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About SDPI

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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

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

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

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

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

Subjects Covered

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

Pakistan's Energy Transition

Energy Governance

HCSTSI says energy crisis has hit industry hard

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-08

HYDERABAD: President Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industry (HCSTSI) Muhammad Farooq Shaikhani highlighted that 2023 was a tumultuous year for Pakistan, largely attributed to the significant surge in electricity and gas prices following the stringent directives of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He emphasized that compared to India, Bangladesh, and Vietnam, Pakistan fa..... [more >>](#)

TAPI prospects dim as approval of incentives put on ice

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-12

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has put approval of incentives for Turkmenistan Afghanistan Pakistan India (TAPI) pipeline project on ice, till their professional assessment, Federal Bureau Revenue's (FBR) support and in synch with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Stand By Arrangement (SBA), well informed sources told Business Recorder. Sh..... [more >>](#)

Caretakers' reckless gas, power tariff hikes to cripple industry, warns KCCI chief

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-13

KARACHI: The interim government of Anwaarul Haq Kakar has raised industrial gas tariff by an unprecedented 118 per cent since August 2023 from Rs1,100 to Rs2,400 per mmBtu. An additional rise of 40pc in RLNG cost has taken the gas tariff to a whopping and historically highest level of Rs3,200 per mmBtu, indicating an overall hike of 191pc. Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Pres..... [more >>](#)

40pc SMEs close down operations due to rising inflation, energy costs: FCCI

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-14

FAISALABAD: Forty percent of SMEs have been closed due to unprecedented inflation, high energy cost, delay in payment of refund claims, political uncertainty and inconsistent policies, said Dr Sajjad Arshad Acting President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI). He was addressing the participants of 34th Senior Management Course (SMC) of the National Institute of Management (NI..... [more >>](#)

Another 485 connections removed over gas theft

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

LAHORE: In a relentless effort to curb gas theft, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) conducted a series of targeted raids in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), and Islamabad. During the operations, 485 unauthorized connections were disconnected, and fines totalling Rs 4.14 million were imposed. According to a spokesman for the department, in Lahore, the regional team acted decisively, s..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 39,937 power pilferers in 115 days of anti-theft campaign

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 39,937 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 115 days of grand anti-power theft campaign. The LESCO spokesman told media here Tuesday that during the 115 days of grand anti-theft campaign, LES..... [more >>](#)

Gas theft: SNGPL removes 347 more connectionsSource: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-08

LAHORE: In a relentless effort to curb gas theft, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) conducted a series of targeted raids in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), and Islamabad. During the crackdown, around 347 unauthorised connections were disconnected, and fine of Rs 3.47 million were imposed. SNGPL's spokesperson told media here on Sunday, in Lahore, the regional team disconnected..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL cuts off 316 connectionsSource: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

LAHORE - During the ongoing crackdown against gas pilferers, SNGPL continued raids in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad, disconnecting another 316 connections; Rs 5.6 million fine imposed According to the report released by the SNGPL on Sunday, in Lahore, the regional team disconnected 17 connections on illegal use of gas while another 24 on use of compressor and..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices left unchanged for next fortnightSource: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government decided to keep the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) unchanged for the first fortnight of the new year. According to a statement issued by the finance ministry, the per-litre price of petrol will remain at Rs267.34 and that of HSD at Rs276.21 until mid-January. The ministry said the government had left the prices unchanged on the recommendatio..... [more >>](#)

Guddu in spotlight after Sunday's power breakdownSource: [Munawar Hasan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-01

LAHORE: The Guddu power house came into the spotlight after yet another major power breakdown on Sunday, hitting three provinces. The Guddu power house in Sindh is a public sector enterprise working under the Power Division. The power plant stopped functioning after a 500-KV transmission line caught fire due to a technical fault. The halt of power generation has had a cascading effect on the na..... [more >>](#)

Plunging into the abyss of financial catastropheSource: [Arshad H Abbasi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

The National Electric Power Regulator (NEPRA) has been dropping bombshells, approving the raise demanded in electricity prices — like the recent Rs3 per unit while determining fuel costs for October 2023. Moreover, according to a petition filed by the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA), electricity prices for November 2023 are likely to increase by Rs4.66 per unit. This continuous hike i..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price to remain unchanged for next fortnightSource: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-01

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker federal government Sunday decided to maintain the petrol price at Rs267.34 per litre for the next fortnight — till January 15. In a notification, the Finance Division said: "The Government of Pakistan has decided to maintain the current prices of petrol and high speed diesel during the fortnight starting from 1st January, 2024, as recommended by Oil and Gas Re..... [more >>](#)

Public sector money drains Power distribution companies, however, do not necessarily get same leewaySource: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-02

The Finance Ministry's recent report on state-owned enterprises mostly confirms widely held beliefs about the mismanagement and corruption in these companies, but parts of the report still surprised readers. Perhaps the biggest surprise was that the biggest lossmaker for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022 was the National Highway Authority (NHA) and not PIA, Pakistan Steel Mills or any power dis..... [more >>](#)

Power sector losses surge by massive 169pc in FY22

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-02

ISLAMABAD: The cash-bleeding power sector witnessed a staggering 169 percent increase in net losses during FY2022, rising to Rs320.778 billion from Rs119.3 billion in the previous FY2021. However, the more alarming aspect reveals that operating losses surged by 2064 percent, reaching Rs149.378 billion in FY2022 compared to Rs6.9 billion in FY2021. These revelations are part of the Finance Ministr..... [more >>](#)

Electric Fragility

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-02

The recent explosion at the Guddu Thermal Power Plant has plunged numerous provinces into darkness, highlighting the precariousness of Pakistan's energy infrastructure. The blast, attributed to technical faults exacerbated by dense fog, underscores the imperative need for robust preventive measures and consistent infrastructure maintenance to avert such crises in the future. Late Saturday [more >>](#)

Interim govt raises 11.8-kg LPG cylinder price by Rs18.52 for Jan

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-02

ISLAMABAD-For the fourth time since its establishment, the caretaker government has increased the price of the 11.8-kilogram liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder by Rs18.52 for January 2024. As per the notification issued by Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) has been raised by Rs1.57/kg from Rs254.86/kg in December to Rs256.43/kg. The LPG produ..... [more >>](#)

NTDC supports conversion of Lalpir, Pakgen to Thar coal

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-02

ISLAMABAD: National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) has supported conversion of M/s Lalpir (LP) and Pakgen (PG) into Thar coal, saying that operating LP and PG would certainly improve voltage stability and increase short-circuit power in the Mepco region. In a letter to Managing Director, PPIB, Deputy Managing Director-System Operator (SO), Ali Zain Banatwala stated that the technic..... [more >>](#)

Country braves blackouts as faults mar Guddu TPH generation

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-02

ISLAMABAD: The entire country is facing hours of load shedding due to massive shortfall in generation owing to frequent tripping in South Punjab and faults in Guddu Thermal Power House. According to Power Division, due to dense fog, NTDC faced tripping of 500 kV and 220 kV Transmission Lines in the vicinity of Guddu. "One of the poles of 500 kV Circuit Breaker was damaged but the f..... [more >>](#)

SIFC wants to know if Aramco's interest in refinery project persists

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

ISLAMABAD: The Apex Committee (AC) of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has directed Pakistan's ambassador to Saudi Arabia to approach Saudi Aramco Refinery Project regarding current status of their interest in the refinery project, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The AC also directed Petroleum Division to assess the investment interest of other parties al..... [more >>](#)

Suki Kinari hydel project; Delay in power evacuation to attract LDs, govt warned

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (MoPD&SI) has warned the government that any delay in evacuation of power from \$2 billion 884-MW Suki Kinari hydel project being established under CPEC will attract Liquidity Damages (LDs), well informed sources told Business Recorder. Secretary Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Awais Manzoor Sumra sent this u..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum consumption falls 15pc

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

KARACHI: The first half of FY24 ended on a dismal note for the petroleum sector due to a 15 per cent drop in sales of petroleum products to 7.686 million tonnes from nine million tonnes in the same period last fiscal year. Petrol sales posted a drop of 7pc to 3.57m tonnes during the July-December period from 3.83m tonnes in the same period of FY23 despite a price drop to Rs267.34 from Rs331.38 per [more >>](#)

LPG price hike Emphasises the need for more comprehensive LPG policy

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

The recent notification by Ogra regarding the increase in the price of LPG for January 2024 has stirred concerns among consumers. The hike, amounting to Rs18.52 for an 11.8-kg domestic cylinder meaning Rs1.56 per kilo, reflects the ongoing challenges in the energy sector. This adjustment, while impacting household budgets, is also indicative of the broader natural gas crisis gripping the country. [more >>](#)

High prices drive down oil demand Petroleum consumption dips 7% to 1.24m tons in December

Source: [Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

KARACHI: The demand for petroleum products dropped 7% to 1.24 million tons in December 2023, driven down by elevated prices of petrol and diesel and a significant reduction in consumption of expensive furnace oil in power plants. Citing data of the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC), local research houses reported that the demand for petroleum products had been 1.34 million tons in the same m..... [more >>](#)

WPI: Energy prices take center stage

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

If petroleum prices don't get you, energy prices will. This has been the story on the inflation front of late. The latest Wholesale Price Index (WPI) change for December 2023 at 27.3 percent year-on-year was the highest in seven months. Average WPI for 1HFY24 now stands at 25.35 percent, down a massive 9 percentage points from the same period last year. Month-on-month, there was a respite as..... [more >>](#)

Advice received to place anti-aircraft guns at Patrind Power Plant, claims SHPL

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

ISLAMABAD: Star Hydro Power Limited (SHPL) on Tuesday claimed that the "sensitive quarters" had advised it to place anti-aircraft guns at its 147-MW Patrind Power Plant in Azad Jammu and Kashmir to avert any sabotage activity. The power company shared this information with National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) during a public hearing on recovery of additional securi..... [more >>](#)

Guddu powerhouse fault aggravates outages

Source: [Munawar Hasan & Imtiaz Hussain, The News, International](#), 2024-01-02

LAHORE/SUKKUR: Power outages have intensified in the country following major fault in Guddu powerhouse. One of the worst loadsheddings in recent years has started annoying consumers in various parts of the country. In the severe cold weather, when demand has plunged to 14,500MW, and only 7,000MW of electricity is being produced. Sunday's breakdown following shutting down of Guddu PowerHouse..... [more >>](#)

Recurring power outages test Pindiites' patience

Source: [Khalid Iqbal, The News, International](#), 2024-01-02

Rawalpindi : Even in peak winter days, the residents of Rawalpindi are facing frequent power loadshedding which has disrupted routine life and businesses all around. The residents of city and cantonment localities are facing 8 to 12-hours unannounced loadshedding. On the other hand, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) official spokesman in a statement has said that "they are getting l..... [more >>](#)

Nepra okays second tariff hike for Karachiites

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday approved a second increase in power tariff within a week for the consumers of K-Electric. The regulator, on a request by the Karachi-based power utility, gave the approval of Rs2.87 per unit hike, which comes as part of a quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA) from January to March 2023. The decision has been forwarded [more >>](#)

Ministries violate cabinet directive Release Rs131b to state-owned power companies without recovering dues

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

ISLAMABAD: The interim government has violated a decision of the federal cabinet, failing to recover approximately Rs95 billion from publicly-owned power sector companies. Instead, it released Rs131 billion without first deducting its receivables. This failure by two ministries to implement the cabinet's decision has resulted in a higher level of budget deficit for the first half of the fi..... [more >>](#)

Industries; Tariff cut plan requires an IMF nod

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government has reportedly prepared a plan to reduce industrial tariff by up to 25 percent but this requires International Monetary Fund's (IMF) approval which was previously denied for the winter package, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali, sources said, shared Power Division's plans with [more >>](#)

Q3 QTA mechanism; Nepra approves Rs2.87/unit hike for KE

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved positive adjustment of Rs 2.87 per unit for K-Electric for third quarter (Jan-March) 2023 under QTA mechanism. According to determination, K-Electric requested an adjustment of positive Rs.5.170/kWh, for the quarter ending March 2023. The hearings were accordingly held on May 31, 2023. K-Electric in its lett..... [more >>](#)

Winter power shortage: not a mystery

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

In a country where the power demand is low in winters while the generation capacity is higher than the peak summer load, it is absurd to have 8-10 hours load shedding in the north, during winters. But that is the reality in Pakistan, today. And now virtually, all winters have problems – following countrywide power blackout episodes in January 2021 and January 2023, and now massive loadsheddi..... [more >>](#)

CY23: disaster, stability, and hope

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

Afterall that's said or done, the fact of the matter is that the bleeding has stopped under the caretaker setup. The wholesale loss of purchasing power across the economy, which began four years ago in early 2019, has finally stopped (or at the very least paused). At least that's what the latest price level data from PBS seems to suggest. This is not to say that the outgoing year [more >>](#)

Hopium – I

Source: [Sheikh Imran Ul Haque, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

Stubborn refusal to look reality in the face and wishing for good daddy saviour has been our norm since 75 years, advocacy of non-realistic planning, inability to take timely decisions, lacking focus on home-grown measures, not taking the proverbial bull by the horn is continuously replaced by dreaming of biogas, hydrogen, creating a market for rice stubble, renewable energy potential and coal gas..... [more >>](#)

Refiners cry foul as govt seeks fresh legal advice on upgrade policy

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-03

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's oil refining sector is unhappy with the government's move to hire a new local law firm to review the implementation of a policy and Joint Escrow Account Agreement aimed at upgrading the country's ageing refineries, saying it will cause further delays and uncertainty. The Petroleum Division, in a letter dated Dec. 25, 2023, told the local refineries that the law f..... [more >>](#)

600MW wind, solar projects; PFREF moves army chief; PFREF moves army chief

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Foreign Renewable Energy Forum (PFREF) has approached Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir for resolution of long pending issue of 13 wind and solar projects of 600 MWp with an investment of \$ 600 million. In a letter to the COAS, President of (PFREF), Mustafa Abdulla has praised Gen Asim for his untiring efforts to remove bureaucratic hurdles to bring Pakistan back to new h..... [more >>](#)

Quarterly adjustment: Nepra hikes power tariff for Karachi users by Rs2.87/unit

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-04

ISLAMABAD: The consumers of K-Electric brace for another electricity rate surge of Rs2.868 per unit on account of quarterly adjustments for Jan-March 2023. Notably, K-Electric had sought a substantial increase of Rs5.17/kWh for the quarter ending March 2024. After conducting a public hearing on July 31, 2023, the regulator reserved its decision. Now, following a six-month interval, the regulator o..... [more >>](#)

Power users to pay Rs4.13 per unit more in Jan

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-05

ISLAMABAD: The power regulator Nepra has announced a significant fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of Rs4.13 per unit for users of government-owned distribution companies (Discos), marking a substantial financial impact of about Rs35 billion. This adjustment relates to electricity consumed in November and will be reflected in the January bills of consumers, except those in the lifeline category and K-..... [more >>](#)

SSGC suspends gas supply for two days

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-05

KARACHI: While continuously facing a gas shortage in the system, Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd (SSGCL) on Friday announced a supply suspension for 48 hours for industries starting from Jan 6 (8:00 am) to Jan 8. SSGCL said the availability of gas has decreased, resulting in the depletion of line packs, causing low pressures in the system. All industries including their power generation units and a..... [more >>](#)

Power crisis looms as 969MW NJ project to shut for a month

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-04

ISLAMABAD: More electricity loadshedding is on the cards as the 969 MW Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower project will be shut down for inspection of its 3.5-km Tail Race Tunnel (TRT) from January 10, 2023 for one month. This comes at a time when the country is already facing a power deficit mainly because of canal closures, leading to less production of hydrogenation (hydroelectric power). Also, two LNG-..... [more >>](#)

Power outages continue as shortfall exceeds 6,000MW

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-01-03

Large swathes of the country witnessed on Tuesday the worst power outages during the intensified cold weather. The power shortfall had exceeded 6,000 MW. The masses have to bear the brunt of the intensified cold as parts of

the country have been witnessing the power outage for more than 16 hours. The people of Faisalabad had to suffer from the load shedding for up to eight hours. The worst load [more >>](#)

Gas shortages in Sindh becoming increasingly acute

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-05

ISLAMABAD: The gas crisis continued to worsen as the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGC) was compelled to suspend gas supply to industries and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations across Sindh. Sources said the gas shortage in the current winter reached 400 mmcf, however, the closure of industry and CNG stations helped to reduce the gas shortage to 175 to 200 mmcf. The gas company has [more >>](#)

Hydropower, transmission; Major projects face rupee cover issue

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-05

ISLAMABAD: Major hydropower and transmission line projects are reportedly facing Rupee cover issues due to less allocation in the Public Sector Development Project (PSDP) 2023-24, well informed sources in Ministry of Water Resources told Business Recorder. During discussion on Dasu Hydropower Project (phase-1) at a recent meeting on World Bank funded projects, Chairman Wapda stated that the p..... [more >>](#)

1HFY24 – Fall in oil sales

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-05

The oil sales by the oil marketing sector during the first half of FY24 (1HFY24) witnessed a decline of around 15 percent year-on-year with sales of 7.7 million tonnes, as per the data by the OCAC. With December 2023 oil sales, the CY23 sales volumes can also be seen to follow a declining trend. Monthly petroleum sales by the OMCs for December 2023 stood a little over 1.2 million tonnes, which..... [more >>](#)

Govt, KE sign pacts for Karachi's energy security

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-06

ISLAMABAD: After a prolonged delay of seven years, the caretaker federal government and K-Electric on Friday signed three pivotal agreements to ensure a firm supply of power from the national grid to Karachi. The fourth Interconnection Agreement (ICA) has already been approved by the Economic Coordination Committee of the cabinet. It will be signed as soon as the National Electric Power..... [more >>](#)

Biggest hydel power plant shuts for maintenance

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-06

LAHORE: The 969MW Neelum-Jhelum Hydel Power Station will stop electricity generation from Jan 10 for inspection of its 3.5-km-long tailrace tunnel during the current low-flow season. The low water flows in the rivers, according to the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda), are considered to be ideal for the inspection of hydel power stations. The Neelum-Jhelum power station generates 90M..... [more >>](#)

Govt, KE ink 'long-awaited' agreements

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-06

ISLAMABAD: Government of Pakistan (GoP) and K-Electric (KE) on Friday reached a significant milestone by signing various "long-awaited" agreements, one of the key demands of Saudi Arabia since long, which will underpin Karachi's energy security. The signing ceremony took place at the Energy Division and resolved long-standing disputes between the Government and KE, with fore..... [more >>](#)

Caretaker govt inks PPA for supply of 1000MW electricity to K-Electric

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-06

ISLAMABAD - After almost nine years of supplying electricity to K-Electric without any contract, the caretaker government Friday inked power purchase agreement (PPA) for the supply of 1000MW electricity to the company. The Government of Pakistan and KE have reached a significant milestone by signing various agreements underpinning Karachi's energy security. The signing ceremony took place..... [more >>](#)

Domestic, industrial consumers in Punjab cry out against soaring electricity prices

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-07

LAHORE: The electricity consumers, including domestic ones and the business community, have criticised the government for frequent raises in the electricity tariff and sought immediate relief by withdrawal of the recent increase in the power tariff. They slated the government for not taking action to stop the power outages being observed in Lahore and the rest of the province on various pretext..... [more >>](#)

Hub industrialists seek energy supply

Source: [Gohar Ali Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-07

KARACHI: Industrialists in Hub, Balochistan, are urging both the provincial and federal governments to address critical issues affecting the Hub Industrial and Trading Estate (HITE). The industrialists emphasise the need for consistent gas supply with proper pressure, improved road connectivity between Karachi and Hub, and the urgent rehabilitation of the deteriorating infrastructure in the organ..... [more >>](#)

LESCO faces Rs2.23 billion loss as government rejects subsidy claims

Source: [Munawar Hasan, The News, International](#), 2024-01-07

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) suffered a loss of Rs2.23 billion after the government rejected some subsidy claims for zero-rated industrial rebate, official documents showed. The Auditor-General of Pakistan (AGP) report for audit year 2022-23 showed the LESCO filed subsidy claims of Rs17.27 billion for the fiscal year 2021-22, but only received Rs15.04 billion from the financ..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff up by Rs4.12/unit in Jan bills

Source: [Saif Ur Rehman, The News, International](#), 2024-01-05

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has notified Rs4.12 per unit increase in the price of electricity due to monthly fuel adjustment. According to the Nepra, electricity consumers will have to make additional payments in their January bills. Nepra's notification states that the increase will not be applicable to lifeline and K Electric customers. It should be..... [more >>](#)

Hike in security deposits, connections; Nepra asks Discos to file petitions

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-07

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) is said to have asked power Distribution Companies (Discos) to file petitions for increase in security deposits and rates of temporary electricity connections. The power Regulator has sought petitions from Discos at a time when the Power Division is already in process to increase the tariffs of domestic consumers by withdrawa..... [more >>](#)

Attaining energy security through coal

Source: [Farid Malik, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-07

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

Peshawar speeds up efforts to eliminate power outages

Source: [Agencies, Daily Times](#), 2024-01-05

The provincial task force is working on a fast-track basis to declare Peshawar a load-shedding-free model district. In the last few days, record recovery has been made from defaulting consumers, and the use of illegal electricity has been eliminated in most of the feeders, including Peshawar and D.I. Khan, and now these feeders will be declared load-shedding-free. These views were expressed by th..... [more >>](#)

Shifting sands of oil politics

Source: [Syed Rashid Husain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-08

New details and statistics continue to emerge, pointing to the shrinking geopolitical clout of major Arab oil producers. The countries in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and its allies in the Opec+ are no longer the sole arbiters of the supply side of the global energy dynamics. Markets are no longer in their absolute control. And this carries major geopolitical consequenc..... [more >>](#)

Draft LPG policy aimed at boosting local production finalised

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-08

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) has finalised draft of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Policy 2024, envisaging substantial fiscal incentives to promote domestic LPG production, its import and marketing. According to the summary of draft policy 2024 to be presented to the Council of Common Interests (CCI) for consideration, all LPG producers will dedicate up to 10% of their product..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's energy use: high inefficiency and distorted consumption

Source: [Shahid Sattar and Muhammad Mubasal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-08

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

Discos likely to be put under army's microscope

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-09

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Cabinet is all set to approve establishment of Performance Management Units (PMUs) in five high loss-making power Distribution Companies (Discos) under a serving Brigadier of Pak Army as dismal performance of Discos has made the sector unsustainable, sources close to caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum told Business Recorder. The Federal Cabinet which is schedule..... [more >>](#)

Body formed to probe power breakdowns

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-10

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has constituted a two-member committee to probe reasons for recent power breakdowns across the country including explosion at Guddu 500 kV switchyard, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. On January 1, 2024, the Power Division, in an official statement said due to dense fog, the NTDC faced tripping of 500 kV and 220 kV Transmission Lines in the vicinity [more >>](#)

Petroleum revenues reach all-time highs

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-10

Pakistan's fiscal operation numbers for 1HFY24 are yet to be announced, but it is almost certain that highest-ever quarterly Petroleum Levy (PL) collection is on the cards. The PL collection is estimated to reach Rs250 billion for the first time ever, for the October-December quarter of FY24 – beating the record of Rs222 billion set in 1QFY24. It helps that the authorities acted s..... [more >>](#)

Subsidies on power: where's fiscal prudence?

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-10

A recent consolidated report on State-Owned Entities (SOEs) released by the Finance Ministry noted a long-known factor accounting for ever-rising subsidies to the power sector: 660 billion rupees subsidy on account of inter-disco tariff differential, a policy designed to ensure that throughout the country there is a uniform tariff that has an inbuilt element of cross-subsidy between different cate..... [more >>](#)

Hopium – II

Source: [Sheikh Imran UI Haque, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-10

Energy pricing fortnightly (fuel, LPG and LNG), monthly (power) and 6 monthly (gas) needs an approach that smoothens the impact and reduces the risk without causing political despair every fortnight, every month, and every 6 months. Review of tariff adjustments by BR highlights that it is manageable. Starting July 2024, rationalisation of tariff with a reduction in GoP intervention necessitat..... [more >>](#)

Unfulfilled promises: Windfall levy on oil and its impact on KP

Source: [Waqas Paracha, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-10

The Council of Common Interest (CCI) in its meeting held on 8th August 2012 while approving Petroleum Policy 2012 decided that "In accordance with the provisions of constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan giving joint ownership and equal control to the Federal Government and provinces over mineral oil and natural gas under Article 172 read with Article 154, the benefit of Windfall Levy [more >>](#)

UEP's gas: ECC to allow allocation to SSGCL

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-10

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet is to allow allocation of United Energy Pakistan's (UEP's) 35 mscfd gas to Mohar Field to Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Mohar Field is located in Latif Block, district Khairpur, Sindh province and the field is being operated by United Energy Pakistan (UEP) [more >>](#)

Govt eyes major gas policy reforms

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-11

ISLAMABAD: The interim government has decided to make major changes in Pakistan's two gas exploration and production policies, aiming to reverse an exodus of foreign firms and lessen reliance on expensive imported fuels that have consumed more than \$23 billion in less than a decade. A meeting of the Council of Common Interests, the country's highest constitutional body dealing with i..... [more >>](#)

LNG price respite

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-11

The energy commodity prices have come a full circle. RLNG spot prices in the oft-quoted Japan-Korea Marker (JKM) market have nosedived to almost a third from a year ago. That in Asian markets is even lower, with the spot market transactions taking place at and around \$9/mmbtu – lowest for the winter season in years, and already a seven-month low. In just ten weeks, the JKM Platts Future..... [more >>](#)

Gas disruption hits Sibi, Bolan and Quetta

Source: [Saleem Shahid, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-12

QUETTA: Gas supply was disrupted in some parts of Sibi and Bolan districts late on Wednesday night due to a ruptured main gas pipeline, which also supplies gas to the provincial capital, Quetta. Officials in Bolan district confirmed the rupture of the pipeline passing through Bolan River, releasing huge quantities of gas in the area. The authorities have cut off gas supply in the affected pipelin..... [more >>](#)

Traders voice concerns over inflated gas bills

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-12

ISLAMABAD: All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajran President Ajmal Baloch along with the ICCI Traders Welfare Committee Secretary and Convener Khalid Chaudhry have expressed serious concerns over the escalating gas bills. They said it was adding to the distress of consumers already grappling with the burden of inflation. They underscored the challenges faced by individuals choosing to pay high bills in in..... [more >>](#)

Industrial sector; Nine cent energy tariff approved: minister

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-12

CAIRO (Egypt): The Apex Committee of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has approved an energy tariff of nine cents for the industrial sector against the current rate of 14 cents and the matter will be taken in the next Cabinet meeting. This was stated by caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce and Industry Dr Gohar Ejaz while talking to Business Recorder on the sidelines of t..... [more >>](#)

On K-Electric agreements

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-12

After a Herculean effort, the Government of Pakistan has resolved the legacy challenges of K-Electric. The signing of various critical agreements puts to bed matters over which the company and government had been locking heads for over a decade. These include a power purchase agreement which was pending since 2015 while the Tariff Differential Subsidy Agreement is also going to streamline the [more >>](#)

Nepra approves 2pc transmission losses for STDC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-12

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved 2.0 percent transmission line losses to Sindh Transmission and Despatch Company (STDC) from its Commercial Operation Date (COD), i.e., January 18, 2018 after Sindh government made hue and cry over the delay in the decision. The NEPRA awarded the Transmission License to STDC on December 17, 2015 under Section 19 of..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel likely to become cheaper by Rs10

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD: The petrol price is estimated to decline by about Rs9-10 per litre on Jan 15 for the next fortnight due to a combination of lower international prices, exchange rate gains and a decline in premium. High-speed diesel (HSD) is also expected to be cheaper by around Rs2 per litre. Informed sources said the prices of all petroleum products had declined in the international market over [more >>](#)

Side pact with coal-fired IPPs; ECC refuses to extend support to Power Division

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has reportedly refused to extend support to the Power Division to sign side agreement with other coal-fired IPPs except Port Qasim Electric Power company (PQEPCL), insisting that the case of Sahiwal coal power plant be submitted separately, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said at a r..... [more >>](#)

KE expresses its 'limitation' towards implementing integration plan

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has expressed its limitation in implementing the approved integration plan as it is unable to provide feedback on the test-run report. Responding to the test-run report of the CPPA-G, K- Electric has requested separate deliberations with the CPPA-G and on KE integration plan by NEPRA as agreed by CPPA-G. The Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) recently approved the r..... [more >>](#)

9-cent tariff; Govt yet to cross several bridges?

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD: The government is yet to cross several bridges including the challenge of convincing the International Monetary Fund (IMF) before it can slash industrial tariff to cents 9/kWh, which would require further burdening all category of consumers, including vulnerable domestic consumers, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. According to the press release issued by the IMF dated [more >>](#)

KCCI decries 191% surge in gas tariffs

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-13

KARACHI: Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), President, Iftikhar Ahmed Sheikh has expressed concerns over the significant surge in industrial gas tariffs under the caretaker setup. Since August 2023, the tariff has risen by 118%, escalating from Rs1,100 per mmBtu to Rs2,400 per mmBtu. Additionally, an extra 40% RLNG cost has been imposed, catapulting the gas tariff to an unprecedented..... [more >>](#)

Consumers cry with rage over recent gas bills in Lahore

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-14

LAHORE: Consumers at large have rejected the new gas tariff amid fixed charges terming it unjustified and illogical keeping in view the deteriorating financial situation being faced by commoners. Criticising the government for not taking effective steps to ease life of the public at large, they have sought immediate withdrawal of the hike in gas prices. "Since we were already under immense..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum products; Up to Rs5.50 cut in ex-depot prices likely

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-14

ISLAMABAD: The interim government may announce a modest decrease in ex-depot prices of all petroleum products up to Rs5.50 per litre with effect from January 16, 2024, based at current taxes. According to an estimate, the petrol price may be slashed by Rs5.50 per litre for the second half of January; however no change is expected in the rate of high speed diesel (HSD). The rate of kerosene..... [more >>](#)

Drastic measures in power sector vital to control circular debt: FRIA

Source: [Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-14

LAHORE - Senior vice chairman of the Ferozepur Road Industrial Association (FRIA) Shahbaz Aslam has stressed the need for overhauling the power sector through some drastic measures as the abnormal hike in base electricity tariff and the anti-theft drive have failed to control the power sector circular debt or the losses of distribution companies which have been increasing. In a statement issued..... [more >>](#)

Private sector's participation; Privatisation ministry, Power Div lock horns over Discos' operations

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Privatisation and Power Division have reportedly locked horns on proposed plan of private sector participation in operation of Discos through long-term concessions leading to their eventual privatisation, well informed sources in Privatisation Commission told Business Recorder. Power Division, sources said, has prepared a new proposal for the Cabinet Committee on Energy..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum imports 1HFY24

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

Unlike the previous years like FY22 when the petroleum imports were rising, FY23 was a year where the oil imports witnessed a slump. Petroleum products sales posted a decline of 27 percent year-on-year during FY23. Similarly, the import volume of petroleum products also dropped by 38.4 percent during the year on a year-on-year basis. The trend of falling sales has continued in FY24 so far, and since..... [more >>](#)

Seasonal grid instability challenges in Pakistan–I

Source: [Shahid Sattar and Asim Riaz, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

Brownouts and blackouts are critical issues affecting the stability and reliability of power supply systems in Pakistan. A brownout is a partial, temporary reduction in power availability, often indicated by a voltage drop in the system. This phenomenon usually occurs when the power system is under stress, possibly due to high demand or infrastructural limitations. In contrast, a blackout is a mor..... [more >>](#)

Petrol prices likely to go down by Rs9 litre

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

The prices of petroleum products (POL) are being expected to go down for the next 15 days as the products are shedding their price in the international market while rupee exchange rate with dollar is also improving. It should be noted that petrol is being sold at Rs267.34 and diesel for Rs276.21 per litre. Sources said the POL price might be reduced from Jan 16. The prices of petrol may be redu..... [more >>](#)

Discos seek Nepra's nod to pass on another burden to power consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

ISLAMABAD - The Ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (DISCOs) plan to the pass on another burden to power consumers and have recommended National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) that the distribution companies may be allowed to recover the amount for Security Covers and Security Guarantee Fund in the consumer tariff. Similarly, it has also been recommended to change the system peak hours..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA awards 10-Year Licence to PPIB to run power auctions in Pakistan

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD: The National Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has granted a 10-year licence to the Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) to act as an independent auction administrator (IAA) in the country's power sector. The licence will allow PPIB to implement a competitive market regime, known as the Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM), to procure electricity thro..... [more >>](#)

KCCI slams caretaker government for 'crippling' gas tariff increase

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-01-13

KARACHI: The president of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) on Friday slammed the caretaker government for hiking the industrial gas tariff by 191 percent in less than a year, saying it would cripple the economy and lead to widespread unemployment. "Since October 2020, the gas tariff, which stood at Rs819 per MMBtu, has constantly been raised and within a year, it has incre..... [more >>](#)

Wapda seeks Rs42bn compensation for N-J tunnel damage

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-01-14

ISLAMABAD: The Wapda authorities have demanded Rs42 billion from the National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) and a consortium of Chinese companies for the damage inflicted on the 969 MW Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project during its one-year and one-month nonfunctional period following the collapse of its 3.5 km tail race tunnel on July 4, 2022. "The project is covered by NICL and a consorti..... [more >>](#)

Fuel based heating systems may prove to be life threatening

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2024-01-14

Rawalpindi: The use of fuel based heating systems to keep rooms warm without taking proper preventive measures may prove to be deadly and like every year, this year too, the number of cases of gas poisoning and burn injuries are on the rise while at least one case has already been reported of a family whose family members suffocated to death due to gas poisoning in the country. A severe cold wav..... [more >>](#)

Privatisation of power plants urged

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-02

ISLAMABAD: As a major portion of Pakistan's sovereign debt comprises loans of power sector, policymakers have stressed the importance of privatising state-owned electricity producers to rein in the runaway circular debt. They voiced serious concerns that a considerable amount of foreign loans were outstanding against the government power producers (GPPs), which should be recovered from t..... [more >>](#)

Claim, counter-claims, and ECC

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-06

It's a bit rich of Pakistani authorities to try to penalise Chinese power plants set up under CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) for Islamabad's own failure — inadequate forex reserves for purchase of fuel for those plants in this case. Naturally, when there was no coal (for coal-based power plants), those plants were unable to produce any power. Yet the government still sla..... [more >>](#)

Fog-led power disruption hits three provinces

Source: [Malik Irfanul Haq | Waseem Shamsi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

SUKKUR/RAHIM YAR KHAN: Several towns and cities across Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan experienced power outages late Saturday and Sunday night after a blast in the switchyard at the Guddu Thermal Power Plant, reportedly caused by technical faults amplified by dense fog in the area. An official at the power plant — located in the Guddu town of Sindh's Kashmore district, which borders Pu..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

PHMA asks for more funds in SBP solar financing as all funding goes to big industry

Source: [Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PHMA) has proposed the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to allocate more funds for renewable energy schemes, including solar energy financing exclusively to the export-oriented value-added textile sector. This strategic allocation will not only boost apparel sector's growth but also promote a more inclu..... [more >>](#)

Solar IPPs; Hike in benchmark competitive tariff proposed

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-02

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (M/o PD&SI) has proposed increase in benchmark competitive tariff of solar IPPs to Cents 5/kWh from Cents 3.4108/kWh determined by Nepra to replace costlier thermal power through large scale solar IPPs, well informed sources told Business Recorder. According to M/o PD&SI, power generation capacity of Pakistan has sig..... [more >>](#)

Govt inks dung deal Animal waste from Cattle Colony to run biogas plant for operating gas-powered buses

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-06

KARACHI: Asia's largest dairy and cattle market is set to supply cattle waste to produce biogas for biogas-powered buses in Karachi. A formal agreement has been signed between the transport operators, Trans Karachi, and the Dairy and Cattle Farmers Association. According to Shakir Umar Gujjar, President of the Dairy and Cattle Farmers Association, the dairy farmers will provide dung for the [more >>](#)

Category-III wind projects; NPCC asked to devise wheeling mechanism

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-09

ISLAMABAD: An inter-organisation committee has directed National Power Control Centre (NPCC), the system operator, to formulate wheeling mechanism for evacuation of power from category -III wind projects, well informed

sources told Business Recorder. The meeting was held in the office of Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) to discuss options for evacuating power from existing [more >>](#)

Govt fails to woo a single investor for solar project

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-12

ISLAMABAD: The proposed restructuring of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has heightened uncertainty within the field formation due to escalating tensions among tax groups concerning the nature and extent of the reforms, Dawn has learned from knowledgeable sources. This uncertainty could potentially affect revenue collection, a concern that is particularly significant given the current politi..... [more >>](#)

13 renewable projects; Foreign investors move power minister

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-14

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Foreign Renewable Energy Investors Forum has approached caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali for removal of obstacles in the final approval of 13 renewable projects. In a letter to the caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum, copies of which have also been sent to caretaker Prime Minister and Chief of Army Staff, the Forum's President, Mustafa [more >>](#)

'Renewable aquatic resources remain under-utilised'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-15

PESHAWAR: Despite having seven out of nine ecological zones of renewable aquatic resources, the diversity of fisheries and aquaculture are always under- utilized in our country. Talking to this scribe, Omar Hayat Khan, an expert on fisheries and aquaculture, said that the proper utilization of the diversity for local consumption as well for export can earn billions of foreign-exchange for the..... [more >>](#)

PHMA for allocation of more funds to renewable energy schemes

Source: [INP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-15

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Solar PV panels; FBR accused of compelling importers to quote higher rates

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-01-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Alternative Energy Association (PAEA) has accused Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) of compelling commercial importers of solar PV panels of quoting higher rates, despite the fact that prices have substantially declined. In a letter to Chairman Federal Board of Revenue, Executive Director PAEA, Tariq Khattak has stated that since the given guideline on unit prices of \$ 0.14/W..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Climate change and Faith: A special Conversation

'Intersection between climate crisis, faith can solve ecological crisis'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-13

Islamabad: After many decades, faith and its interlinkages with climate and environmental crisis have become a central discussion as humanity seeks answers to the contemporary challenges said Dr Adil Najam, President of WWF. Dr Najam said this in a special conversation with Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, organised by SDPIB here Friday. During the conversation, the resurging inte..... [more >>](#)

Dr. Adil Najam calls for exploring the linkage between climate crisis & faith

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD, Jan 13 (SABAH): Dr. Adil Najam, President of World Wildlife Fund, has said the global community needs large-scale behavioural change to resolve the current climate challenges and explore the potential role of faith and values in this connection, irrespective of the fact if someone is religious or not. Dr. Adil Najam was speaking at a special conversation on 'Climate Change and Fa..... [more >>](#)

Dr Adil Najam for holistic approach to cope with environmental challenges

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD, Jan 12 (APP):WWF President Dr Adil Najam on Friday said that after many decades, faith and its interlinkages with climate and environmental crisis had become a central discussion as "humanity seeks answers to the contemporary challenges". Dr Adil Najam said this in a special conversation with SDPI Executive Director, organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institu..... [more >>](#)

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Dr. Adil Najam for a holistic approach to tackle environmental challenges Pi News

Source: [Mhuammad](#), [Pi News](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News – 12th Jan, 2024) WWF President Dr. Adil Najam on Friday, after many decades, brought faith and its interrelationship with climate and environmental crisis to the mainstream discussion. said that it has become because "humanity is looking for answers to modern problems. ". Dr. Adil Najam said this in a special interview with the Execu..... [more >>](#)

Expert Calls For Exploring The Linkage Between Climate Crisis And Faith

Source: [TCL](#), [The CatchLine](#), 2024-01-13

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Panel Discussion on 'Socially and environmentally compliant construction industry in Pakistan'

Monitoring of environmental laws stressed

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-04

This was the crux of a panel discussion on 'Socially and environmentally compliant construction industry in Pakistan' organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with NED and SC here yesterday. Geir Thomas Tonstol, Country Director of International Labor Organisation, Pakistan, said that the construction sector transforms source materials into capital..... [more >>](#)

Panel stresses protection of labour rights

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

ISLAMABAD: Robust monitoring of environmental regulations and protection of labour rights is crucial for fostering a fair and sustainable evolution within the construction industry. This was the crux of a panel discussion titled 'Socially and Environmentally Compliant Construction Industry in Pakistan', at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with NED [more >>](#)

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Monitoring of environmental regulations, protection of labour rights stressed

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

ISLAMABAD: A panel discussion held at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) stressed the need for robust monitoring of environmental regulations and protection of labour rights for a just and sustainable transition in the construction industry. This panel discussion titled "Socially and Environmentally Compliant Construction Industry in Pakistan" was held at SDPI where G..... [more >>](#)

Environmental laws, labour rights' oversight imperative for just transition in construction sector: Speakers

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

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Balancing construction: Enviro Laws vs Labor Rights

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-01-03

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Environmental Laws, Labour Rights' Oversight Imperative For Just Transition In Construction Sector

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2024-01-02

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Environmental laws, labour rights' oversight imperative for just transition in construction sector: Experts

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-01-02

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SDPI Articles

Empowering local governance

Source: [Abdullah Khalid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

AS the promise of elections looms, manifestos take centre stage, promising reform and progress. In our volatile context, empowering local governments is a crucial, yet often overlooked pathway towards a more responsive and resilient democracy. Despite constitutional provisions for devolution, Pakistan's local governance system remains hobbled by a plethora of challenges. Over-centralis..... [more >>](#)

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Nearly all Pakistani comments on the outcome of COP28 have been overwhelmingly laudatory. This write-up aims to balance the assessment by pointing out the glaring equity deficit and lack of means of implementation which imperil the efficacy of the agreed measures. Part 1 of this article describes the major COP28 takeaways concerning the Loss and Damage Fund and the content of the 'UAE Conse..... [more >>](#)

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With elections on the horizon, there has been an upsurge in political activity, marked by relentless campaigning through power shows and big speeches. Out of curiosity, we decided to analyse the content of some of the speeches

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COP28, held late last year, included a global climate action summit attended by 154 heads of state and government, heads of UN agencies, major regional networks, business organizations, and civil society leaders, who all reiterated their support for efforts to tackle the climate conundrum. COP28 president Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber speaks during the Transforming Food Systems in the Face of Climate C..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan has lost one of its most outstanding sons and indefatigable soldiers; the nation just a few days back said goodbye to one of the last surviving soldiers of the Pakistan Movement, who devoted his seven decades-long engagement in national affairs to promote Pakistan’s economic development, national security and diplomacy, and democratic governance. He worked tirelessly and selflessly..... [more >>](#)

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Climate justice

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Held in Dubai, the COP 28 has put the issue of climate justice on the backburner, by using the world 'transition,' rather than a phasing out of the fossil fuels. Global warming has resulted from the incessant use of fossil fuels since the industrial revolution. It also resulted in the dominance of the West over..... [more >>](#)

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Climate change, a looming threat for all, demonstrates a stark disparity in its impact across genders. Globally, women find themselves particularly vulnerable to the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change, encompassing health, education, economic opportunities and various climate-related adversities. The repercussions of climate crises dispr..... [more >>](#)

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A different kind of thick, unsettling smog hangs heavy in the air – the uncertainty surrounding the upcoming February 2024 general elections in Pakistan. This uncertain milieu, however, is having a chilling effect far beyond the political realm, casting a long shadow on the country's fragile economic recovery. Pakistan stands at a moment of reckoning. Markets are nervous, unsure if t..... [more >>](#)

Equitable and green CPEC

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The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a transformative project which will be potentially reshaping the landscape of Pakistan and the contours of its future. CPEC, a cornerstone of Beijing's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), is not just a series of infrastructure projects, but it is a catalyst for a fundamental shift in the region's economic dynamics. This venture has [more >>](#)

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The World Health Organisation requires parties to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control to impose progressively high taxes on tobacco products to discourage its use. While most high-income countries have implemented these measures, two decades after its adoption, many low- and middle-income countries including Pakistan continue to struggle in hi..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan is once again facing a shortfall of electricity in winter. Last year, there was a nationwide electricity blackout on account of similar issues. It then becomes essential to discuss in detail the various conundrums and need for integrated planning in the power sector. The country's power infrastructure is primarily structured along the south-north, with major power lines connecting [more >>](#)

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