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## About SDPI

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

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

## Vision

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

## About Newsletter

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

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

### **Newspapers Covered:**

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

## **Editor Note:**

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

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

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

## **Subjects Covered**

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

# Pakistan's Energy Transition

## Energy Governance

### Pakistan places order for first oil cargo from Russia

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has placed its first order for discounted Russian crude oil under a deal struck between Islamabad and Moscow, State Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik said, with one cargo to dock at the port of Karachi in May. Pakistan's purchase gives Russia a new outlet, adding to Moscow's growing sales to India and China, as it redirects oil from western markets because ..... [more >>](#)

### Russian oil: govt places single cargo order as test case

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has placed its first order for discounted Russian crude oil under a new commercial deal struck between both the countries. Confirming the development, State Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik said that one cargo will dock at port in May (next month). Russia will send its first consignment of crude oil after Islamabad agreed to Moscow's demand to import just a ..... [more >>](#)

### PRL – headwinds continue

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-20

The economic headwinds and liquidity crunch has hit all business and the refinery sector has been particularly vulnerable because of its age-old technology along with both domestic and global decline in the demand for furnace oil – a key fuel that is produced by the refining process in the country. Though Pakistan Refinery Limited (PSX:PRL) in its recently half yearly financial performance h..... [more >>](#)

### Country to save \$18/bbl on import of Russian crude: FPCCI

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-27

KARACHI: President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Irfan Iqbal Sheikh has echoed delight and joy of the country's entire business and trade community over Pakistan's first order for comparatively cheap Russian crude because as per the prevalent rates the move will translate into a saving of up to \$18 per barrel or up to 30 percent. He expres..... [more >>](#)

### Purchasing oil from Russia win win situation for Islamabad, Moscow: envoy

Source: [Jamal Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-28

ISLAMABAD: The arrangement to buy crude oil from Russia is a win win situation for Pakistan and Russia, said Russian Ambassador Danila Ganich. "This trade agreement on oil was not possible unless it was advantageous for both countries," said the ambassador at a reception hosted to celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations between Russia and Pakistan. Since the 1990s, the volume of t..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan all set to get discounted Russian oil

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-28

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Thursday that everything was set for his country to receive a shipment of discounted Russian oil. "As we speak, the Russian oil is being loaded to arrive here," he told the parliament. Petroleum Minister Musadik Malik told Reuters last week that Pakistan had made its first purchase of cut-price Russian crude. The discounte..... [more >>](#)

**Operationalisation; WB to extend additional financing for CASA-1000**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-28

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank is to extend additional financing for CASA-1000 to meet extra payment obligations for additional activities to make CASA-1000 operational, such as studies and implementation of reverse power flow from Pakistan to Central Asia and others. World Bank's Acting Country Director, Pakistan, Gailius J Draugelis, in a letter to Secretary EAD, Dr. Kazim Niaz appreciated..... [more >>](#)

**PSO in 9MFY23**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-28

Pakistan State Oil Company Limited (PSX: PSO) announced its financial performance for 9MFY23 yesterday with a profit of Rs10.3 billion versus Rs64.8 billion in similar period last year. For the latest quarter (3QFY23), PSO posted an earnings decline of 58 percent year-on-year. However, PSO's topline growth was visible. In 9MFY23, PSO's revenues were seen increasing by 62 percent year-on-year..... [more >>](#)

**CAB records at \$654m surplus in March**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-04-20

The imports of the overall petroleum group contracted by 11.66 percent during the first nine months of the current fiscal year (2022-23) as compared to the corresponding period of the last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. The total imports of the petroleum group during July-March (2022-23) stood at \$13,083.145 million, as against the imports of \$14,810.060 million during the same period last year..... [more >>](#)

**Sindh decides to set up 'SEPPRA' to end 'energy poverty'**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-20

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, presiding over a cabinet meeting at CM House, decided to establish a Sindh Electric Power Regulatory Authority (SEPPRA) to improve energy equity and eliminate "energy poverty" in the province. Minister Energy Imtiaz Shaikh briefing the cabinet said that Sindh was blessed with an entire value chain of energy resources inter-alia coal, gas, solar, wind, hydro, etc..... [more >>](#)

**Govt hikes petrol price by Rs10**

Source: [Dawn.com](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-16

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Saturday announced an increase of Rs10 per litre in the price of petrol. After the latest revision, the price of petrol has risen to Rs282. The minister announced the hike in a late-night live address, during which he said the prices of diesel and light diesel oil would remain unchanged at Rs293 and Rs174.68, respectively. However, he added, the price of kerosene..... [more >>](#)

**Petrol price hiked by Rs10 per litre**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-16

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has decided to increase the price of petrol by Rs10 per litre for the next 15 days, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced Saturday. In a statement, the Finance Division said the rationale behind the hike in the price of petroleum products was the "increase in petroleum prices in the international market and exchange rate variation". Petrol's price..... [more >>](#)

**Increase in oil rates unfair ahead of Eid: BMP chief**

Source: [Safdar Rasheed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-17

LAHORE: The Businessmen Panel (BMP) of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has said that the sharp rise in oil prices before Eidul Fitr is unjustified, calling it totally destructive and dangerous for the trade and industry, which was already stuck in the quagmire of hyperinflation and facing exceptionally high cost of production. FPCCI's Businessmen Panel..... [more >>](#)

### **Import of spare-parts; Hubco concerned at forex 'unavailability'**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-18

ISLAMABAD: M/s Hub Power Company (Hubco) has raised serious concerns on non-availability of foreign exchange for necessary spare parts, which falls within the terms of Pakistan Political Event and Force Majeure under Article 13 of PPA, well informed sources in PPIB told Business Recorder. The power company's CFO, Muhammad Saqib, in a letter to Managing Director PPIB has drawn his attent..... [more >>](#)

### **LNG: Can Pakistan stay relevant?**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-18

From the entire Europe lining up to secure every possible LNG vessel and store as much as possible a few months ago – the LNG market dynamics have come a full circle. Having climbed up to near \$70/mmbtu in late August 2022 – LNG Japan-Korea Marker (JKM) benchmark future contract prices have come down to near \$12/mmbtu. April 2023 has so far seen average prices dip by 8 percent from a m..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt goes ahead with petrol subsidy scheme**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-19

ISLAMABAD: Contrary to the assurance given to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of shelving the petrol subsidy scheme, the government has moved a summary for a relief package for motorcyclists and small vehicle owners. In February, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif gave go ahead to petrol subsidy to motorcyclists and car owners of up to 800 cc vehicle by charging Rs50 per litre higher price from..... [more >>](#)

### **NEPRA cuts tariff by less than one paisa**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-19

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has notified a tariff reduction of less than Re1 per unit on account of fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for February 2023. According to the notification, Nepra slashed tariff by Rs0.0006 (less than one paisa) per unit for February 2023 on account of monthly FCA for power distribution companies (DISCOs). The reduction came after t..... [more >>](#)

### **LPG sale at exorbitant rates continues**

Source: [Talib Fareedi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-19

LAHORE: A mafia in the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) trade has not implemented the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority's (OGRA) decision to reduce the price of the fuel by Rs49 per kg. OGRA had fixed the new price of LPG at Rs229 per kg but the traders in the city are reportedly charging up to Rs300 from consumers, earning a large amount illegally. OGRA had reduced the price on April 1 but LPG ..... [more >>](#)

### **CPI base year change; Audacious IPPs seek gazette notification**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-19

ISLAMABAD: Independent Power Producers (IPPs) have urged the Power Division to notify Nepra's decision for change in Consumer Price Index (CPI) base year in Gazette of Pakistan without any further delay as their tariff component awaits adjustments since October 2020, well informed sources in National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) told Business Recorder. Independent Power ..... [more >>](#)

### **Imagineering implementation of energy reforms–VI**

Source: [Sheikh Imran ul Haque](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-19

There is no doubt that our energy sector needs to be reengineered to meet the foreseeable challenges in the upcoming decades. This is the key moment to bring about reforms, take measures to rectify issues and not continue to linger on as our vulnerability demands differentiating ourselves with excellence; it is an existential necessity to be carefully designed as an energy poor country cannot be a..... [more >>](#)

### Oil import bill drops by over 11 percent to \$13.08 billion in nine months

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-19

ISLAMABAD-Pakistan's oil import bill has dropped by over 11 percent in nine months (July to March) of the current fiscal year mainly due to the slowdown in economic activities in the country. The country's oil import bill was recorded at \$13.08 billion during July to March period of the FY23 as against \$14.8 billion in the same period of the previous year, showing a decline of 11.66..... [more >>](#)

### Thar Block-1 Integrated Power Project distributes food supplies among people

Source: [ABC](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-04-19

Rising inflation has affected the lives of millions of people all over the country and the worst-hit are the under-privileged, who are now also faced with the looming threat of food shortages. This is one of the major causes of concern, especially in remote areas like the desert region of Thar in Sindh. To help overcome this big challenge, Shanghai Electric Thar Block -1 Integrated Power Project ..... [more >>](#)

### Naqvi gives deadline for issuing pending petrol pump NOCs

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-17

LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has ordered issuance of all pending NOCs of petrol pumps for a long period across Punjab by May 1, 2023 in order to reduce unemployment and promote investment in the province. Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi directed the authorities concerned to clear all NOCs within 15 days. Thousands of employment opportunities for the youth will be generated..... [more >>](#)

### Petrol bomb dropped on people: Sheikh Rashid

Source: [PPI](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-17

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Awami Muslim League (AML) chief and former interior minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said Sunday that petrol bomb of ten rupees had been dropped on people to dampen their Eid celebrations. The foreign exchange reserves were not enough even for one month's imports, he said while taking to social media website Twitter. He said, "If elections are to be held in one day di..... [more >>](#)

### Ogra team's recommendations Iranian LPG import can expose Pakistan to US curbs

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan can be exposed to a major risk of drawing sanctions from the US and Western countries and diplomatic pressures with grave consequences if it imports Iranian LPG. This is the crux of Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) recommendations following a visit by a team, constituted by the authority, of Iranian LPG facilities at Taftan from April 6-7. The Ogra has also found the q..... [more >>](#)

### G7 coalition to keep Russian oil price cap at \$60 per barrel

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-18

WASHINGTON: The Group of Seven (G7) coalition will keep a \$60 per barrel price cap on seaborne Russian oil, a coalition official said, despite rising global crude prices and calls by some countries for a lower price cap to restrict Moscow's revenues Reuters reported. The G7 and Australia made the decision to maintain the cap over the past few weeks after a review of the \$60 price - set in Dec..... [more >>](#)

### NOCs for petrol pumps welcomed

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-18

LAHORE: The Oil Marketing Association has welcomed the initiatives of Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi for issuing NOCs for setting up petrol pumps. In a statement, Oil Marketing Association Chairman Tariq Wazir Ali said that Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi had ordered the issuance of NOCs for petrol pumps pending for many years, which was a breath of fresh air for the oil industry ..... [more >>](#)

### **Nepra bars Discos from imposing Rs6.385bn additional charges**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#) , 2023-04-19

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has barred state-run power distribution companies (Discos) from passing on a burden of Rs6.385 billion to consumers through their April bills. The regulator cited "underutilization of efficient power plants" and "system constraints," including the inability to lay transmission lines to evacuate power from Thar..... [more >>](#)

### **Power firms ignore govt call to utilise locally produced furnace oil**

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#) , 2023-04-19

KARACHI: Domestically produced stocks of furnace oil (FO) in the country have surpassed 480,000 tonnes, as power generation companies remain hesitant to utilise them, despite government instructions to reduce reliance on imported fuel by using the domestic stockpile, industry officials said on Tuesday. Last week, Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastagir announced that instead of importing fu..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil slips on economy worries**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2023-04-19

LONDON: Oil fell for a second day on Tuesday as upbeat Chinese economic data failed to deflect the focus from a possible increase to U.S. interest rates and wider concern about the growth outlook. Crude was also pressured by the Iraq federal government and Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) taking a step towards a resumption in northern oil exports from the Turkish port of Ceyhan after they were..... [more >>](#)

### **Experts urge targeted investments for power security**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2023-04-19

ISLAMABAD: Digitisation is the future and it must be tailored toward addressing the lack of electricity transmission infrastructure to ensure price affordability and accessibility to consumers, a moot was told on Tuesday. Targeted investments and digital transformation must go hand-in-hand with effective resource management, thoughtful policy development, governance reforms as well as innovation ..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas consumers complain about meter rent hike**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2023-04-19

LAHORE: Consumers have complained about an increase in the natural gas meter rent by Rs 500 per month, terming it a big hit to inflation-stricken people. However, a spokesperson of the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Ltd (SNGPL) on Tuesday made it clear that there was no increase in gas rent for 'protected consumers'. The posts being shared on social media are wrong. In fact, he added, the ..... [more >>](#)

### **Upgrade, expansion of local refineries halted on policy delay**

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#) , 2023-04-20

KARACHI: The upgrade and expansion of local refineries has come to a halt due to a delay in the approval of the Pakistan Refining Policy. The refining policy was submitted to the Cabinet Committee on Energy for approval a few months back; however, it is sitting on the table without giving any reason, sources in the local oil sector told The News on Wednesday. Five local refineries have upgrade a..... [more >>](#)

### **Shehbaz to perform commissioning of power supply from Iran to Gwadar**

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#) , 2023-04-21

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will perform commissioning of power supply for Balochistan's coastal areas, including Gwadar, on Wednesday (April 26) and will visit the bordering town of Iran. Iran has agreed to provide electricity on cheaper tariff for some Balochistan areas. Federal Minister for Power Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan visited Iran recently to finalise details of the..... [more >>](#)

### **Jhang Power Plant successfully connected to power grid**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-04-22

Pakistan Jhang 1263 MW thermal power plant, operated by China Machinery Engineering Corp. (CMEC), achieved a significant milestone as its turbine generator was successfully connected to the power grid for the first time. According to China Economic Net (CEN), the unit is operating smoothly and all parameters are meeting the design requirements, thus setting a solid foundation for the next 168-hou..... [more >>](#)

### **China's big refineries crowd out teapots for discounted Russian oil**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-22

SINGAPORE: Chinese state oil giants and major private refiners are sweeping up more Russian crude, supporting prices and forcing smaller independents to seek out cheap alternatives such as Iranian oil, according to trade sources and shipping data. The demand from China's biggest buyers, which had shied away from Russian crude in the immediate aftermath of Western sanctions on Moscow over its ..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan places first order for discounted crude from Russia**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-04-21

Pakistan has placed its first order for discounted Russian crude oil under a deal struck between Islamabad and Moscow, the country's petroleum minister said, with one cargo to dock at the port of Karachi in May. Pakistan's purchase gives Russia a new outlet, adding to Moscow's growing sales to India and China, as it redirects oil from western markets because of the Ukraine confl..... [more >>](#)

### **Finally, Russian Oil**

Source: [Editorial Board](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-04-21

A partnership that we couldn't have fathomed ever materialising is finally bearing fruit. Against all odds, Pakistan has made its first-ever purchase of Russian crude oil earlier. Imports are expected to reach 100,000 barrels per day if the transaction goes through smoothly. By adding Russia to our list of suppliers, we'll be far less dependent on Middle Eastern fuel, at least theoreti..... [more >>](#)

### **KE seeks to charge extra Rs4.49 per unit for March**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-21

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has sought the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority's (Nepra) approval for extracting Rs6.636 billion additional funds from its consumers at the rate of Rs4.49 per unit for the electricity used in March. Nepra has accepted the KE's tariff petition under the monthly fuel cost adjustment (FCA) mechanism and fixed a public hearing for May 3. The regulator w..... [more >>](#)

### **Iesco sets up central control room for uninterrupted power supply**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-21

ISLAMABAD: Chief Executive IESCO Dr Muhammad Amjad Khan has said that just as in the holy month of Ramazan, through good monitoring and team work, uninterrupted supply of electricity was ensured to the consumers, in the same spirit, the IESCO administration on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr will ensure to provide the uninterrupted supply of electricity and quality services to valuable consumers. .... [more >>](#)

### **Provincialisation of Discos; Either seek approval for pre-merger or grant exemption, CCP tells govt**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-21

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has advised the federal government to either seek its approval for pre-merger of power Distribution Companies (Discos) being provincialized or exempt it from CCP approval required under Section 54 of the Competition Act, 2010. On April 7, 2023, Power Division wrote a letter to CCP wherein the former sought comments/input on the working p..... [more >>](#)

### **Smart meters, TMS; WB asks three Discos to start bidding process**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-20

ISLAMABAD: World Bank (WB) has urged three power Distribution Companies (Discos), HESCO, MEPCO and PESCO, to initiate bidding process for the deployment of smart meters and transformer monitoring system (TMS) by July 1, 2023. The Bank's Operation Manager (Pakistan) Gailius J Draugelis in a letter to all concerned stakeholders urged them to extend support for the Electricity Distribution..... [more >>](#)

### **Wapda receivables touch the Rs232.6bn mark**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-20

ISLAMABAD: Water and Power Development Authority's (Wapda) receivables stock has reached Rs 232.644 billion due to insufficient payments by Central Power Purchasing Agency –Guaranteed (CPPA-G), well informed sources in Wapda told Business Recorder. According to Member Finance Wapda, on March 31, 2023 Wapda, in compliance with ECC decision of November 29, 2022, received Rs.22.242 b..... [more >>](#)

### **CAA accuses Hesco of creating hurdles to smooth supply to Mai Bakhtawar Airport**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-20

ISLAMABAD: The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has accused Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (Hesco) of creating hurdles in smooth supply of electricity to Mai Bakhtawar Airport Islamkot/ Mithi, Thar. The CAA, in its letter, noted the Hesco has already been paid complete amount in advance for the provision of external power supply to the Thar Airport by the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (P..... [more >>](#)

### **Multipronged strategy seems working to avert severe gas crisis**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-22

ISLAMABAD - The impact of the global energy crisis following the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the previous regime's failure to take prudent steps had led to the fears that the nation would experience the worst-ever gas crisis during the ongoing high-demand winter season. Everything is not alright, however, the current coalition government's multi-faceted strategy to tackle the situat..... [more >>](#)

### **Wapda restores Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project on Eid**

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-25

LAHORE: Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) claims to have restored a 150-foot-long stretch of the tunnel collapse, removing blockage in the tailrace tunnel of the 969MW Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project on Eid. However, power generation from the project is likely to resume from end of July, as sought by the authorities concerned, Dawn has learnt. "A significant development a..... [more >>](#)

### **GB to cut special power supply lines for govt offices**

Source: [Jamil Nagri](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-25

GILGIT: As locals face up to 18-hour-long power outages, the Gilgit Baltistan government has started an operation to remove illegal electricity connections and special transmission lines to government offices and official residences. The GB water and power department, in collaboration with district administrations, has started the action from Sunday to overcome the power shortage. GB Chief Secre..... [more >>](#)

### **Will devolution fix the energy crisis?**

Source: [Jawaid Bokhari](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-25

While businesses and domestic consumers have been hit hard by the worsening power crisis in Sindh, its solar, coal and wind power projects are unable to dispatch their entire output to the national grid for want of adequate transmission facilities. The energy crisis has remained unabated though the province is blessed with abundant wind, solar and coal resources with cost-effective access through..... [more >>](#)

### Blockade removed at NJ project tunnel

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-25

LAHORE: A significant development was made in relation to removing blockade at the tail race tunnel of 969-megawatt Neelum-Jhelum (NJ) Hydropower Project during Eid day with the restoration of 150-foot long tunnel that had earlier collapsed. Restoration work continued during Eid holidays. Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) Chairman Engineer Lt Gen (Retd) Sajjad Ghani visited the Neelu..... [more >>](#)

### 3 more LNG spot cargoes: Power Div silent on purchase proposal

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-25

ISLAMABAD: Power Division is reportedly silent on Petroleum Division's proposal to purchase three additional cargoes of LNG on spot whose price is around \$ 13.4 MMBTU in the international market, well informed sources told Business Recorder. On March 21, 2023, Petroleum Division wrote a letter to Power Division, stating that M/s Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) has apprised them that during A..... [more >>](#)

### 47MW power plant in KP; Nepra not cooperating with S. Korean firm: minister

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-25

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Investment Chaudhry Salik Hussain has expressed his annoyance at National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) for not cooperating with a South Korean company which intends to establish 47-MW hydel power plant in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In a letter to Chairman Nepra Tauseef H Farooqi, Federal Minister contended that he is writing to convey the deep concerns o..... [more >>](#)

### Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project to restart power generation by end of July

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-25

ISLAMABAD-After closure of almost a year, the 969-megawatt Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project will restart power generation by the end of July. Power generation from Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project had to be discontinued on July 4, 2022, following a malfunction that occurred in the tunnel. Neelum Jhelum Power Plant has two tunnels and there was blockage in one of the three and a half kilometers lo..... [more >>](#)

### Russian oil to be cheaper by \$18 per barrel

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has placed its first order for crude oil import from Russia as a test case which will be shipped at a discount of up to \$18 per barrel. First shipment, carrying 100,000 tons of crude, is expected to arrive in the last week of May or first week of June. Pakistan follows the crude oil prices quoted by Platts and will pay Russia a price that will be lower by \$16-18 per barrel. .... [more >>](#)

### Tunnel of 969MW-Neelum Jhelum collapse restored

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-04-26

A significant development at the blockade in the tail race tunnel of the 969MW-Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHP) was achieved on Eid day, as the tunnel collapse of 150 feet length was restored. To witness the construction activities on the remedial works, Chairman WAPDA Engineer Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani (Retd) visited NJHP on the second day of Eid and appreciated the efforts of Project Team WAPD..... [more >>](#)

### Authorities directed to resume power generation from Neelum-Jhelum by July end

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-04-25

The restoration work on the Neelum-Jhelum project made progress on even the Eid day, as a 150-foot collapsed portion of the tail race tunnel was restored. WAPDA Chairman Engineer retired Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani visited the Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project site and reviewed progress on the reconstruction work. On this occasion, the WAPDA chairman directed the authorities to resume power generation from..... [more >>](#)

### **Lesco fails to achieve Nepra-determined 2 percent loss reduction target**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2023-04-27

ISLAMABAD-Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has failed to achieve 2 percent loss reduction target that was determined by Nepra in its previous MYT, due to its inability of materialising Rs30 billion ADB funds for the AMI meter project, as the regulator approved Rs107.307 billion new five years investment plan for the company. In its determination in the matter of Investment Plan filed by L..... [more >>](#)

### **Discos look for Rs10bn more despite cheaper generation in March**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2023-04-27

ISLAMABAD: Despite over 63 per cent power generation from domestic cheaper fuels and unprecedented increase in base tariff in recent months, the ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) have moved to charge about Rs10 billion in additional fuel cost to their consumers at the rate of Rs1.174 per unit in May. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has accepted the tariff petition ..... [more >>](#)

### **3,150 megawatts added to national grid**

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2023-04-27

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's government in Pakistan has added over 3,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity to the national grid in its first year in office. The government's aim is to put Pakistan on the path to energy independence, and it has already made significant strides towards achieving that goal. The prime minister inaugurated five important power projects in a year..... [more >>](#)

### **NEPRA asked for Rs1.17 tariff hike**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2023-04-27

ISLAMABAD: Consumers of power distribution companies are likely to bear an increase of Rs1.17 per unit in electricity tariff in the wake of fuel charges adjustment for March 2023. Power-sector regulator will conduct a public hearing on May 3 of a petition filed for fuel cost adjustment by the Central Power Purchasing Agency Guarantee Limited (CPPA-G) on behalf of ex-Water and Power Development A..... [more >>](#)

### **IESCO compensates woman over son's death**

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2023-04-27

ISLAMABAD: A widow was paid Rs0.75 million on the intervention of Wafaqi Mohtasib (federal ombudsman), Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi by Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) as her son died of electrocution caused by an electric pole in the street. According to Wafaqi Mohtasib's press release issued on Wednesday, the widow had lodged a complaint to Wafaqi Mohtasib stating that her 16-year-old son m..... [more >>](#)

### **Sindh govt ready to run gas utility**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2023-04-27

KARACHI: Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh on Wednesday said that the provincial government was ready to run the gas utility itself as the line losses were high due to distance from the national grid. Addressing a press conference, he said that there was an acute shortage of gas in the province and the provincial government was making all possible efforts to bring prolonged and unannounc..... [more >>](#)

### **SSGC: Recovery and transformation**

Source: [Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2023-04-26

Sui Southern Gas Co. Ltd. (SSGC) serves the gas transmission and distribution to Sindh and Balochistan. SSGC caters for 3 million customers, including 4,500 industries. In the absence of new investments in the exploration and development, indigenous gas supplies fell from 1,090 MMCFD in 2019/2020 to 800 MMCFD in 2023; the bulk of which is being supplied to households. Since domestic gas is insuffi..... [more >>](#)

### Hot desert's coal left out in the cold

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-26

The dollar crunch is hitting the economy hard; the power sector is no exception either. One more casualty may soon be the significantly reduced operations at Thar coal mining site, which could have an adverse impact on cheap and indigenous power production that will have to be replaced by imported fuel. According to media reports, China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC), which works with Si..... [more >>](#)

### Discos: regulator asked to freeze capacity payments

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-27

ISLAMABAD: Senate Standing Committee on Power has asked National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to put capacity payment of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) on ice as Rs 1.2 trillion were paid as capacity payment during 2023. Official documents available with Business Recorder reveal that the Committee, in its previous meeting, also took serious notice of recent increase in electrici..... [more >>](#)

### March 23 FCA; CPPA-G seeks positive adjustment of Rs1.17/unit

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-27

ISLAMABAD: Central Power Purchasing Agency - Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought positive adjustment of Rs 1.17 per unit for March 2023 under monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) as generation cost has increased by 13.5 per cent to Rs 9.8860 from Rs 8.7122 per unit. National Electric Power Regulator Authority (Nepra) will hold public hearings on May 3, 2023 on CPPA-G's request of adjustment..... [more >>](#)

### Power generation tanks like never before

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-27

Pakistan's grid power generation in March 2023 dipped 16 percent year-on-year. This has never happened before. Not even during peak Covid quarters. For better context, March of five years ago in 2018 saw slightly higher electricity generated through the grid. It has now been ten straight months of negative year-on-year growth for power generation – also a first. Worryingly, the 12-mont..... [more >>](#)

### An electric regulatory authority for Sindh

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-27

Sindh cabinet has approved a draft bill for organizing a separate electricity regulatory body for Sindh — Sindh Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Septra). It is not known whether or not it would be independent or subservient to Nepra (National Electric Power Regulatory Authority) or what kind of relationship it will have with NEPRA and CPPA-G (Central Power Purchasing Authority-Guaranteed)..... [more >>](#)

### PSO profit plunges, OGDCL's up 42pc

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-28

KARACHI: Pakistan State Oil Company Ltd reported on Thursday it posted a profit after tax of Rs10.3 billion in the first nine months of 2022-23, down 84 per cent from the comparable period of the preceding fiscal year. On a quarterly basis, its earnings clocked in at Rs13.6bn in January-March after declining 58pc from the same three-month period a year ago amid lower inventory gains, according to..... [more >>](#)

### Four oil, gas fields get 5-year lease extension

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-28

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet on Thursday approved supplementary grants worth Rs912.5 million and an extension in the lease period to four oil and gas-producing fields for accelerating exploration activities. The ECC meeting, chaired by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, approved a disbursement of Rs284.5 million in financial assistance to 317 families of mar..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt likely to cut petrol price by Rs3.86 per litre**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-28

ISLAMABAD: The price of high-speed diesel (HSD) is expected to go down by Rs5.41 per litre effective from May 1, 2023 following the weakening of global oil prices. Kharif crop planting season is already under way and any decrease in the price of diesel, which is widely used in transport and agriculture sectors, will have a salutary impact on farmers who are reeling from high oil prices. The gov..... [more >>](#)

### **3150 megawatts added to national grid during current gov't's tenure**

Source: [App, Daily Times](#), 2023-04-27

Remaining true to its reputation of service delivery, the government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in its first year added more than 3,000 megawatts of electricity to the national grid. Since assuming office on April 11 2022, the prime minister had taken major strides to fulfill his responsibility to put Pakistan on the path to energy independence. In a year, he inaugurated five important pow..... [more >>](#)

### **Russian Oil**

Source: [Editorial, Daily Times](#), 2023-04-28

Pakistan informed the US of its decision to buy discounted oil from Russia late last year; expecting retaliation and backlash. Instead, the US was shockingly accepting, partly due to the optics of attacking a cash-strapped country whose survival hangs delicately in the balance as it scrambles to meet its needs. It isn't wise to kick someone when they're already down and Washington reco..... [more >>](#)

### **NJHP to resume power generation by July end after year-long closure**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-04-25

LAHORE: The Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project, which was closed for a year due to a tunnel collapse, is set to resume power generation by the end of July, a statement issued by the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) said on Monday. WAPDA spokesperson reported that significant progress has been made in restoring the blockade in the tail race tunnel, with 150 ft of tunnel collapse having ..... [more >>](#)

### **Russian oil slashes OPEC's share of Indian market to 22-year low**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-04-25

NEW DELHI: OPEC's share of India's oil imports fell at the fastest pace in 2022/23 to the lowest in at least 22 years, as intake of cheaper Russian oil surged, data obtained from industry sources show, and the major producers' share could shrink further this year. Members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), mainly from the Middle East and Africa, saw..... [more >>](#)

### **Cost of failure**

Source: [Dr Farrukh Saleem, The News, International](#), 2023-04-25

The electricity sector is crucial to the functioning of a modern economy. Electricity is a critical input for virtually all economic activities, from manufacturing and construction to transportation and communication. Economic growth is closely linked to the availability of a reliable and affordable supply of electricity. Without it, businesses struggle to function, and the overall economy bleeds..... [more >>](#)

### **Electoral rolls suggest gender gap has reduced significantly**

Source: [Mumtaz Alvi, The News, International](#), 2023-04-26

ISLAMABAD: The latest electoral rolls issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan show that the gender gap among registered voters has significantly reduced in the last five years, from 12.5 million in 2018 to 10.1 million in 2023. The new database reveals that there are a total of 67.89 million male and 57.73 million female voters, reducing the gender gap to 10.1 million, and bringing the tota..... [more >>](#)

**Global refinery margins lose steam as Russian oil finds new outlets**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-26

LONDON: Global diesel margins have slumped by about half since February, dragging on refiners' profits, as Russian exports continue despite sanctions, helping output from China and India reach all-time highs in March. Western sanctions and price caps on Russian crude and oil products introduced in December and February had been expected to tighten oil supplies globally. However, Russia contin..... [more >>](#)

**Sindh working on plan to overcome power shortage in summer, says Imtiaz Shaikh**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-27

Karachi: The Sindh government will prepare a comprehensive plan to utilise the indigenous energy resources with the active involvement of the private sector to make sure that the residents of the province do not brave prolonged power cuts during summers. This was stated by Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmad Shaikh as he spoke to media persons at his office on Wednesday. He said former president ..... [more >>](#)

**China's investment in Pak power sector reaches \$21bn**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-27

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese investment in Pakistan's power sector, under the umbrella of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), has increased to \$21 billion with the restoration of a powerhouse based on imported coal at Gwadar, a senior official of the Power Division told The News. "Earlier, the government had almost abandoned the construction of a powerhouse based on imported coal a..... [more >>](#)

**Electricity generation costs inch up to Rs8.22 KWh in March**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-27

KARACHI: Electricity generation costs in the country slightly increased by 2.6 percent to Rs8.22 KWh in March 2023, compared to Rs8.01 KWh in February, latest data showed on Wednesday. However, on a year-on-year basis, electricity generation costs fell by almost 11 percent. The decline in fuel cost was mainly due to an increase in nuclear, hydel, and solar-based generation, along with a 30 perce..... [more >>](#)

**PCJCCI stresses utilisation of Pak coal reserves**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-04-20

Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) President Moazzam Ghurki stressed utilisation of Pakistan's coal reserves on Wednesday. During a think-tank session here at the PCJCCI secretariat, he said that coal was most widely used for cheap electricity generation and currently 36 per cent of world's electricity was being generated through this source. Ghurki added th..... [more >>](#)

**Petroleum products' prices likely to go down from May 1**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-28

ISLAMABAD: The prices of petroleum products in Pakistan are expected to decline from May 1, Geo News reported Thursday citing sources, as the government might provide relief to the inflation-hit people. According to sources in oil marketing companies (OMCs), the price of petrol is likely to decline by Rs4.5 per litre while the price of diesel is expected to go down by Rs6 per litre. Diesel is wi..... [more >>](#)

**Petrol Bomb**

Source: [Editorial Board](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-04-17

Petrol prices have been hiked yet again. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar's announcement of an overwhelming increase of Rs 10 per litre in the price of petrol right on the cusp of Eid is bound to become a stumbling block in celebration plans all over the country. Quite a confusing step for a government that insists upon its commitment to the welfare of the general masses. On one hand, they toot t..... [more >>](#)

### **Global Nuclear Disarmament in Disarray**

Source: [Sabina Babar, Daily Times](#), 2023-04-17

As we venture deeper into the 21st century, the once-idealistic notion of global nuclear disarmament has become outdated in the face of escalating global volatility. Recent events have only served to exacerbate tensions and intensify the looming threat of nuclear annihilation. Notably, in February 2023, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced the suspension of his nation's participation i..... [more >>](#)

### **OGDCL eyes production boost, exploration drive in Balochistan's Zin block**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2023-04-28

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) is planning to boost oil and gas production from current wells while prioritising exploration efforts in the Zin block of Baluchistan, which holds confirmed reserves of 840 billion cubic feet per day (bcfd), company's top official said on Thursday. The existing production of oil by OGDCL stands at 32,250 barrels per day (bpd) and gas ..... [more >>](#)

### **SSGC explains retroactive impacts of revised gas tariffs, meter rent increase**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-04-28

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) on Thursday provided an explanation for the increase in monthly gas meter rent and revised gas tariffs after implementation of some new factors and tariff slabs under the revised tariff, which had retroactive impacts. The revision of gas tariffs for various customer categories, including industrial, commercial, and domestic sectors, was announced by the Oi..... [more >>](#)

### **Opec accuses IEA of stoking 'volatility' in energy markets**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-04-28

London: Opec has claimed the International Energy Agency's calls to halt investment in oil are triggering turmoil in energy markets, intensifying a war of words between producers and rich-world consumers. Opec secretary-general Haitham Al Ghais accused the IEA, which is funded by the OECD group of rich economies, of "finger pointing" after the agency warned the surprise producti..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil prices stabilise after hefty losses**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-04-28

TOKYO: Oil prices steadied on Thursday after the previous day's price drop erased the supportive impact of a surprise cut to OPEC production targets this month. Brent crude edged up 18 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$77.87 a barrel by 1344 GMT while US West Texas Intermediate crude rose 12 cents, or 0.16 percent, to \$74.42. Prices stabilised as Russian Deputy Prime Alexander Novak described oil m..... [more >>](#)

### **OGDCL Q3 profit up 50pc on higher net sales**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-04-28

KARACHI: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) on Thursday reported a 50 percent increase in its quarterly earnings, due to an increase in the net sales. In a statement to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), the company reported a net profit of Rs64.627 billion for the quarter ended March 31, up from Rs43.161 billion during the same quarter last year. The company also announced an inter..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan LNG loses case against PGPC in London arbitration court**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2023-04-29

ISLAMABAD: In a blow to the government, the state-owned Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) has lost a case in the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) on its arbitrary action to terminate the Operation and Services Agreement (OSA) with the PGP Consortium Limited that owns and operates the LNG terminal-2. The Arbitral Tribunal appointed under the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan set to build new refinery as part of efforts to enhance energy security**

Source: [Israr Khan & Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2023-04-29

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Petroleum, Musadik Malik, on Friday said the government has planned to build a new refinery to meet the country's energy needs. "The Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has approved the project, which had been in development for some time, during a Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) meeting," Malik told a news conference. The new refinery is expected to co..... [more >>](#)

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**OPEC+ cuts, China demand will steer oil towards \$90 by year-end: Reuters poll**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2023-04-30

Bengaluru: Oil prices will pick up pace towards \$90 a barrel over the course of this year as production cuts by OPEC+ and rebounding China demand shield against a deteriorating economic backdrop in the West, a Reuters poll showed. A survey of 40 economists and analysts forecast Brent crude would average \$87.12 a barrel in 2023, up from the \$86.49 consensus in March and current levels of around \$7..... [more >>](#)

**Delayed Payments**

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-20

A Chinese mine operating company recently announced that it will be forced to cut production by half due to the non-payment of dues by the federal government. As it stands today, Pakistan owes \$60 million to the corporation that provides coal to most of the coal-based power plants in the country. Delayed payments have been a recurring problem and have impacted the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor ..... [more >>](#)

**Jhang thermal plant connected to power grid**

Source: [China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-22

JHANG: A significant milestone has been achieved at the Jhang 1263 MW thermal power plant in Pakistan. Operated by China Machinery Engineering Corp (CMEC), the plant's turbine generator was successfully connected to the power grid for the first time in April 2023. The unit is operating smoothly, and all parameters are meeting the design requirements, laying a solid foundation for the next 1..... [more >>](#)

**'Power import from Iran to Gwadar, Hub-Gwadar transmission line unreliable, susceptible to blackout'**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-22

ISLAMABAD-The Chinese company CIHC Pak Power Company Limited (CPPCL) working on 300MW Gwadar coal fired power project has termed the proposal for import of electricity from Iran to Gwadar and the proposed 600km 500KV transmission line from Hub to Gwadar as unreliable, susceptible to blackout due to technical or security concerns, which does not give investors the confidence to invest in the port c..... [more >>](#)

**MEPCO's 1.9m poles a risk to people's lives**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-18

ISLAMABAD: Multan Electric Power Company (Mepco) has installed 1.9 million electric poles without "earthing system", posing risk to the lives of people. The shocking disclosure came at a public hearing held on Monday to consider an adjustment request of Mepco for indexation of multi-year tariff (MYT) components for financial year 2023-24 and other adjustments in the end-consumer tari..... [more >>](#)

## Renewable Energy

**PM for removing impediments to import of solar panels, other parts**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-20

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed for fast implementation of solarization project in the country by immediately removing all the impediments in the import of solar panels and other parts. The prime minister said that a developing country like Pakistan could not afford to generate power by importing costly fuels. The prime minister expressed these views while ..... [more >>](#)

**Lols: AEDB gives extension to two wind power IPPs**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-16

ISLAMABAD: The Board of Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) has decided/ approved six months extension in the validity of the Letter of Intents (Lols) issued to Western Energy Pvt. Ltd. and Burj Wind Energy Pvt. Ltd. from the date of submission of extended bank guarantees. The Board was apprised in its previous meeting that three wind power IPPs, listed under Category-II and Category-..... [more >>](#)

**Red tape hampering wind power projects**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-18

KARACHI: Foreign and local investors with stakes in wind power projects are facing multiple challenges, which range from a curtailment by the energy off-taker to an unannounced moratorium on the import of renewable energy equipment. Xiaohui Ma of Goldwind, a global wind-turbine supplier with investments in Pakistan, told a webinar on Monday that procedural glitches were hampering the operations o..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan eyes 14,000MW clean energy**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-18

KARACHI: Pakistan has planned to induct 14,000 megawatts of renewable energy (RE) into the national grid over next 10 years in a bid to supply low-cost electricity to consumers and fight climate change. Speaking at a webinar titled "Accelerating Chinese Renewable Energy Investment in Pakistan", organised by Renewables First on Monday, speakers stressed the need for creating an enabli..... [more >>](#)

**Zardari wants solarisation project expanded to urban areas of Sindh**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-25

KARACHI: Former president and Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarian President Asif Ali Zardari has directed the Sindh energy department to expand the solarisation programme and try to install solar panels in every house of the province so that people could get rid of expensive electricity and loadshedding, it emerged on Monday. Energy Minister Imtiaz Shaikh, who held a meeting with Mr Zardari on..... [more >>](#)

**Sepa put on notice over plea against construction of biogas plant**

Source: [Jamal Khurshid](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-26

The Sindh High Court (SHC) has recently issued notices to the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (Sepa), Karachi Metropolitan Corporation and others on a petition against acquisition of land and construction of a biogas plant for the Red Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project in the Cattle Colony area. In their plea, the petitioners had submitted that the government's attempt to acquire 32..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Engagement

### Event News

#### **Inclusive and sustainable policy interventions for 5G urged**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-16

Islamabad: Omar Malik, Member Telecom, Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications has said that his ministry is all set to launch infrastructure sharing framework after the cabinet's approval. Mr Malik was speaking at a webinar on "Adopting 5G to positively impact environment: a roadmap for Pakistan" organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute. Mr Ma..... [more >>](#)

#### **Experts urge govt for inclusive and sustainable policy interventions for 5G**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2023-04-18

ISLAMABAD, Apr 12 (APP): Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications is all set to launch Infrastructure Sharing Framework after the cabinet's approval, informed Omar Malik, Member Telecom, MOITT. He was speaking at a webinar on "Adopting 5G to Positively Impact Environment: A Roadmap for Pakistan" organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute here today. .... [more >>](#)

#### **Factors discussed for ensuring ease of doing business in KP**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-04-19

PESHAWAR: Restructuring capabilities and streamlining the public sector processes are key to enable ease of doing business in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said Adnan Jalil, KP Caretaker Minister for Industries, Commerce and Technical Education on Tuesday. He was speaking at the meeting of the National Network of Economic Thinktanks-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chapter organized by Sustainable Development Policy Ins..... [more >>](#)

#### **SDPI brings govt, academia, industry together to overcome challenges facing industries**

Source: [APP](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2023-04-19

Minister for Industries, Commerce and Technical Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Adnan Jalil believed in restructuring capabilities and streamlining the public sector processes would ease doing business in the province. He was speaking at the meeting of the National Network of Economic Thinktanks-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chapter organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Inst..... [more >>](#)

#### **SDPI Holds Webinar For Tobacco Control**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2023-04-19

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 18th Apr, 2023) :A webinar on "Monitoring in MPOWER Preparing the Next Generation of Tobacco Control Advocates" was organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with The Union for Tuberculosis and Lung Disease here. The crux of the webinar was comprehensive data collection and building capacity..... [more >>](#)

#### **Minister asks Tevta to cut 'unnecessary' expenditure**

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-19

PESHAWAR: Caretaker minister for technical education, industries and commerce Mohammad Adnan Jalil has directed to reduce the unnecessary expenditures of the Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (Tevta). The minister said the austerity measure would help save around Rs4.2 million per month and about Rs50 million per annum. He issued the directives at a meeting held on Tuesday re..... [more >>](#)

### Reformation Of Public Sector Processes Key To Ease Of Doing Business: KP Minister

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2023-04-20

PESHAWAR, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 19th Apr, 2023 ) :KPCaretaker Minister for Industries,Commerceand Technicaleducation, Adnan Jalil has termed restructuring capabilities and streamlining of the public sector processes as keys to ease of doingbusinessin the province. He was speaking at the Meeting of the National Network of Economic Thinktanks-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chapter organized ..... [more >>](#)

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### SMEs have rich potential for transition to circular economy

Source: [Zubair Qureshi](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2023-04-20

New records for coal production and global carbon emissions were set in 2022 which paints a picture completely opposite to the concept of circular economy. Founder and Director, Product-Life Institute, Geneva and Member of the Strategic Foresight Board of Circular Economy Alliance Dr Walter Stahel said this while delivering a special lecture on the Earth Day 2023 titled "Devel..... [more >>](#)

### SDPI Marks Earth Day 2023 Titled 'Developing Sustainable Policies For A Circular Economy'

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2023-04-19

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 19th Apr, 2023 ) :Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here on Wednesday organized the theme day of Earth Day 2023, titled "Developing Sustainable Policies for a Circular Economy". Delivering a special lecture on the theme day, Dr Walter Stahel, Founder and Director, Product-Life Institute,Genevaand Member of the Strategic F..... [more >>](#)

### Caretaker KP minister says business community struggling to survive

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-04-22

PESHAWAR: Restructuring capabilities and streamlining the public sector processes are keys to enable ease of doing business in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said Adnan Jalil, Minister for Industries, Commerce and Technical Education Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He was speaking at the Meeting of the National Network of Economic Thinktanks - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chapter organized by Sustainabl..... [more >>](#)

### Reformation of public sector processes key to ease of doing business: KP Minister

Source: [APP](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2023-04-21

KP Caretaker Minister for Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Adnan Jalil has termed restructuring capabilities and streamlining of the public sector processes as keys to ease of doing business in the province. He was speaking at the Meeting of the National Network of Economic Thinktanks-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chapter organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (..... [more >>](#)

### Experts weigh in on K-P development strategies

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-04-21

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ISLAMABAD: Food security is a major concern of Pakistan that is linked with other national security issues and needs to be resolved urgently, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI has said here on Saturday. "Though Pakistan has improved productivity of certain crops, diversification of food basket continues to be a challenge and inadequacies in access to safe drinking water and sa..... [more >>](#)

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Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, has said that 71% of the respondents of Inflation Perception Survey ranked the political instability on top, followed by 45% citing increased repayments of foreign debt as the second, 44% marked declining exports, 34% mentioned the decrease in remittance and 30% of the respondents identified rising impto..... [more >>](#)

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### **Overproduction of plastic waste polluting environment**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-04-26

ISLAMABAD-Overproduction of plastic waste has been causing negative impacts on the environment in Pakistan, like elsewhere in the world. Abid Qayyum Sulehri, Executive Director Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), said this while talking to WealthPK. He said waste management was a major global issue that governments faced daily and Pakistan was no stranger to this phenomenon. Accord..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD-Coastal tourism remains underdeveloped in Pakistan, though the country has a coastline of 1,000 kilometres offering a huge opportunity to the public and private sectors to develop tourist attractions, said Abdullah Khalid, an associate research fellow at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Talking to WealthPK, he said lack of connectivity, tourist infrastructure, and a ..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD-Pakistan needs to focus on human development to accelerate economic growth and improve the quality of life for the public, experts said. Dr Mahmood Khalid, Research Economist at Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), said while talking to WealthPK that continuous and efficient spending on human resource development helps build a skilled workforce, increase productivity, and ..... [more >>](#)



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