T..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price raised to historic high of Rs272/litre

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The federal government Wednesday increased the petrol price to a historic high of Rs272 per litre in a bid to appease the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to unlock the critical loan tranche, hours after unveiling a tax-loaded mini-budget. The price of petrol has been moved up to Rs272 per litre after an increase of Rs22.20, said a statement released by the Finance Division at night. [more >>](#)

Unified gas tariff: Govt notifies gas tariff increase up to 112pc

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday sharply increased the natural gas tariff by up to a huge 112 percent for domestic (everyday consumers) and general industries, including export-oriented sectors, captive power plants, CNG and IPPs, and commercial sectors. However, the gas tariff has been kept unchanged for roti tandors. The new prices will be effective from January 2023. The Oil and Gas Re..... [more >>](#)

Lesco selects 100 feeders to produce solar power

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-16

LAHORE: Lesco Chief Executive Officer Muhammad Amin has said solar energy is the focus of the government and has earmarked 4 acres each to all Discos with 11KV feeders to produce solar power in partnership with the private sector. He said 100 feeders have been selected in this regard with the investment estimate of Rs170 million. He was addressing members of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Ind..... [more >>](#)

IAEA chief meets PM Shehbaz, FM Bilawal

Source: [Muhammad Anis & Mariana Baabar](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The Director General (DG) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Rafael Mariano Grossi, who called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday, agreed to the need for expanding applications of nuclear technology in countries like Pakistan to address a whole suite of climate-related challenges. The IAEA DG is on a two-day visit to Pakistan. During his stay in Pakistan, he w..... [more >>](#)

POL import deal: Pakistan seeks UAE response over IGA draft

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has sent a reminder to the UAE asking for a response to the IGA (Inter-governmental Agreement) draft for the import of POL products, officials of the Energy Ministry told The News. "We have sent the reminder through MOFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to the UAE government, seeking its response to the IGA draft Petroleum Division had sent to the government in December 202..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA forms committee to probe Jan 23 power outage

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD: After failure of Prime Minister's designated inquiry committee in unearthing reasons of the January 23's countrywide power breakdown, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Thursday constituted a committee to thoroughly investigate the matter. The power regulator said it had taken a serious notice of the outage and acquired a preliminary report from Nat..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan struggles to solve fuel subsidy problem: minister

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-17

KARACHI: Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik on Thursday said Pakistan's economy was serving the interests of the elite, and cited the example of the fertiliser sector, which received subsidised gas. Speaking at the concluding session of The Future Summit at a local hotel, the minister noted that gas rates given to the fertiliser sector were much lower than the gas tariffs in Q..... [more >>](#)

IAEA satisfied with Pak nuclear safety, security

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-17

FAISALABAD: International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General Rafael Mariano Grossi expressed satisfaction over the quality and extent of nuclear safety and security put in place by Pakistan. The IAEA DG held a meeting with Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA) Chairman Faizan Mansoor at PNRA headquarters. He expressed satisfaction over the quality and extent of nuclear safety and security..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum imports drop 9pc

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-18

ISLAMABAD: Imports of the petroleum group dipped 9.27 per cent year-on-year in the July-January period of FY23 as unprecedented inflation curtailed overall demand amid an economic slowdown. The highest-ever increase in prices led to lower consumption of petroleum products. In absolute terms, the total import value of the petroleum group fell to \$10.61bn in 7MFY23 from \$11.69bn over the correspond..... [more >>](#)

Task force reviews KE payables, receivables

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The matter of payables and receivables between K-Electric and the federal government is being reviewed by a task force constituted by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for reconciliation, said KE in a statement on Friday. "The outstanding payable amount towards Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) reported in the circular debt management plan with respect to KE correctly refers [more >>](#)

'Price control' causes Rs36b loss to oil industry

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The oil industry has claimed that it has faced a huge loss of Rs35.88 billion in the wake of artificial control of the government over petroleum product prices. Of the total loss of around Rs36 billion, currency exchange loss is estimated at Rs32.6 billion for the second fortnight of February 2023 owing to the artificial adjustment of oil prices. Separately, the industry is incurring..... [more >>](#)

Jul-Jan petroleum group imports show negative growth

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-18

ISLAMABAD : Petroleum group imports witnessed a negative growth of 9.27 percent during the first seven months (July-January) of the current fiscal year 2022-23 and remained \$10.611 billion compared to \$11.696 billion during the same period of last fiscal year, says the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The data of exports and imports released by the PBS revealed that petroleum group import..... [more >>](#)

Energy demands

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-19

With the foreign exchange reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan depleting to dangerous levels, a serious challenge of managing fuel imports has perplexed the PMLN-led federal government. As things currently stand, a serious shortage of natural gas to run power plants is causing frequent power breakdowns in parts of the country even in the winter months when the energy demand comes down significantly..... [more >>](#)

Indus River diverted at Dasu hydropower project site

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-19

DASSU KOHISTAN: Indus River was successfully diverted following the completion of one of the two diversion tunnels at the under-construction Dasu hydropower project in Kohistan District, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P). Instead of its natural course, the river is now flowing through a 1.33-kilometre (Km) long diversion tunnel with a 20-metre (m) width and 23-m height. Consequently, construction activi..... [more >>](#)

Body tasked to achieve budgeted GIDC target

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-19

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has given the task to a committee headed by minister for Law and Justice for fast-tracking the recovery of budgeted Rs 30 billion of Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) target for the current financial year, 2022-23, out of total Rs 427 billion, pending in 3,195 court cases. The government recovered Rs 25 billion GIDC in the last financial year 2021-22..... [more >>](#)

Democratisation of energy

Source: [Kashif Mateen Ansari](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-19

“Democracy is an impossible thing until the power is shared by all,” Gandhi said this, and it supports the democratic system of government that we are all familiar with. The masses in Pakistan have historically been on the receiving end of the power game, whether it be in terms of political power or electrical power, which is why power sharing is a crucial concept and we would apply it..... [more >>](#)

Inquiry report on power breakdown: Shift operator’s action to reduce Ghazi Barotha input caused blackout

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The power blackout that occurred on January 23, 2023 was due to the system operation, including additional power from the south in the wake of addition of wind generation at 7:30am without considering the constrained transmission pathway and without switching on the powered-off 500 kV lines. The shift operator aggravated the situation by reducing power generation at Ghazi Barotha to cr..... [more >>](#)

Thar coal-based power plant starts commercial operations

Source: [Rehan Ayub](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-18

KARACHI: A 330 megawatts (MW) power plant based on Thar coal has begun commercial operations, with an aim to generate low cost energy and help the country cut its energy import bill. The development was shared by Hub Power Company Limited (HUBCO) in a bourse notice on Friday, in respect of its associated company, ThalNova Power Thar (Private) Limited (TN). “The project has successfully ach..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL board suspends MD Hamdani

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-19

ISLAMABAD: In a rare development, the SNGPL board has suspended its managing director Ali Javed Hamdani with immediate effect by taking back the power of attorney. Hamdani would stay suspended till the inquiry into alleged charges is completed. After the inquiry, the decision of his restoration or revival will be taken. In his place, Amer Tufail, DMD, has been given the charge of acting Managing [more >>](#)

Dasu Hydropower Project: Drivers go on strike against non-payment of arrears

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-19

MANSEHRA: The drivers and transporters working with Chinese engineers and other staff at the Dasu Hydropower Project on Saturday went on strike to demand payment of arrears. The drivers of rented vehicles didn’t take foreigners to their respective working sites of the 4320 megawatts Dasu Hydropower Project that affected the work on the mega energy project being executed in the Upper Kohista..... [more >>](#)

Emerging OMCs call out oil regulator on bias

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-19

KARACHI: Emerging oil marketing companies (OMCs) are working as per law and it is their constitutional right to do business in an equal opportunity environment provided by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA). OGRA is the regulatory authority for all OMCs, and just not only for the four big OMCs. Therefore, it should provide a level playing field and stop discriminating against emerging O..... [more >>](#)

Commercial Operation date for 330 MW granted to ThalNova project

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-18

A 330 MW ThalNova Thar coal based power project located at Thar Block-II on Friday achieved Commercial Operation Date (COD). Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) announced achievement of COD of yet another Thar coal based power project, said a press release. This is the second project commissioned during current month and this significant development is another achievement in Private Pow..... [more >>](#)

PPIB facilitates commissioning of another 330MW cheap, indigenous fuel based project

Source: [PR](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-18

Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) today announced achievement of Commercial Operation Date (COD) of yet another Thar coal based power project located at Thar Block-II. ThalNova Power Project having generation capacity of 330 MW has achieved such a momentous milestone today. This significant development is another achievement in PPIB's endeavors to provide cheap and indigenous ele..... [more >>](#)

Electricity Theft

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-19

There is no denying that Pakistan's power sector is in shambles; despite generating a surplus, utilisation of electricity is inefficient, distribution losses are surmounting, and circular debt has surpassed Rs.4 trillion. Amongst all this, power theft has cost the country Rs.380 billion within the ongoing fiscal year and with an increase in tariffs, this amount is expected to rise to Rs.520 [more >>](#)

Separate gas tariffs planned for rich, poor, claims minister

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

LAHORE: Dr Musadik Masood Malik, state minister for petroleum, says the government will implement separate gas tariffs for the rich and the poor to give relief the country's low-income citizens in gas bills. Similarly, the government will supply locally explored gas or the reserves to be explored in the future to gas-fired power plants for cheap energy generation to bring down the electrici..... [more >>](#)

Silver lining in the fuel crisis

Source: [Sarfraz A Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

KARACHI: A fuel shortage has been reported recently in various regions of Pakistan, causing inconvenience to many commuters, particularly in Punjab. The government attributes the crisis to hoarding, which has been triggered by speculation of a substantial increase in pump prices. That being said, the fuel crisis presents an opportunity to trigger a transformative change and strengthen the count..... [more >>](#)

Russian oil and gas will start reaching this year: govt

Source: [Safdar Rasheed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

LAHORE: Minister of State for Petroleum Division Dr. Musadiq Masood Malik has said under the Pak-Russia agreement, oil and gas would start reaching Pakistan this year, which would help provide relief to people. Government would soon reduce the gas and electricity tariff for the common man and they would be paying reduced gas and electricity bills as compared to the rich man. While talking to [more >>](#)

Need stressed for exploring chances of importing fuel from neighbouring countries

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis Sunday urged the need for exploring the possibilities of importing cheaper oil and gas through pipelines from neighbouring friendly countries for economic growth and development in the country. He said that the Türkiye-Syria earthquake is likely to affect the world economy including Pakistan by causing changes in logistics a..... [more >>](#)

KP-TMA assails sharp hike in energy prices

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Textile Mills Association (KP-TMA) has expressed concern over manifold increase in energy prices and attributing it to last nail in the coffin of the ailing textile industry of Pakistan in general and KP Textile Industry in particular. In a statement issued to the media after presiding over an emergent meeting of the textile millers, Afan Aziz, chairman, KP-TMA sa..... [more >>](#)

Iesco issues final notice to govt institutions for payment of dues

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

ISLAMABAD: Iesco has issue final notice to government and semi-government defaulting departments for payment of Iesco electricity dues immediately, failure to pay electricity dues will result in disconnection of electricity without prior notice. According to details AJK Rs 105335 million, Defence/MES Rs 3211 million, CDA 2880 million, Pak Sectt c/o CDA Rs 689 million, Cabinet Secretariat c/o [more >>](#)

PSO – inventory losses diminish earnings

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

While the oil marketing companies had seen robust sales of petroleum products in most of FY22, the petroleum sales have been weaker in FY23 so far due to a significant shift in the economic downturn, political turmoil, and flash floods. Amid weaker sales, the oil marketing companies were also expected to incur significant inventory losses that would pull down earnings for the companies in the recent..... [more >>](#)

Fuel cost for power generation rises 59pc

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-21

KARACHI: The cost of fuel for electricity generation in January went up 59 per cent to Rs11.20 per unit from a month ago, according to data recently released by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority. The rise in the fuel cost was triggered by a decline in hydel- and nuclear-based power generation, according to Tahir Abbas, head of research at Arif Habib Ltd. The share of hydel in the [more >>](#)

Gas shortage exposes fragile Pakistan, Bangladesh to more pain

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-21

With a little over a month to go for peak shopping season during Ramadan, the head of Pakistan's retail industry body is shuttling between meetings, pressing officials to relax orders that forced malls to shut by 8.30 p.m. to save energy. More than 40% of annual retail sales occur in the 30 days of the holy month, and malls are packed between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Tariq Mehboob, also the chief [more >>](#)

Motion filed with Nepra;

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-21

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Government has filed a Motion with National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to impose additional surcharge of Rs 3.39 per unit across the country for four months, i.e., March-June, 2023, which will be reduced to Re .1 per unit from July 1, 2023, sources in Power Division told Business Recorder. The Federal Government envisaged arrangements whereby the GoP gu..... [more >>](#)

Gas shortage exposes fragile South Asian economies to more pain

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-21

LAHORE/DHAKA: With a little over a month to go for peak shopping season during Ramadan, the head of Pakistan's retail industry body is shuttling between meetings, pressing officials to relax orders that forced malls to shut by 8.30 p.m. to save energy. More than 40 percent of annual retail sales occur in the 30 days of the holy month, and malls are packed between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Tariq Meh..... [more >>](#)

Oil marketing firms struggle to sway central bank on currency risk

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-21

KARACHI: Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are cajoling the central bank to protect them against currency risks, seeking a mechanism to minimise exchange losses to save the sector from a possible financial collapse, industry officials said on Monday. The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP) in a letter to the State Bank of Pakistan outlined the condition faced by the sector in the current eco..... [more >>](#)

Nuclear energy share stands at 22pc in January

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-21

KARACHI: The share of nuclear power jumped to 22 percent in overall electricity generation of the country in January, as compared to 14.4 percent in the same month last year, data showed on Monday. On month-on-month basis, nuclear energy share was down 5 percent from a record 27 percent in December, 2022, when it became Pakistan's top power source for a first. Nuclear power generation hit 1..... [more >>](#)

Musadik promises lower gas, power tariffs for the poor

Source: [Ali Raza](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-20

LAHORE: Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Malik said on Sunday that the tariffs of gas and electricity would be lower for the poor and higher for the rich, in future. Addressing a press conference at the Lahore Press Club here, he said: "The country has been ruined by subsidies", adding that those who wanted to take back their money from the gas companies could do so. He said ov..... [more >>](#)

KE counts amount it has to receive, pay

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-20

KARACHI: The K-Electric (KE) has said that the outstanding payable amount towards the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) reported in the circular debt management plan with respect to the Karachi power utility refers to principal amount of Rs349.4 billion, while remaining Rs140 billion pertains to mark-up which is disputed. According to a press statement from the power utility on Sunday, the..... [more >>](#)

Clearance of Rs115bn dues: Iesco issues final notices to federal, provincial govts

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-20

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) has issued final notices to the AJK government, federal and provincial governments and semi-government departments to immediately clear their outstanding electricity bills that had amassed to Rs115.86 billion. It may be noted the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has been asking Pakistan to improve the performance of distribution companies,..... [more >>](#)

NTDC completes 29km transmission line

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

LAHORE: The National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) has successfully completed the 29 km section of a double-circuit transmission line from Polan to Gwadar. The addition of this new transmission line to Pakistan's transmission system in the region will enable the import of additional power of 100 MW from Iran. The import of additional power from Iran will be beneficial fo..... [more >>](#)

Price of diesel to go up by Rs10 per litre

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD: In order to meet a shortfall in revenue, the government has decided to increase the rate of the petroleum development levy (PDL) during the upcoming two months which will result in the price of diesel going up by an additional Rs10 per litre. While the government had targeted collection of Rs855 billion on account of PDL, its projected collection only amounted to Rs680 billion. Theref..... [more >>](#)

Govt decides not to shift Gwadar power plant to Thar

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD: While bowing before pressure from Beijing, Islamabad has reportedly decided not to change the location of 300-MW coal-fired power plant from Gwadar to Thar, in addition to allowing a three-year extension in its financial close, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Chinese leadership, sources said, conveyed to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif during his last visit to Beijing t..... [more >>](#)

PM directs operationalisation of Haveli power plant

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed that steps should be taken immediately to make the Haveli Bahadur Shah Power Plant fully operational and wanted the Power Division, Petroleum Division and other related institutions to improve coordination and communication regarding power generation and load management. While chairing an important review meeting regarding electricity transmiss..... [more >>](#)

LNG case; Court cancels non-bailable arrest warrants for Khaqan

Source: [Fazal Sher](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD: The Accountability Court on Tuesday cancelled the non-bailable arrest warrant earlier issued by it for Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) senior leader and former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) case. Accountability Court-II judge Nasir Javed Rana, while hearing the LNG case against Abbasi and others, issued the non-bailable arrest warrant for A..... [more >>](#)

PM calls for minimum loadshedding during Ramazan

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed to take timely and effective measures to improve the power transmission and load management systems ahead of the summer season. The prime minister while chairing a review meeting to discuss power transmission and load management, asked the relevant departments to formulate a concrete and comprehensive plan before t..... [more >>](#)

Govt seeks Nepra nod to collect add'l Rs76b from consumers during March to June 2023

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD-The federal government has filed a motion with National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) seeking its nod to allow putting burden of an additional surcharge of Rs3.39 per unit on the electricity consumers, having an impact of Rs76 billion from March to June 2023. An instant motion filed by the federal government with respect to consumer end tariff recommendations of XWDISCOs h..... [more >>](#)

IAEA chief appreciates Pakistan's 'impeccable' nuclear safety record

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-17

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Rafael Grossi has said that he foresees a bright future for nuclear power in Pakistan. The UN nuclear chief is on a two-day visit to Pakistan from February 15-16 to visit sites employing nuclear technology. Speaking at a seminar hosted by the Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS) in Islamabad on Thursday, IAEA Director General Grossi not..... [more >>](#)

Several key govt depts owe Iesco Rs155 billion

Source: Ikram Junaidi, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) has decided to disconnect power connections of at least 41 government entities by the end of this month in case they fail to clear their dues which run into billions of rupees. According to the distribution company, it is owed Rs115 billion, including Rs100bn by the government of Azad Jammu Kashmir, by government entities. In spite of multi..... [more >>](#)

'Thar coal can meet energy needs'

Source: Tahir Siddiqui, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

KARACHI: Speakers at a stakeholder consultation session on utilising indigenous coal resources on Wednesday underlined the need for converting Thar coal into petrochemical products as well as natural gas. The session was organised to discuss the avenues to utilise Thar coal reserves to not only solve energy problems for Pakistan but also drive industrial growth by the Thar Coal Energy Board (TCEB).... [more >>](#)

Govt, KE ink deal to settle Rs312.7m dispute

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

ISLAMABAD: The federal government and K-Electric (KE) are said to have inked a pact to settle 27-year old dispute of Rs 312.733 million, after litigation, a part of which has already been deposited with Collectorate of Customs Karachi, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said, KESC (now K-Electric) imported high voltage equipment and electrical material [more >>](#)

PPIB tells govt; Sinasure reluctant to insure any new power project

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

ISLAMABAD: Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has notified the government that Chinese insurer M/s Sinasure is reluctant to insure any new power project especially Gwadar power project due to rising overdue payments on commissioned CPEC power projects, sources close to MD PPIB told Business Recorder. PPIB, sources said, has apprised the government that CIHC Pak Power Company Limi..... [more >>](#)

Power generation: challenges aplenty

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

For the eighth month straight, power generation connected to the national grid went down year-on-year. This is now level with the record run of negative growth during peak Covid. How much of reduced generation is due to deliberate measures will only be known once demand and load numbers get public – and that happens with a considerable lag. Anecdote suggests the forced part of generatio..... [more >>](#)

OGDC – bottomline stands tall

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

The profitability of the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (PSX: OGDC) increased by 38 percent year-on-year in 1HFY23. The growth in earnings for the E&P Company came from the rise in its topline, rise in other income, and a decline in exploration and prospecting expenditure. OGDC's revenues increased by 34 percent year-on-year during the six-month period, which was driven by highe..... [more >>](#)

Oct-Dec QTA for Discos; Nepra agrees to approve Re0.5/unit hike in tariff

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday gave its consent to approve Paise 50 per unit positive adjustment in Discos QTAs for second quarter (October- December) of CFY 2022-23 to be effective from March 1, 2023, in addition to existing QTA of Rs 3.08 per unit, which will expire on March 30, 2023. The Authority comprising, Chairman, Tauseef H Farooqi; Member..... [more >>](#)

NTDC completes Bolan-Gwadar transmission line

Source: [Recorder Green Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

LAHORE: The National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) have successfully completed 29km section of double-circuit transmission line from Bolan to Gwadar. It will enable import of additional 100MW from Iran through the said transmission line. The import of additional power from Iran will be beneficial for the people of Gawadar and Makran divisions in terms of power adequacy, red..... [more >>](#)

Transmission constraints leave Thar plants underutilised

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-24

KARACHI: Notwithstanding the full-page ads to mark the successive commissioning of 2,400-megawatt coal power plants in Thar, the state-backed sole electricity buyer is unable to despatch more than 75 per cent of the aggregate capacity. Only 1,800MW of the 2,400MW Thar power plants can be evacuated at any given time owing to transmission constraints. Delays in the construction of the second transm..... [more >>](#)

There is more to Thar coal than power

Source: [Dr Pervez Tahir](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-24

In the ongoing economic and political crises, it is heartening to see a few institutions thinking ahead. Thar Coal and Energy Board (TCEB) in Sindh is one of them. Within a decade or so, the myths that Thar coal is of inferior quality, that the sulphur content is too high and that the moisture is an insoluble problem have been exploded. Out of the 13 blocks identified for development, coal has bee..... [more >>](#)

Cabinet approves Rs52b FCAs recovery

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-24

ISLAMABAD: The government has sought policy guidelines from the power regulator for transferring the burden of a staggering Rs52 billion to the consumers on account of fuel charges adjustments (FCAs) for the months of June and July, 2022. The National Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) would calculate this amount under the period of eight months starting from the next month to October 23, 2023 i..... [more >>](#)

Duty protection for refineries on cards

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-24

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCOE) may approve a tariff protection of 10% deemed duty on diesel and 2.5% on petrol to help oil refineries execute upgrading projects to enhance their production capacity for meeting the country's demand. It had already been approved in budget but refineries were not allowed to utilise the collection for upgrading their plants. Petroleum Divis..... [more >>](#)

March to September 2023; PD proposes load management plan

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-24

ISLAMABAD: Power Division is said to have prepared three load shedding scenarios from March 1, 2023 to September 2023, along with fuel requirements and required funding during this period and place the entire scheme at the highest level. The proposed load management plan is under the three scenarios i.e. two hours, three hours and four hours, depending on generation and availability of requir..... [more >>](#)

PM directs measures to improve power transmission

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-22

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed to take timely and effective measures to improve the power transmission and load management systems, ahead of the summer season. The prime minister, chairing a review meeting to discuss power transmission and load management, asked the relevant departments to formulate a concrete and comprehensive plan before the onset of summer. He instructed to [more >>](#)

NESPAK wins energy sector project in Bahrain

Source: PR, [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-22

NESPAK, a leading engineering consultancy firm, has been awarded a prestigious project in Bahrain. The project involves conducting the annual performance test of the Al Dur-II Integrated Water and Power Plant, which has a capacity of 1500 MW. The announcement was made by Dr. Tahir Masood, Managing Director NESPAK, on Tuesday. NESPAK's scope of services includes the conduct of an annual perf..... [more >>](#)

Conducting open kachehries help address consumers' complaints: IESCO

Source: PR, [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-22

IESCO management and field formations have always tried to address the issues of esteemed customers on priority basis while at the same time ensuring the provision of best services to them. In the same spirit and with a sense of professional responsibility, IESCO has issued a schedule of open Katchary in all operational circles. According to the details, Islamabad Circle (Golra Sharif, NPF Office,..... [more >>](#)

Imported RFO may not be used for power generation in summer

Source: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD: The high-powered meeting on power load management in the summer season, which was held here on Tuesday with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, has decided not to generate electricity on imported RFO (residual furnace oil). "It was decided that RLNG flow to the power sector would increase up to 600 mmcf and the reliance on coal-based generation and nuclear electricity along with hydr..... [more >>](#)

Planning Commission opposes tariff protection to old refineries

Source: Tanveer Malik, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-22

KARACHI: Planning Commission has opposed the tariff protection to existing refineries under the Pakistan Oil Refining Policy 2023, whereas the Prime Minister Office (PMO) directed to examine whether the proposed exemption of taxes and levies were allowed under IMF conditions, The News learnt on Tuesday. Tariff protection for existing old refineries needed to be discouraged and priority should be [more >>](#)

Second quarterly adjustment: Nepra allows Discos to collect additional Rs0.50/unit

Source: Israr Khan, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-23

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday, after hearing the petition of state-run power distribution companies (Discos) indicated to allow them to charge Rs0.50/unit additional from their clients on account of second quarterly adjustment for the fiscal year 2022-23. Nepra Chairman Engineer Taseef H Farooqui chaired the proceeding while the authority's mem..... [more >>](#)

Higher gas prices likely to push up urea by Rs440/bag

Source: Jawwad Rizvi, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-23

LAHORE: Proposed increase in the gas tariff on the instruction of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the fertiliser sector would increase the prices of urea by Rs440/bag, industry officials said on Wednesday. Unprecedented inflation rate combined with rupee devaluation along with whopping fuel prices have pushed up the prices of all commodities to unprecedented levels in Pakistan. So far, [more >>](#)

Russia plans deep March oil export cuts

Source: News Desk, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-23

MOSCOW/LONDON: Russia plans to cut oil exports from its western ports by up to 25 percent in March versus February, exceeding its announced production cuts in a bid to lift prices for its oil, three sources in the Russian oil market said. Russia had already announced plans to cut its oil production by 500,000 barrels per day in March, amounting to 5 percent of its output or 0.5 percent of global [more >>](#)

Russia wishes to be part of Diamer-Bhasha, Dasu projects

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-24

ISLAMABAD: Russia wants to play a significant role in mega hydropower projects in Pakistan, and to that end, authorities from Moscow have shown interest in the Dasu stage-II hydropower project of 2160 MW and intend to provide electro-mechanical machinery, says a senior official of the Economic Affairs Division. "Power Machines" of Moscow has also expressed interest in supplying electr..... [more >>](#)

CPHGC completes 1,320MW coal-fired power plant in Hub

Source: [Rehan Ayub](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-24

KARACHI: China Power Hub Generation Company (Private) Limited's (CPHGC) 1,320 megawatts (MW) coal-fired power plant in Balochistan has achieved project completion date (PCD), the company said on Thursday. The imported coal-fired plant was declared "Project Complete" by CPHGC's lenders, according to Hub Power Company (HUBCO) that shared the development at the Pakistan Stock..... [more >>](#)

Centre plans DISCOs' handover to provinces

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-25

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has proposed an ambitious roadmap for transferring 10 power distribution companies (DISCOs) to provinces, as it fears that power sector's circular debt may jump to Rs3 trillion without addressing the issue of bad governance. The Ministry of Energy has sent a position paper to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and four provinces for handing over control of DISC..... [more >>](#)

Equipment import; IPPs seek amendment to SBP's circular

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-25

ISLAMABAD: Independent Power Producers (IPPs) have sought amendment to State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Circular of December 27, 2022 for treating their imports as essential items to avert generation shortfall despite available installed capacity. Independent Power Producers Advisory Council (IPPAC) in a letter to Secretary Power, copies of which have been sent to Chairman Nepra, CEO CPPA-G and [more >>](#)

The challenge of electricity theft

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-25

While it is not surprising that a lot of electricity is stolen, it is still shocking that that figure runs to the tune of Rs380 billion every year. But that's not the only bomb that Power Division Secretary Rashid Mehmood Langrial dropped during his testimony before a National Assembly Standing Committee last Friday. He went on to inform its members that "the impact of Rs520bn in stole..... [more >>](#)

Decision pending over energy conservation measures

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-26

KARACHI: The provincial government has not so far taken any decision on the measures proposed by the federal government for energy conservation. Earlier in the day, panic gripped the metropolis when certain television channels aired a report that the Karachi commissioner had ordered closure of all markets and shopping centre by 8pm and restaurants and wedding halls by 10pm. However, a spokespers..... [more >>](#)

Mepco severs supply to four depts over non-payment

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-26

BAHAWALNAGAR: The Multan Electric Power Company (Mepco) has cut electricity supply to four departments for non-payment of Rs14.78 million, while the connections of 16 more government departments are to be severed for unpaid bills totalling Rs18.06m, it is learnt. A report issued by the office of the Bahawalnagar superintendent engineer (SE) for the month of February (a copy of which is available [more >>](#)

Regulator refuses to remove fixed electricity charges

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-26

LAHORE: The power regulator has refused to accept the industry's demand to end fixed charges for the maximum demand indicator (MDI), a system for measuring the maximum amount of electrical energy required by a specific consumer during a given period. Speaking to the business community at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) on Saturday, Tauseef H. Farooqi, chairman of the Nati..... [more >>](#)

Energy conservation: Karachi markets to go dark by 8:30pm

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-26

KARACHI-Karachi Commissioner Iqbal Memon on Saturday directed all the city deputy commissioners to ensure the closure of markets and shopping malls in the city by 8:30pm in the wake of an energy conservation plan crafted by the federal government. Mr Memon wrote to all the deputy commissioners (DCs) in this regard. On the other hand, he directed the DCs to ensure that wedding halls and restaurant..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA delegation visits K-Electric

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-26

NEPRA senior officials' team led by Member (Technical), Rafique Ahmad Shaikh visited K-Electric (KE) Head Office to review performance and status of compliance with NEPRA's Act, Performance Standards (Distribution) Rules 2005, Distribution Code and other applicable regulations, devised by the regulatory authority. According to a press release, KE CEO, Moonis Alvi, accompanied by senior..... [more >>](#)

KE plans to invest Rs 484 billion in seven years

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-26

K-Electric has submitted an investment plan of about 484 Billion for the next 07 years for its Transmission and Distribution Segments in NEPRA, which is more than the investment KE has made in last 17 years, said Sadia Dada – Chief Marketing & Communications Officer at K-Electric while addressing at a seminar “Addressing the Economic, Energy, and Environment (3-Es) Crises: Innovati..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Oil Refinery Policy 2023 presented to Cabinet Committee

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-26

Anchor Pakistan's Oil Refinery Policy 2023 presented to Cabinet Committee Pakistan's “Oil Refinery Policy 2023” has finally been presented to the Cabinet Committee for approval in the form of a draft. This development marks a significant step towards the planned establishment of an oil refinery plant worth US\$4.5 billion by a Chinese company in Gwadar, as well as the constr..... [more >>](#)

Atomic Safety Measures

Source: [Muhammad Nadeem Bhatti](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-25

The director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (Rafael Mariano Grossi) visited Pakistan on February 15 to check the sites and locations employing nuclear technology. During his two-day visit, the DG IAEA held high-level meetings and visited different institutions using technology in health, industry, agriculture, and power generation. The visit provided an opportunity for Pakistan [more >>](#)

An alternate to petrol motorcycles

Source: [Ahmer Syed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-27

With petroleum prices increasing to Rs277 per litre, the fuel cost burden for a motorcycle owner will significantly increase. Pakistan needs to move fast towards electric motorcycle adoption to provide relief to these lower-middle and middle-class households. This requires enabling market-driven approaches with the government playing a facilitator role. Assuming an average of one-litre consumptio..... [more >>](#)

Conserving energy

Source: Editorial, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-27

We, as a nation, do need to change some of our bad habits – especially in these times of unprecedented economic crisis. One of the bad habits we so very stubbornly stick to is rising late, which in fact means failing to make use of the immense daylight we are blessed with by the nature. We rather take pride in our night life – despite being an energy-starved nation. We wait for the sun..... [more >>](#)

KAPCO in 1HFY23

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-27

The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) of Kot Addu Power Company Limited (PSX: KAPCO) expired in October 2022, which resulted in the plant being out of operations. This can be seen in its recent quarter's financial performance as KAPCO announced a huge decline in its 2QFY23 earnings. KAPCO's turnover for the second quarter of FY23 received a massive blow of 88 percent year-on-year due..... [more >>](#)

Govt to recover up to Rs14.23 per unit in fuel cost from consumers

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

ISLAMABAD: Energy Minister Khurram Dastgir Khan on Monday told the parliament that the government would recover Rs9.90 to Rs14.24 per unit outstanding fuel costs from consumers of less than 300 units in an 8-month staggered schedule. Mr Dastgir said an additional surcharge of Rs3.82 per unit would also be imposed on those using above 300 units to fund power sector loans under the insistence of th..... [more >>](#)

PM's order to bifurcate Peshawar electric company stayed

Source: Waseem Ahmad Shah, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court on Monday issued a stay order stopping the federal government from bifurcating the Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco). A bench consisting of Justice Ijaz Anwar and Justice Syed Arshad Ali ordered the maintaining of the status quo on the matter after holding a preliminary hearing into the petition filed by the Hydro Electric Labour Union. The petitioner cha..... [more >>](#)

PPL profit jumps to Rs22.1bn

Source: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

KARACHI: Pakistan Petroleum Ltd reported on Monday its net earnings for October-December amounted to Rs22.17 billion, up 55 per cent from a year ago. The result was in line with market expectations, said AKD Securities. The oil and gas exploration company posted its highest-ever half-yearly top line, which clocked in at Rs138.2bn, up 53pc from a year back, driven by an appreciating dollar alongs..... [more >>](#)

DISCOS will not be privatised

Source: APP, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly Standing Committee on the Power Division, on Monday, was told that the distribution companies (DISCOs) were not being privatised. The committee, chaired by Sardar Mehmood Khan Mazari, was further informed that recovery of those feeders with losses will be outsourced alone. Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir said that it was imperative to eradicate power pilferage..... [more >>](#)

WAPDA discusses financing with ADB

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

KARACHI: A 5-member delegation of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) called on Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) Chairman (Retd) Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani on Monday to discuss development priorities, roadmaps and financing of WAPDA projects. The delegation was briefed about how WAPDA was implementing a low-cost, clean and green energy generation plan on priority. This was being done in order..... [more >>](#)

Over Rs20 per litre cut in diesel price likely

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The price of diesel has gone down in the international market, which may prompt Pakistan's government to pass on partial relief to consumers. The country's oil industry is expecting a reduction of over Rs20 per litre in the price of diesel. If the government increases the general sales tax (GST) on diesel, then it may keep the price unchanged for the first half of March b..... [more >>](#)

PPL – profits keep growing

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PSX: PPL) started FY23 on a jovial note with growth in revenues and profits in first quarter of FY23 primarily driven by higher prices as well as weaker domestic currency along with lower expenses, But production remained tepid. PPL in its recently announced financial performance for 2QFY23 shows that the earnings growth continued with its highest ever half yearly topli..... [more >>](#)

First half of March; Fuel prices may be kept unchanged by adjusting PL

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The federal government may keep the prices of fuel unchanged in the first half of March (1-15) by adjusting the petroleum levy (PL) and cost of supply of Pakistan State Oil (PSO), sources said. According to oil marketing companies' estimates, the price of high-speed diesel has recorded a decline in price by Rs21.69 per litre from Rs280 to Rs258.31 per litre. The working is ba..... [more >>](#)

Diesel shortages could hamper crop harvest

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-25

KARACHI: Sharp decline in the country's diesel stock over the weeks could lead to a shortage during the fast approaching harvesting season in the month of March 2023, The News has learnt. Pakistan State Oil (PSO) did not import diesel in the current fortnight and only one cargo of 60,000 tonnes of high speed diesel (HSD) has been planned for import in the next fortnight. Meanwhile, the dema..... [more >>](#)

Oil gains in choppy trade

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-25

NEW YORK: Oil prices edged higher in volatile trade on Friday, bolstered by the prospect of lower Russian exports but pressured by rising inventories in the United States and concerns over global economic activity. Brent crude futures were up 31 cents, or 0.4 percent, at \$82.75 a barrel by 1723 GMT . West Texas Intermediate U.S. crude futures (WTI) gained 37 cents, or 0.5 percent, at \$75.76. Earl..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA refuses to remove fixed electricity charges for industries

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-26

LAHORE: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) chairman Tauseef H. Farooqi has refused to lift maximum demand indicator (MDI) fixed charges, insisting the industrialists had to pay fixed electricity charges as they were assured quantum of power allocation. Speaking at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) on Saturday, NEPRA chief said the current account deficit was to [more >>](#)

KE to add 1,182MW renewable energy by 2030

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-26

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE) plans to add 1,182 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy in its system under its Rs484 billion investment plan by 2030, a statement said on Saturday. In its investment plan, the power utility said it would add 2,172MW by 2030 and major share would be contributed through the renewable energy sources. Under the plan, 900MW would come from solar source, 200MW from wind power a..... [more >>](#)

Govt likely to keep diesel, petrol prices unchanged in next review despite soft global rates

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-28

KARACHI: The government might not pass on the major reduction in the international price of diesel and petrol to adjust the previous exchange losses as well as to raise taxation on the fuels, The News learnt on Monday. Prices of diesel and petrol have recorded significant decline in the global market and average fortnight prices of both products would be taken for the next price revision on Febru..... [more >>](#)

Oil slips as dollar firms

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-28

LONDON: Oil prices edged lower on Monday as a stronger dollar discouraged buying, though losses were limited by supply concerns after Russia halted exports to Poland via a key pipeline. Benchmark Brent crude futures were down 34 cents, or 0.4 percent, at \$82.82 a barrel at 1430 GMT, while West Texas Intermediate U.S. crude futures (WTI) traded at \$75.94, down by 38 cents or 0.5 percent. Both ben..... [more >>](#)

Rs 48bn disbursed for various NTDC, PEPCO projects

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-28

The government has released a sum of Rs 48.560 billion for various projects of the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) and Pakistan Electric Supply Company (PEPCO) under the Annual Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) during the first six months of the current fiscal year 2022-23. According to the data of the Planning Commission, the government had allocated Rs 42,983.26 milli..... [more >>](#)

Crippling Gas Shortage in Balochistan

Source: [Mubarak Faryad](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-28

With the world's fifth major reserves of gold and copper and major oil and gas reserves. Balochistan is strategically significant for Pakistan's economy. It is, however, a matter of great misfortune that despite being the owner of such natural resources, Balochistan is reeling under the worst gas crisis in its history. That despite the lack of availability of gas in houses, people are..... [more >>](#)

CPEC's ThalNova to begin operations

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-18

KARACHI: China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)'s 330MW lignite fired power plant at Thar Coal Block II in Sindh successfully achieved its commercial operations date on February 17, 2023. ThalNova is a joint venture among Hub Power Company Limited (HUBCO), Thal Limited, Novatex Limited, China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC), and Descon Engineering Limited. Foreign financing for [more >>](#)

Contribution of CPEC, PowerChina, and Port Qasim Power Projects to youth empowerment

Source: [Engr. Qaiser Nawab](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-24

Several studies have shown that employment is critical to the health of the economy. The term "emergency" refers to a situation in which a person's life is put in jeopardy due to an unforeseen event. It allows workers to increase their capacity for information as well as their expertise, which has a "snowball effect" on future recruitment opportunities by fostering th..... [more >>](#)

CPEC IPPs; Govt willing to amend PERA to satisfy Chinese lenders

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-27

ISLAMABAD: The government has reportedly shown willingness to amend/ modify Pakistan Energy Revolving Account (PERA) to sort out concerns of Chinese lenders of CPEC IPPs with respect to payment in future, sources close to Managing Director PPIB told Business Recorder. MD PPIB, sources said, has shared a report of meeting on PERA with Suo Yun Peng Director Asia and Africa Division, Department [more >>](#)

Chinese group keen on setting up plant in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-19

LAHORE: A delegation of Chinese investors has expressed keen interest to explore opportunities in the fields of energy, health and technical training. During a meeting with Punjab Caretaker Commerce Minister S.M. Tanveer, the Chinese businessmen led by TIAN Group President Zhang Zhang desired to set up a manufacturing plant in Pakistan. Mr Tanveer said the government would cooperate in every po..... [more >>](#)

FM urges use of nuclear technology for public benefit

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-16

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Director General of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Mariano Grossi met Wednesday to discuss matters relating to nuclear technology. The foreign minister emphasized for using atomic energy in areas of public interest including health, electricity generation, agriculture, and industries. The IAEA director general lauded the nuclear capabil..... [more >>](#)

CPPA seeks Rs 1.17 per unit hike in power tariff for Jan

Source: [PP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-21

The Central Power Purchasing Agency Guarantee Limited (CPPA-G) has sought Rs 1.17 per unit increase in power tariff for January under the monthly fuel cost adjustment (FCA) mechanism. In a petition on behalf of XWAPDA power distribution companies (DISCOs) to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority, the CPPA-G said that the actual cost remained at Rs 11.7269 per unit against the reference..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Competitive bidding; AEDB selects only one out of 25 solar projects of Sindh

Source: [Muhammad Shafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

KARACHI: Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmad Sheikh has said that the Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) has selected only one solar power project out of 25 in Sindh for competitive bidding. In a letter to Federal Energy Minister Khurram Dastgir, Imtiaz Sheikh said the country cannot afford expensive electricity, while Sindh plans for cost effective, environment-friendly energy from r..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's textile industry; Barriers to renewable energy transition

Source: [Shahid Sattar and Noreen Akhtar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-26

Energy sector is the largest GHG producer in Pakistan. It is estimated that the energy demand in the country will reach 108 – 126 million tons of oil equivalent (TOE) by 2030. With the growing unsustainable management of energy demand, Pakistan's continuous reliance on imported fossil fuels and outdated coal technology has affected the country's energy security and its compliance..... [more >>](#)

Minister announces provision of solar energy to 200,000 housing units

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

KARACHI: The Sindh government has decided to solarise 200,000 housing units in rural and urban areas across the province with the support of the World Bank, it emerged on Thursday. The decision was taken at a meeting between Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh and a delegation of the World Bank headed by its director Najy Benhassine at the energy department. Mr Shaikh told Dawn that the panels w..... [more >>](#)

Sindh Solar Project; Minister says panels to be installed in all districts with WB's support

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

KARACHI: Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh on Thursday said that the provincial government had decided to install solar panels in all districts of the province under the Sindh Solar Project. He said 200,000 units/houses

would be solarised in the rural and urban areas of the province as part of the provincial government's major initiative to end the energy crisis. The decision..... [more >>](#)

0.2m solar power systems will be provided at subsidised rates: Minister

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

KARACHI-Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Sheikh on Thursday said that 0.2 million solar power systems will be provided at subsidised rates for the promotion of low-cost renewable energy across the province. It was decided in a meeting with the World Bank delegation led by Country Director for Pakistan Najy Benhassine, said a statement issued here. The minister informed that households residing in ru..... [more >>](#)

The power of community solar

Source: [Ahmer Saeed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

Due to the high cost of electricity and petroleum, an average middle-class household with an income of Rs35,000 per month, using 400 units (KWh) of electricity and a motorcycle as the primary mode of transportation, is spending half of its monthly income on electricity and fuel expenses, not leaving much for food, rent, and children's education. The situation will further exacerbate for the..... [more >>](#)

Excessive curtailments; Wind power projects accuse NPCC of discrimination

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-24

ISLAMABAD: The country's three dozen Wind Power Projects (WPPs) have reportedly accused National Power Control Centre (NPCC) of discriminating against them through excessive curtailments, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The representatives of WPPs who wrote a letter to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and other authorities were invited by National Electric Power Regulatory Au..... [more >>](#)

Wind plants to start feeding national grid shortly

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-25

KARACHI: Wind power projects (WPPs), which have remained mostly idle since November 2022, will start despatching electricity to the national grid in the next 10 days. The major victory by WPPs came after their delegation held a meeting on Thursday with all stakeholders, including the regulator of the power sector. Speaking to Dawn on Friday, Pakistan Wind Energy Association Chairman Rumman Arshad [more >>](#)

Consultation begins to revive stalled renewable energy projects

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-26

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has initiated consultation for a way forward on dozens of stalled wind and solar PV projects under category-III, after being highlighted by Sindh and Balochistan governments, besides National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), which is interested in six stalled projects. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has constituted a committee comprising Minister f..... [more >>](#)

Wind power

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

STARTING in the next few days, the increase in the evacuation of wind power from 36 projects in Jhimpir and Gharo in Sindh, after nearly four months, should help somewhat reduce the overall average generation cost next month. Nonetheless, transmission constraints in evacuating electricity from the southern region — Sindh and Balochistan — to the northern areas — Punjab and beyond..... [more >>](#)

China's support to help promote green energy in Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD-China's cooperation and support will help Pakistan promote green energy, WealthPK reported. The Chinese government is fully supporting Pakistan's initiatives to shift to clean and green energy sources. China has invested remarkably in Pakistan's renewable energy sector during the past few years. Several green energy schemes have been initiated in Pakistan under the C..... [more >>](#)

Security

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Decarbonisation the way forward for Pakistan's cement industry

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's cement industry, despite being a significant contributor to the carbon footprint, has the potential to spearhead the effort to curb emissions and transition towards a low-carbon economy if it gets ample support and incentives from the government, experts said. Ubaid ur Rehman Zia, Senior Research Economist at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), said whil..... [more >>](#)

Marri calls for steps to ensure transgenders' inclusion in mainstream

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-21

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BISP starts financial assistance to Transgender community through cash disbursement: Shazia

Source: [Radio Pakistan](#), [Radio Pakistan](#), 2023-02-21

Minister for Poverty Alleviation Shazia Marri has said that Benazir Income Support Programme has started the financial assistance of Transgender community through cash disbursement. The minister expressed these views

while addressing via zoom-link, a conference in Islamabad on Monday. The conference was titled "Financial Inclusion among Transgender Community in Pakistan. She urged the comm..... [more >>](#)

Society needs to be sensitised about transgender persons' hardships: Marri

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-21

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri on Monday said it was our duty to sensitise people about the hardships being faced by transgender community in Pakistan. She was speaking through video link at a conference on 'financial inclusion among transgender community in Pakistan' arranged by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SPDI). She said..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-02-20

ISLAMABAD, Feb 20 (SABAH): Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme Shazia Atta Marri has said that the financial issues, awareness among masses, and acceptance in society top the list of issues being faced by the vulnerable and marginalized segment, particularly the transgender community of Pakistan. She said this on Monday, wh..... [more >>](#)

Call for taking steps for wellbeing of transpersons

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A lot needs to be done for transgenders' social acceptance: Shazia Marri

Source: [Press Release](#), [China Observer](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD (February 22, 2023): Shazia Marri, Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety, and Chairperson of Benazir Income Support Programme, has said that the challenges confronting the transgender community are still enormous and a lot needs to be done for their social acceptance, rights, and financial empowerment. She was speaking at a seminar titled: "Financial Inclusio..... [more >>](#)

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China 'inspired renewable policy model' can unlock investment potential in Pakistan: Experts

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ISLAMABAD, Feb 22 (APP): The experts at a conference on Wednesday were of the view that China had emerged as a global leader in renewable energy and green development, and thus its renewable policy model could open up vistas of investment in renewable in Pakistan. The conference titled, "The need to switch towards a greener future: Lessons from China", was jointly organized by Pakista..... [more >>](#)

China leading green development: Mushahid

Source: [Asim Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-23

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Committee on Defence and Chairman Pakistan China Institute Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed has said "that green is the defining element of China's development agenda" and President Xi Jinping in COP 2015 Paris committed to carbon neutrality by 2060 and China is now emerging as a leader in the green development. "Today China is leading the world as [more >>](#)

China inspired Green Energy policy to boost clean energy in Pakistan

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan-China Institute and Sustainable Development Policy Institute hosted a high-level conference on "The need to switch towards a greener future: Lessons from China". The conference featured insightful speeches by parliamentarians, industry experts and representatives from think tanks. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi chaired the sessions, while Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed mad..... [more >>](#)

Speakers for tapping renewable energy sources

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-23

ISLAMABAD: Speakers on Wednesday stressed on the need to tap renewable energy sources and relax regulations that were discouraging businessmen from investing in solar and wind power paraphernalia. They were speaking at a conference organised by Pakistan-China Institute and Sustainable Development Policy Institute on 'The need to switch towards a greener future: Lessons from China'. T..... [more >>](#)

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Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-23

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Use of energy witnesses increase of 9pc in 2022: Speakers

Source: Abdul Rasheed Azad, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-25

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar have observed that the use of energy in Pakistan has witnessed an increase of nine percent in Pakistan during 2022 despite the overall economic growth witnessing a decline of 1.5 percent, whereas, during the same period energy-related expenditures increased by 35 percent for the consumers. Speaking at a seminar titled, "Addressing the Economic, Energy, and En..... [more >>](#)

Huge investment, digitalisation must for clean energy transition: experts

Source: APP, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-27

Islamabad: The transition to clean energy may be costly, but the current Economic, Energy, and Environment (3E) crises demand a robust investment in the renewable energy (RE) sector. This was the crux of a panel discussion, 'Addressing the Economic, Energy, and Environment (3E) Crises: Innovation and Technology Driven Approach', organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institu..... [more >>](#)

3E crisis demands robust investment in renewable energy sector: Experts

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-27

ISLAMABAD - Experts in a panel discussion on Sunday were unanimous in their views that transition to clean energy may be costly but the current Economic, Energy and Environment (3E) crises demand a robust investment in the renewable energy sector. This was the crux of a panel discussion on 'Addressing the Economic, Energy, and Environment (3Es) Crises: Innovation and Technology Driven A..... [more >>](#)

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KE plans to invest Rs 484 billion in seven years

Source: News Desk, [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-26

K-Electric has submitted an investment plan of about 484 Billion for the next 07 years for its Transmission and Distribution Segments in NEPRA, which is more than the investment KE has made in last 17 years, said Sadia Dada – Chief Marketing & Communications Officer at K-Electric while addressing at a seminar “Addressing the Economic, Energy, and Environment (3-Es) Crises: Innovati..... [more >>](#)

Huge investment, digitalization a must for clean energy transition, say experts during a panel discussion organized by SDPI

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2023-02-26

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SDPI Articles

The more things change...

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-19

Ever wonder what is common among the governments of Gen Ayub Khan, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Gen Zia-ul Haq, Benazir Bhutto, Nawaz Sharif, Gen Pervez Musharraf, Shaukat Aziz, Asif Zardari, Imran Khan and Shahbaz Sharif? They may have difference of opinion with their predecessors or successors but they all agreed to borrow from the International Monetary Fund..... [more >>](#)

SBP's defining moments

Source: Sajid Amin Javed, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-19

Pakistan is currently facing an economic meltdown, a political turmoil, a natural calamity and a tough IMF programme. Feel free to add another challenge to the list, the trust deficit between national stakeholders and global partners including multilateral institutions, international markets and bilateral partners. Let us, for the time being, focus on..... [more >>](#)

Gilgit-Baltistan's energy access

Source: Ali Rehmat Shimshali, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-21

The energy sector plays a crucial role in driving growth and progress across various industries, including agriculture, defence, industries, and the residential sector. Power shortages have caused enormous damage to Pakistan's economy and created binding and forceful restrictions on the country's growth. Access to energy is critical, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal..... [more >>](#)

Community resilience

Source: Ramsha Mehboob Khan, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-26

Extremism is the deadliest emerging threat to global security, rights, peace, well-being, and sustainability. The rise in extremism in various regions of the world is caused by inequalities and an increase in sentiments of intolerance toward marginalized populations. Pakistan ranks third in extreme violence and terrorism worldwide. The recent rise in violent extremism in Pakistan is affecting the..... [more >>](#)

Social enterprises and good governance

Source: Ahad Nazir, [The News, International](#), 2023-02-26

Governance is defined as a mechanism for enabling and enforcing policy decisions in an organisation or a country. Pakistan's rank on the global governance given by the Berggruen Institute comes out to be on the lower end with only the countries in direct conflict – Afghanistan and Yemen – falling below Pakistan. Governance is rated [more >>](#)

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