

Pakistan's Energy Transition

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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

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Energy Governance

Pak to furnish electricity tariff details, cross subsidy reduction plan for next FY to IMF

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-22

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan will furnish details of electricity tariff, cross subsidy by industrial sector and its reduction plan for the sector during the next financial year (2024-25) to IMF by tomorrow (Friday). The industrial consumers are currently burdened with additional Rs473 billion annually on account of cross subsidy, which has resulted in the hike of industrial tariff to the u..... [more >>](#)

PSO in 1HFY24

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-16

Pakistan State Oil Company Limited (PSX: PSO) announced its financial performance for 1HFY24 yesterday where it reported an unconsolidated profit of Rs7.75 billion versus a loss of Rs3.36 billion in 1HFY23. While the company posted a profit after tax in 1HFY24, PSO witnessed a year-on-year increase in the losses for 2QFY24. The first quarter of FY24 was impressive with over Rs22 billion in profits,..... [more >>](#)

PSO posts Rs7.7bn net profit in 1HFY24

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-16

KARACHI: The national energy icon Pakistan State Oil (PSO), continued to dominate the industry while maintaining steady performance in the first half of FY24. The company announced a net profit of Rs 7.7 billion, translating into earnings per share of Rs 16.51 and gross sales of Rs 1.9 trillion for the period under review. The company's Board of Management (BoM) reviewed the group&..... [more >>](#)

Jul-Jan period; Petroleum group imports drop 12.06pc to \$9.332bn

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-17

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum group imports witnessed a negative growth of 12.06 percent during the first seven months (July-January) of the current fiscal year and stood at \$9.332 billion when compared to \$10.611 billion during the same period of last fiscal year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) said. The data of exports and imports released by PBS revealed that petroleum group imports increased [more >>](#)

Work on IP pipeline to begin in Pakistan

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-20

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad has engaged Tehran by committing to complete the first phase of the 80-kilometer Iran-Pakistan (IP) gas pipeline project within Pakistan's territory to avoid a looming \$18 billion penalty. According to reports, Iran has granted an extension in the deadline of the IP gas pipeline project by 180 days until September 2024. Tehran has granted this extension in a bid to avo..... [more >>](#)

Industries at risk as energy costs surge

Source: [Gohar Ali Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-20

KARACHI: Rising gas and electricity tariffs threaten to shutter industries, drive up unemployment, and worsen inflation, lamented distressed industrialists. Speaking to The Express Tribune, President of the Federal B Area Association of Trade and Industry (FBATI), Syed Raza Hussain highlighted the impact of the gas tariff increase on small and medium-sized entrepreneurs already grappling wit..... [more >>](#)

ADB initiates country portfolio review

Source: Mushtaq Ghuman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-20

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has initiated country portfolio review 2024 and is to begin preliminary discussions on country programming, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The ADB Mission which will stay in Pakistan from February 19 to March 29, 2024 will hold meetings with the federal and provincial executing agencies and implementing agencies to agree on: (i) quant..... [more >>](#)

CCP approves merger of Korean company with MPL

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-20

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has approved a merger that will see a Korean company investing in Pakistan's hydropower sector. The transaction involves Korea-based M/s. DL E&C Co. Ltd (Acquirer) acquiring shares in Pakistani company M/s Mira Power Limited (MPL), which operates the 102MW Gulpur hydropower plant, from M/s. DL Holdings Co. Ltd (Seller). The Acq..... [more >>](#)

Imports of petroleum group shrink by 12pc in July-Jan

Source: APP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-20

ISLAMABAD - The imports of the overall petroleum group contracted by 12.06 percent during the first seven months of the current fiscal year (2023-24) 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-January (2023-24) stood at \$9,332.322 million against the imports of \$10,611.72..... [more >>](#)

Costly energy poses survival risks, warns FPCCI

Source: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-22

KARACHI: While urging the government to immediately implement a nine-cent per kWh power tariff, the business leaders have warned that high gas prices will bring the industries on the verge of collapse due to rising cost of production amid surging inflation. Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Acting President Saquib Fayyaz Magoon told a press conference on Wednesday..... [more >>](#)

Industrial power tariffsHigh energy costs causing decline in power consumption: APTMA

Source: Press Release, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-22

KARACHI: Industrial power tariffs in Pakistan are currently at around 17 cents/kWh. This is over twice the regional average, with power tariffs for textiles sector in India at 6 cents/kWh, Bangladesh at 8.6 cents/kWh and Vietnam at 7.2 cents/kWh. The price of gas has been raised to Rs. 2,750/MMBtu, which is a total increase of 223% since January 2023. This will take the price of captive gener..... [more >>](#)

Caretaker cabinet committee approves work on Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline

Source: Web Desk, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-23

The caretaker Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) Friday approved works on the first phase of the Iran-Pakistan (IP) gas pipeline, prompting hope for boosting the nation's energy security as the project had seen more than a decade's delay. In a statement, the Ministry of Energy said that a summary of the Petroleum Division regarding the IP Gas Pipeline was taken up by the cabinet com..... [more >>](#)

BMP wants speedy work on long-awaited Pak-Iran gas line to ease energy issues

Source: Agencies, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

ISLAMABAD - The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FPCCI) Businessmen Panel (BMP) has welcomed the Cabinet Committee's approval of work on 80-kilometer first phase of the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project within its borders after a long delay and hoped that it would proceed expeditiously, as the project is bound to bring an industrial revolution in Pakistan. [more >>](#)

Gwadar transmission line;Iranian firm interested in execution of phase I contract accord

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-27

ISLAMABAD: Iranian firm M/s Sunir has shown interest in execution of second part of Gwadar transmission line phase one contract agreement, with complaints of non-payment of huge amount with respect to part one of the project by National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC). On February 19, 2024, in a letter to Secretary Power, Managing Director M/s Sunir, Hasan Gholinezhad stated that aft..... [more >>](#)

PPL in 1HFY24

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-27

Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PSX: PPL) recently announced its financial performance for 1HFY24 with a growth of 41 percent in earnings. The E&P Company's profitability during 2QFY24 was up by over 75 percent year-on-year. The surge in profitability for PPL was largely due to weaker currency as both volumetric production growth and the prices declined during the six-month period. PPL&..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL's net sales revenue reaches Rs235.375bn mark

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The Board of Directors of Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) announced on Tuesday that net sales revenue clocked at Rs235.375 billion translating to profit after tax of Rs123.296 billion and earnings per share of Rs28.67 during the half fiscal year ended on December 31, 2023, of the current fiscal year 2023-24. The Board of Directors announced an interim cash dividend [more >>](#)

Wapda signs Rs46.5m contract with Quality Solutions Technologies

Source: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-29

LAHORE - The Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) has signed a contract worth Rs46.5 million with Quality Solutions Technologies (Pvt) Ltd for consultancy services for digitization of significant rock carvings in direct area of impact of Diamer Basha Dam with modeling and preparation of data for 3D printing. The major scope of services includes site documentation through terrestrial scann..... [more >>](#)

Industry slams caretakers for gas tariff hike, warns of economic fallout

Source: Aamir Shafaat Khan , [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-18

KARACHI: Industrial bodies are up in arms over the government's recent decision to increase gas tariffs, warning that this move could lead to the shutdown of numerous industrial units, a rise in unemployment, and a halt in exports unless the decision is reversed. In a concerted appeal, they have called on the government to retract the tariff increase for the sake of the national economy and..... [more >>](#)

MoF refuses to release Rs70bn KE TDS due to non-reconciliation

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-22

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Finance (MoF) has reportedly refused to release Rs70 billion K-Electric Tariff Differential Areas (TDS) due to non-reconciliation. According to Finance Ministry, it agreed on the 3rd quarter requirements plan for 2023-24 as per following details: Agriculture Tube Wells (ATWS) QESCO, Rs9.5 billion, ATWS KE, Rs500 million, TDS Discos, Rs150 billion, FATA receivables, Rs3..... [more >>](#)

LESCO detects 57,806 power pilferers in 167 days

Source: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-28

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 57,806 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 167 day of grand anti-power theft campaign. The LESKO spokesman told media here Tuesday that the company has also submitted FIR applications agai..... [more >>](#)

Large steel sector's value chain

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The country's steel industry has backed out from its demand of creation of "distinct category" regarding provision of concessional electricity tariff to it, saying that now its demand is equal tariff for the entire industry, well informed sources told Business Recorder. However, inter-ministerial body has decided the EDB will get relevant data from PALSP and furni..... [more >>](#)

APTMA urges govt to rethink energy pricing

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Economist](#), 2024-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has expressed deep concern over the government's decision to increase energy prices and urges the government to reconsider its stance on energy pricing for industrial consumers. It has raised concerns over the increase in captive gas price to Rs2,750/MMBtu and the plan to supply industry with a 35:65 domestic gas/RLNG blend, pus..... [more >>](#)

CCoE okays 80-km pipeline from Gwadar to Iran border

Source: Khalid Mustafa & Israr Khan, [The News, International](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD: At last, the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) that met here on Friday approved the government plan to construct the 80km segment of pipeline inside Pakistan under the much-delayed Iran-Pakistan (IP) gas line project in the first phase. The first part of the pipeline from Gwadar to a point where Iran has already laid down its part of the pipeline from the gas field will show how serio..... [more >>](#)

Cabinet okays up to 67pc hike in gas tariff

Source: Syed Irfan Raza, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The federal cabinet on Thursday approved a 67 per cent increase in the natural gas tariff with effect from Feb 1, apparently to meet the revenue requirement of the gas utilities targeted for the current year. According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the cabinet meeting presided over by caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar approved all decisions of the Economic Coordin..... [more >>](#)

Hiking gas prices

Source: Editorial, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-16

BY increasing gas prices by up to 45pc to recover an additional Rs242bn from all categories of consumers, the caretaker government has met another goal of the \$3bn IMF programme. The cabinet approved the price hike recommended by the ECC on Thursday — the deadline for the implementation of the IMF condition. The significant part of the decision is the approval of uniform gas rates for the ca..... [more >>](#)

Regulator slashes RLNG prices for February

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-16

ISLAMABAD: With system losses touching a massive 14.5 per cent, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Thursday notified up to 9pc reduction in the sale price of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) for SSGCL and SNGPL for the current month, effective Feb 1, owing to lower international prices. This is the second month in a row that RLNG prices have declined. The price had dropped by..... [more >>](#)

Traders urge govt to withdraw gas price hike

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-16

KARACHI: Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry (HCSTSI) President Muhammad Farooq Shaikhani has hit out at the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) for its decision to make a massive increase of 65% in gas tariffs. He appealed to all political leaders and the country's rulers to withdraw the gas price hike promptly to restore confidence of the business community and encour..... [more >>](#)

Cabinet ratifies ECC decision on gas tariffs

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker federal cabinet on Thursday approved an increase in gas prices for various sectors with an expected highest increase in gas tariff for domestic consumers. The meeting of the federal cabinet presided over by Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has ratified the decisions of the ECC dated February 14 and February 7, 2024. On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, a [more >>](#)

Price of diesel hiked by Rs8.37, petrol's by Rs2.73

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-16

ISLAMABAD: Interim government on Thursday decide to raise the ex-depot prices of petroleum products up to Rs 8.37 per litre for fortnight starting from February 16, 2024, owing to increase global oil prices and exchange rate adjustment. The price of petrol has been increase by Rs 2.73 per litre, while rate of high speed diesel (HSD) by Rs 8.37 per litre. In a late night announcement, Finance [more >>](#)

Unprotected gas consumers to bear the brunt

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-16

ISLAMABAD: Protected consumers face a gradual increase in tariff slabs (Rs. 80-100/MMBtu) with a cross subsidy of Rs 108 billion, while unprotected consumers see a larger increase (Rs. 200-300/MMBtu). monthly fixed charges remain unchanged with effect from February 1, 2024. Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Thursday notified the revised sale price of natural gas in line with the deci..... [more >>](#)

PPIB urges SBP to clear \$789m 'dues' of IPPs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-16

ISLAMABAD: Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has urged State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to clear "pending payments of \$789 million" of power projects including CPEC-IPPs in order to ensure smooth development and operations of their projects, sources close to MD PPIB told Business Recorder. Managing Director PPIB Shah Jahan Mirza, sources said, in his letter to Governor S..... [more >>](#)

Circular Debt – a tough row to hoe

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-16

The circular debt continues to be a growing challenge, literally, and it's the real pain in the energy sector. The proposals of tariff rationalization and circular debt are being rejected by the IMF, and the Fund has emphasized the need for a "sustainable reform plan" that avoids the use of "supplementary grants which have placed a considerable burden on the fiscal accounts..... [more >>](#)

SSGC says it achieves milestones, including cut in UFG

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-16

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has achieved the milestone to decrease unaccounted for gas (UFG), streamline the HR department, increase revenue through non-operating income and provide better controls within the Company during the last couple of years. The SSGC management initial focus was on UFG reduction, HR reforms, new ventures, better management of core business operations, con..... [more >>](#)

Completing the petroleum value chain

Source: [Faisal Hafeez](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-16

Petroleum products, including crude oil, have the highest share in Pakistan's external trade. Approximately 20% of petroleum needs are fulfilled by production from domestic oil exploration, whereas 35% is produced locally from imported crude oil. The domestic refineries produce 55% of the requirement or 11 million tons against total demand of 20 million tons. The remaining quantity..... [more >>](#)

Ogra cuts rates of imported RLNG

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Thursday notified a decline in the rates of imported RLNG up to 9.03 per cent on a month-to-month basis in February. According to the notification, the Ogra states, "The decrease in RLNG prices is due to decrease in DES price." New prices will be applicable with retrospective effect from February 1, 2024. The new price..... [more >>](#)

Petrol up by Rs2.73, diesel by Rs8.73 per litre

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government on Thursday announced a hike in petroleum prices. The government increased the price of petrol by Rs2.73 per litre to Rs275.62 from 272.89 per litre and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs8.73 per litre to Rs287.33 from Rs278.96 per litre for the next fortnight starting from today (February 16). The increase has been attributed to the situation arising out of moveme..... [more >>](#)

Govt slashes RLNG prices by up to 9pc for Sui gas companies

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-16

ISLAMABAD - The caretaker government Thursday slashed the prices of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) by up to \$1.2867 per Metric Million British Thermal Units (MMBTU) or 9.03 percent for Sui gas companies, for February 2024. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) released a notification stating that the RLNG price for consumers of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has d..... [more >>](#)

Nepra should help KE find solution to its problems: PM

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-17

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar has directed to resolve the remaining problems of Karachi Electric (KE) on a priority basis after the meeting was told that major issues of the company have been resolved. The caretaker premier directed this while presiding over a review meeting regarding various issues of KE. The problems of Karachi Electric and suggestions for their so..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices; Exchange rate adjustment to PSO led to hike

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-17

ISLAMABAD: An exchange rate adjustment to Pakistan State Oil (PSO) of Rs3.01 per litre on high-speed diesel (HSD) and 10 paise on petrol has led to a raise in the price of both petroleum products for the current fortnight (February 1-29). The outgoing caretaker government jacked up the petrol price by Rs2.73 per litre to Rs275.62 per litre for the fortnight, as recommended by the Oil and Gas [more >>](#)

SITE association president condemns gas tariff hike

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-17

KARACHI: SITE Association of Industry President Muhammad Kamran Arbi condemned the recent gas tariff hike approved by the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) and the caretaker government. Arbi urged caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar, Federal Minister for Commerce, Industries and Production Dr Gohar Ejaz, and Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali to revoke the decision in the larger interes..... [more >>](#)

Mari discovers gas in 'troubled' Kohlu Block

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-17

ISLAMABAD: Mari Petroleum Company Ltd (MPCL) on Friday announced a gas discovery in a very prospective, highly security sensitive and unexplored region of Kohlu District in Balochistan. "The discovery is of significant importance for future exploration as it has revealed valuable information about the existing petroleum system of the area," said MPCL, the operator of the block with 95..... [more >>](#)

Power protests

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-02-18

PROTESTS against extensive power outages are not uncommon in Pakistan, particularly in the hot summer months. Yet the people of Gilgit-Baltistan have been demonstrating against power cuts even in winter. This is understandable when the region's residents have to daily put up with 22 hours of load-shedding. Only a few weeks ago, region-wide protests were held over a range of issues, including..... [more >>](#)

Rising tariffs

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-02-18

The implementation of a 67% increase in the natural gas tariff, effective from February 1, and a hike in petrol and diesel prices come at a time when Pakistan is already grappling with numerous challenges, including high inflation, political turmoil and economic uncertainty. These price hikes will undoubtedly exacerbate the financial burden on consumers and businesses, leading to increased costs o..... [more >>](#)

Gas price surge expected to propel inflation to 25%

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-02-18

KARACHI: The latest hike in gas and petroleum oil prices for households and industrial consumers in February is estimated to increase the inflation rate by almost half a percentage point to around 25% in the current fiscal year 2023-24, reducing the likelihood of a token cut in the benchmark interest rate in mid-March 2024. The projection for the inflation rate does not account for the poten..... [more >>](#)

'Govt must reconsider gas tariff hike'

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-02-18

ISLAMABAD: Trader bodies on Saturday urged the federal government to reconsider its decision to hike the gas tariff to address concerns of the business community. Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari and President of Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Iftikhar Ahmed Sheikh, made the demand during a meeting held here, according to a news [more >>](#)

HCCI president urges energy policy overhaul

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-02-18

KARACHI: Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) President Adeel Siddiqui urged the government to focus on solar and wind energy with a consistent and sustainable policy, while also advocating for research on artificial gas through the Thar coal project. He stressed the need to arrange gas through both conventional and unconventional methods to achieve self-sufficiency in the country&r..... [more >>](#)

Outgoing caretakers okay hike in gas, fuel prices

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-02-16

The outgoing caretaker government on late Thursday jacked up the petrol price by Rs2.73 per litre to Rs275.62 per litre for the next fortnight, as recommended by Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA). "Government of Pakistan has decided to bring changes in the current prices of Petroleum products for the fortnight starting from 16th February 2024," a statement issued by the Finance D..... [more >>](#)

Rs 16m collected from defaulters in 24 hours

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-02-18

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), in collaboration with Tehsildars (Recovery), recovered more than Rs 16 million from 517 chronic defaulters in all five districts - Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara - on the 153rd day of its recovery campaign. A LESCO spokesman told the media on Saturday that on the 153rd day, Chief Engineer O&M (T&G) Zaf..... [more >>](#)

Gas tariff hike sparks outrage among consumers in Lahore

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-19

LAHORE: The government has increased gas tariffs by 67 per cent, effective from Feb 1, following approval from the federal cabinet. The bills received by consumers at large for the month of January have shocked many. Several consumers claim they have been left with no option but to either criticize the rulers or switch to alternative options. They demand that the government review decisions to rep..... [more >>](#)

IP gas pipeline project: Pakistan to lay 81-km pipeline from Gwadar to Iranian border

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-02-19

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has decided to complete the much-delayed gas line project in its territory under two phases and has carved out a plan to first lay the 81-kilometer part of the pipeline from Gwadar, a point where Iran has already laid its part of the pipeline from the gas field. The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has also approved the plan to first lay down the 81 kilometers as..... [more >>](#)

Gas price hike

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#), 2024-02-19

The caretaker government has finally bitten the bullet and withdrawn a Rs50 billion subsidy on gas prices to fertilizer plants. The decision came alongside the second gas price hike on the watch of caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, who has been in the hot seat for a mere six months. Both these calls fall within the category of unpopular decisions in the face of which an elected governme..... [more >>](#)

GTPS, SPS Faisalabad; NPGCL, Wapda at odds over ownership rights

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-19

ISLAMABAD: Northern Power Generation Company Limited (NPGCL) and Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) are reportedly severely at odds on ownership rights of properties of Gas Thermal Power Station (GTPS) Faisalabad and Steam Power Station (SPS) Faisalabad, well informed sources told Business Recorder. In a letter to Chairman Wapda, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) NPGCL Sabeeh Uz Z..... [more >>](#)

Mangla power station; Wapda proposes depositing ST with AJ&K

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-19

ISLAMABAD: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) has proposed signing of a formal agreement between the stakeholders to deposit sales tax amount pertaining to Mangla Power Station to Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K) exchequer, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Recently, a notification was issued regarding formation of Technical Committee in pursuance of the decision o..... [more >>](#)

Opposition to plans

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-19

The circular debt reduction and the tariff reduction plans proposed by the Ministry of Energy have been rejected by the IMF (International Monetary Fund). The Fund does not support these plans. While there was no confusion on the plan for tariff reduction, there were conflicting reports from the petroleum ministry on the circular debt reduction plan, and this is perhaps due to stock market sensiti..... [more >>](#)

Hike in gas tariffs: an analysis

Source: [Ali Khizar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-19

As their parting gift, before they left, Caretakers have increased gas prices again to comply with the IMF (International Monetary Fund). Rationalizing gas prices is the right move to end the growth of the gas circular debt, as the last round of hike price was not enough. There is a socioeconomic limit to the increase in the residential segment where the increase is ranging from 5 to 67 percent in..... [more >>](#)

Gas Tariff Hike

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-19

The recent decision by the caretaker government to increase gas tariffs has sent ripples of concern through Pakistan's industrial circles, painting a grim picture of potential consequences. Industrial bodies are raising the alarm, warning of possible industrial closures, a surge in unemployment, and a hit to the export market if the decision isn't promptly reversed. Asif Inam, ch..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan to start construction on 80-km portion of Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-19

ISLAMABAD - Islamabad is contemplating to kick-off construction work on 80 kilometre portion of Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project — from Iranian border to Gwadar — to escape a potential penalty of \$18 billion, in case Tehran decided to move to the Paris-based International Arbitration for non-execution of the project. It has also been decided that Pakistan will submit an ap&..... [more >>](#)

Unannounced power outages hit Pindi

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-20

RAWALPINDI: During the ongoing rainfall, prolonged unannounced load shedding of electricity continued in various areas of Rawalpindi for the second consecutive day, causing severe distress to residents. Additionally, water supply from multiple tube wells in the Cantonment areas was also disrupted due to the power outages, leaving both residential and commercial consumers struggling for every dro..... [more >>](#)

Refinery, petrochemical complex; PSO taps China's Sinopec for partnership with Aramco

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has approached Chinese energy firm M/s Sinopec to partner with Saudi Arabia's Aramco in a state-of-the-art refinery and petrochemical complex in Pakistan, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The government is also likely to include \$10 billion Saudi Aramco refinery project in framework of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). In a le..... [more >>](#)

HUBC - earnings continue to rise

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-20

The Hub Power Company Limited (PSX: HUBC) has been benefitting from its diversification beyond the base plant and into coal and hydel. The independent power producers' earnings have been showing growth stemming primarily from the plants commissioned lately. After a strong finish in FY23, HUBC's financial performance in FY24 so far (1HFY24) has continued to show growth in earnings. Alth..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL announces gas condensate discovery in Sindh

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-20

KARACHI: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has announced a significant gas condensate discovery from its exploration efforts at Kharo-1, a well drilled in the Khewari exploration license area, located in District Khairpur, Sindh province. The OGDCL operates the Khewari Block, holding a 95 percent working interest, with Government Holding Private Limited (GHPL) as a joint ven..... [more >>](#)

Electricity bills to surge with record fuel cost adjustment

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-21

ISLAMABAD: In yet another blow to struggling electricity consumers, the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has sought a massive Rs7.13 per unit increase in fuel charges in the upcoming bills on account of electricity consumed in January to generate an additional Rs57 billion for power distribution companies (Discos) formerly under Wapda. This is the highest-ever increase in fuel cost adjust..... [more >>](#)

Oil and Gas Development Company pays Rs12.6bn in gas royalty to Balochistan govt

Source: [Staff Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-21

QUETTA: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has paid Rs12.6 billion to the Balochistan government as royalty of Uch gas field, which has been pending since 2021. The OGDCL had withheld the payment of royalty since September 2021 due to an abnormal increase in the revolving credit of power-buying companies. After talks between the two sides, OGDCL and the provincial government ag..... [more >>](#)

Power generation drops 2.4% in Jan amid rising fuel costs

Source: [Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-21

KARACHI: Pakistan's power generation dropped by 2.4% to 8,314 Gigawatt hours (GWh) in January 2024 due to low demand in the system during the winter month. However, the cost of the fuel component in the overall production surprisingly surged by 23% to Rs13.79 per unit due to increased reliance on expensive fuels like imported gas, furnace oil, and diesel. According to data compiled by Ari..... [more >>](#)

CCP approves investment of Korean company in hydropower sector

Source: [Mehtab Haider, The News, International](#), 2024-02-20

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has approved a merger that will see a Korean company investing in Pakistan's hydropower sector. The transaction involves Korea-based M/s. DL E&C Co. Ltd (acquirer) acquiring shares in Pakistani company M/s Mira Power Limited (MPL), which operates the 102 MW Gulpur hydropower plant, from M/s. DL Holdings Co. Ltd (Seller). The acquir..... [more >>](#)

Power Division claims circular debt frozen at Rs2.310tr

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-21

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division, on Tuesday, claimed that it had met the target of freezing circular debt at Rs2.310 trillion as of December 21, 2023, in its efforts to manage the power sector and address technical and commercial losses. The Power Division secretary informed a meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Power, chaired by Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, about this achievement. The..... [more >>](#)

Discos' Jan tariffs; CPPA-G seeks Rs7.13 per unit positive adjustment

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-21

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought positive adjustment of Rs 7.13 per unit in Discos' tariffs for January 2024, 105 percent higher than estimates as FCA cost increased to Rs 13.7885 per unit reference cost Rs 7.1308 per unit, mainly due to massive increase in insurance cover owing to attacks by the Iran-backed Houthis in the Arabian Sea. Pakist..... [more >>](#)

Gas tariffs: No protection for protected

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-21

Natural gas prices went up once again, as the authorities take nothing for chance under the IMF SBA conditions. The inflationary consequences will be high – but what gets reflected is guesswork at the moment – given how the PBS has (mis) treated the last two gas tariff revisions. On the face of it, the price change taking effect from February 2024 has a higher impact for the most vulne..... [more >>](#)

SSGC MD performs ground-breaking of Kathore to Surjani gas pipeline

Source: [Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-21

KARACHI - Imran Maniar, MD SSGC, performed the groundbreaking of the 24' dia., 31-km gas pipeline project from Sales Meter Station (SMS) Kathore to SMS Surjani for the supply of gas to the western region. The project was proposed to mitigate low-pressure problems in the existing 12inch/20inch dia. Distribution ACPL lines and to meet the rising demand of SITE Area and HUB Town and t..... [more >>](#)

Govt restructures gas priority for industrial growth

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-22

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government has decided to change the gas priority order by placing the process industry at the top along with domestic consumers. It has also changed the priority order of the fertiliser sector by placing it in the second category along with the power sector. Earlier, the fertiliser industry was placed in the third category. The export-oriented industry was placed in the..... [more >>](#)

FPCCI demands supply of power at the rate of 9 cents/kWh

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-22

KARACHI: Saquib Fayyaz Magoon, Acting President Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), has apprised that the industries in general, and industries of SMEs sector in particular, are on the verge of collapse due to the unbearable and unsustainable financial losses emanating from unprecedented cost of doing business; primarily caused by prices of electricity and gas. M..... [more >>](#)

Will the power sector ever deliver?—I

Source: [Engr. Tahir Basharat Cheema](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-22

The sector shenanigans have resulted in a near existential threat for the Country. Although, the situation has been in the news since long, but no one ever does anything to correct the continuing rot. The woeful part is that all governments in the past have vowed to change the faltering complexion altogether, but sadly everyone has added upon the woes. Probably, the political economy of the Sector..... [more >>](#)

Lesco recovers over Rs 2.51b from 83,872 defaulters

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-22

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), in collaboration with Tehsildars (Recovery), has recovered more than Rs 2.51 billion from 83,872 dead defaulters in all the five districts - Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara - during 157 days of its recovery campaign. A LESCO spokesman told the media here on Wednesday that during the campaign, Chief Engineer O&M [more >>](#)

How to cope with inflated gas and electricity bills

Source: [Arshad H Abbasi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-23

For the second time in two months, the government has raised gas prices by 45% to help gas companies that are struggling financially due to debt from subsidies and to meet requirements set by the IMF to be eligible for the next round of loans. This rise in gas prices will augment the already high inflation. The domestic sector stands at second in terms of gas use in the country, with the power sec..... [more >>](#)

Jul-Jan power sector circular debt soars to Rs2.635trn

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power sector circular debt has reached Rs 2.635 trillion during first seven months of (July-January) 2023-24 against Rs 2.626 trillion during the same period of 2022-23. According to a government document, total payables to the power producers stood at Rs 1,760 trillion, followed by Rs 111 billion to generation companies' (Gencos) payables to fuel suppliers, [more >>](#)

Nishat Group seeks inclusion of its two plants in IGCEP

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-23

ISLAMABAD: M/s Nishat Group has asked National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) to include its two power plants in its Integrated Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) on supposition of their conversion on Thar coal as K-Electric (KE) has also shown interest to buy electricity from both plants. Ghazanfar Hussain Mirza of Nishat Group, in a letter to Managing Director NTDC Rana Ab..... [more >>](#)

Power exercise: Very costly

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-23

Electricity generation in January 2023 went down 3 percent year-on-year to 7.9 billion units – marking a fourth straight month of year-on-year decrease. The fiscal year to date 7MFY24 generation stands virtually unchanged from last year at 74.7 billion units. It was a little over 80 billion units in the same period two years ago. On a 12-month moving average basis, power generation at 10.47 b..... [more >>](#)

Power tariffs: digging a deep hole

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-23

There is no stopping the electricity bill hikes and power sector managers don't seem to care much about the impact of this on the consumers. Reportedly, CPPA-G (Central Power Purchasing Agency—Guaranteed) has sought a massive Rs7.13 per unit increase in Discos' power tariff as fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for January 2024 to be billed in March 2024. This is almost double the pre-fi..... [more >>](#)

Will the power sector ever deliver?—II

Source: [Engr. Tahir Basharat Cheema](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-23

After explaining the issues with policy and plan, governance and management of the PSCEs, it is important to explain about the operational management — especially of the Discos, which is presently being conducted through the CEOs. Surprisingly, barring two gentlemen, all of the CEOs are on the look-after charge basis and that too in addition to their substantive positions. This is most inapp..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 415 power pilferers in 24 hours

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-23

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) detected a total of 415 connections from where consumers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts -- Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara -- on the 163rd day of grand anti-power theft campaign. A LESCO spokesman told the media here Thursday that the company had also submitted FIR applications against electric..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA to pick your pocket: Electricity hike imminent

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-02-22

The inflation-stricken nation, already struggling to meet ends meet, braces for another power shock as it anticipates a tariff hike of Rs7.13 per unit on account of fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for the month of January 2024. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra) is scheduled to conduct a hearing on February 23 concerning the adjustment of fuel charges for ex-Wapda distribution co..... [more >>](#)

Record surge

Source: [Editorial](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-02-23

Get ready, dear country fellows, for another blow to your already strained wallets. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has proposed an unprecedented hike in fuel charges, translating to a staggering Rs 7.13 per unit increase in electricity bills for January consumption. This historic jump, the highest ever recorded, raises several critical questions and paints a concerning picture for the [more >>](#)

Gas pipeline green-lit to avoid Iranian penalty

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD: In a fresh push towards completion of a multibillion-dollar gas supply project, the government on Friday decided to start building an 80-kilometre segment of the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline, extending from the Iranian border to Gwadar, at an estimated cost of \$158 million (Rs44.2 billion), to ward off \$18bn potential penalties from Tehran. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Cabi..... [more >>](#)

Nepra spares Discos, avoids show-cause for overbilling

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD: Taking a lenient view of massive over-billing charges across the country in July-August 2023, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday did not even issue show-cause notices to the delinquent power companies, holding them accountable for up to 100 per cent overcharging and other wrongdoings. Instead, Nepra asked them to compensate consumers through upcoming bill..... [more >>](#)

Probe into Rs7.13 FCA hike ordered

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD: Flabbergasted by an unprecedented Rs7.13 per unit additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) demanded by distribution companies (Discos), the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) announced that it would conduct an investigation into the matter and would not give a judgement on FCA request until the conclusion of the probe. While presiding over a public hearing on an FCA peti..... [more >>](#)

Nepra orders probe into Discos' affairs

Source: [our correspondents](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday ordered an investigation into the operations of Power Distribution Companies (Discos) following their consistent demands for non-substantiated multi-billion rupee claims, citing concerns of casual handling of affairs and burdening consumers. The regulator announced this investigation under the Nepra Act, into the affair..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to re-evaluate energy pricing

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) President Khawaja Mahboobur Rehman has strongly demanded that the government re-evaluate the policy of continuously increasing energy prices on an immediate basis. Particularly, the decision to increase the captive gas price to Rs2,750/MMBtu, an increase of 223% since January 2023 threatened the very survival of Pakistan's industrial sectors and a..... [more >>](#)

Discos asked to remove faulty meters

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has directed Discos and K-Electric (KE) to replace defective meters having an age of two months (running defective for two consecutive months), rectify wrong billing, and charge consumers on the actual data basis. The distribution companies have been directed to comply with all the recommendations/ directions highlighted in t..... [more >>](#)

Nepra grills Power Div for lingering inefficiencies

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), on Friday, grilled the Power Division and its organisations for their continuous failure to deal with inefficiencies which are overburdening the consumers through unrealistic monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCAs) and shutting down the industry. This was the crux of a public hearing held on the CPPA-G request to impose [more >>](#)

Power Struggles The government lifts the price of petrol, electricity and gas whenever it wants.

Source: [Attiya Munawer](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-24

In this election, the voters put the political parties to a great test by giving them a divided mandate. Currently, no political party has enough majority to form the government alone in the federation, so manipulation and power-sharing continue. Domestic politics seem to be subservient to the whims of power rather than democratic principles. No one cares about the co..... [more >>](#)

Nepra directs Discos to take action against officials involved in overbilling

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Friday directed the power distribution companies (DISCOs) to take action against those officials involved in overbilling of millions of electricity consumers. These companies had failed to provide a satisfactory reply to the inquiry report it furnished after the widespread overbilling complaints in July-August 2023..... [more >>](#)

Amended oil refinery policy notified

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-25

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) has notified the amended oil refining policy after its approval by the Cabinet on February 15, 2024 as recommended by the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) in its meeting of February 6, 2024. The policy, originally notified on August 17, 2023, has now been amended after taking into consideration the genuine concerns of the refineries on [more >>](#)

Oil refining policy offering incentives notified after cabinet nod

Source: [Khalid Mustafa & Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-02-25

ISLAMABAD: The government notified on February 23, 2024, the oil refining policy for the upgradation of local refineries after getting a nod from the federal cabinet on February 15, 2024. Under the policy, brownfield refineries will be allowed 10% tariff protection/deemed duty applicable on motor gasoline and diesel's refinery price for 6 years from the date of notification and opening of th..... [more >>](#)

Jamshoro Power Plant faces technical, environmental hurdles in coal switch: experts

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-02-25

KARACHI: A \$545 million-dollar power plant in Sindh, financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), faces technical and environmental hurdles as it seeks to switch from imported coal to local coal, officials and experts said on Saturday. The 660-megawatt Jamshoro Power Plant is yet to start its commercial operations despite the completion of all engineering, procurement, installation and civil wor..... [more >>](#)

Nepra's reluctance

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

WHAT is the point in having a regulator that does not punish the entities it oversees for misconduct and transgressions, and that is unable to protect the consumers? It is distressing to watch the power sector regulator Nepra let Discos and K-Electric off the hook, without even issuing show-cause notices, let alone penalising them, for overcharging their unsuspecting consumers in July-August to sh..... [more >>](#)

Gwadar Power Plant at an impasse

Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

The future of the long-stalled Gwadar power plant remains uncertain as it appears to have reached yet another impasse a year after the previous Shehbaz Sharif administration had given the go-ahead to execute the project on imported coal as originally planned. The 300-megawatt power project has failed to make any headway despite it being listed as a "fast track project" under the multi..... [more >>](#)

Circular debt's curse

Source: [Ammar H Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

Circular debt of the energy segment in Pakistan has been acting as a drag on growth for more than a decade at this point. The inability of successive governments to execute deep reforms in the energy value chain has led to a situation with the power and gas circular deficit exceeding Rs5 trillion. If the same continues unabated, it will continue to increase at a more than 20 per cent growth rate [more >>](#)

Rise and rise in power tariff

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

The power tariff is rising and rising – for one reason or the other – having more than doubled in just about a year's time. The various ways of fattening the electricity bill on top of the charges based on actual power consumption come in the form of 'adjustment', 'quarterly adjustment' and 'fuel adjustments', apart from unexplained 'surc..... [more >>](#)

Recovery from Discos thru account attachments; IHC seeks names of LTO officers

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has taken serious notice of the persistent breach of its orders in the Pakistan LNG case and ordered to submit names of Large Taxpayer Officer (LTO) Islamabad officers who are involved in tax recovery through attachments of bank account of Power Distribution Companies (Discos). Earlier, IHC had issued notices to high-ranking officials, including the c..... [more >>](#)

FPCCI for rationalising electricity, gas tariffs

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

KARACHI: Saquib Fayyaz Magoon, Acting President FPCCI, has echoed the collective concerns of the entire business, industry and trade community of Pakistan that electricity and gas prices must be rationalized with immediate effect in accordance with ground realities in a way that businesses can continue to operate profitably and sustainably. It was pertinent to note that he was delivering his [more >>](#)

Lesco collects over Rs4.5m from 327 defaulters in 24 hours

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), in collaboration with Tehsildars (Recovery), recovered more than Rs 4.5 million from 327 chronic defaulters in all five districts - Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara - on the 161st day of its recovery campaign. A LESCO spokesman told the media here on Sunday that on the 161st day, Chief Engineer O&M (T&G) Zafa..... [more >>](#)

Nepra okays record fuel cost adjustment after govt 'arm twisting'

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-27

ISLAMABAD: Days after ordering a probe into the record fuel cost adjustment (FCA) demanded by distribution companies, the power regulator approved the hike, which will put an additional strain of Rs55 billion on electricity users. In a remarkable turnaround on its proclamations, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) notified the additional fuel cost adjustment (F..... [more >>](#)

Power firms' performance remains subpar: regulator

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-27

ISLAMABAD: All the power distribution companies (Discos) including K-Electric showed poor performance during 2022-23 against set targets, resulting in cumulative financial losses of about Rs1 trillion a year and adding more than Rs350 billion to the circular debt. Based on performance evaluation reports (PERs) of the Discos including KE, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) [more >>](#)

Power supply to Bahria Town cut for non-payment of Rs762m dues

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-27

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) on Monday disconnected power supply to Bahria Town over non-payment of huge dues amounting to over Rs762m. The disconnection of supply to the mega housing scheme was done after the company's Raiwind division executive engineer reported the matter to the top authorities and sought permission from them to take action, Dawn has learnt. "T..... [more >>](#)

Nepra proposes 'key' structural changes in DiscosSource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-27

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has proposed significant structural changes in power distribution companies (Discos) to improve their performance as low recovery has inflicted Rs 268 billion loss to the national exchequer in 2023. The power regulator issued its Performance Evaluation Report (PER), 2023 along with a comparison with the previous four years, i..... [more >>](#)

Rs7 per unit increase in January FCA for Discos notifiedSource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-27

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has notified a National Average Uniform increase of Rs 7.0562 per unit in Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) for Discos for the month of January 2024. The decision has been taken by NEPRA in the light of a petition of CPPA-G. NEPRA held a public hearing on February 23, 2024 which was attended by different stakeholders. CPPA-G had soug..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL cuts off another 169 meters on gas theftSource: APP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-27

LAHORE - The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), during its ongoing crackdown against gas pilferers, disconnected another 169 connections besides imposing Rs 2.8 million fine in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad. According to a spokesman of the SNGPL, in Lahore, the regional team disconnected 17 connections on illegal use of gas while another 06 on use of compressor while [more >>](#)

Discos, K-Electric inflicted Rs403 billion loss on national exchequer in FY2022-23Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-27

ISLAMABAD - The public exchequer has incurred a loss of Rs403 billion in the fiscal year 2022-23 due to higher than Nepra approved losses and less recoveries which have declined by almost 4% as compared to previous fiscal by the ex-Wapda power distribution companies (Discos) and K-Electric, as the regulator has noted that given the ongoing poor performance the current DISCO setup is..... [more >>](#)

Cabinet approves Pak-Iran gas pipeline projectSource: News Desk, [The News, International](#), 2024-02-27

ISLAMABAD: In a major development, the federal cabinet of the caretaker government has approved Pak-Iran Gas Pipeline project. The federal cabinet approved a summary through circulation to ratify an earlier decision taken by the Cabinet Committee on Energy on February 23. The project of 1931 kilometers long gas pipeline will be completed in a period of one year and it will cost \$158 million. Out..... [more >>](#)

Energy minister takes credit for 'painful' gas price hikesSource: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-28

ISLAMABAD: Outgoing caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum Muhammad Ali on Tuesday identified recent "painful" gas pricing reforms among the best achievements despite difficulties to the consumers and conceded inability to negotiate debt relief from foreign independent power producers (IPPs) chiefly from China during over six-month stint. Speaking to journalists before leaving the..... [more >>](#)

Nepra, Ogra laws to be amended; Trying to insulate regulators from govt interferenceSource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker Federal Government has decided to amend National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) and Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) Acts aimed at empowering both regulators from government's interference in notifications of electricity and gas tariffs in future, sources close to caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum told Business Recorder. The decision..... [more >>](#)

Energy sector revolving debt has reached Rs5,422bn: minister

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-28

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Energy Minister Muhammad Ali on Tuesday said that the total revolving debt of the energy sector is Rs5,422 billion. In a media briefing, he said that the revolving debt of the petroleum sector including interest is Rs322 billion, while the revolving debt of the petroleum sector without interest is Rs2,300 billion. The Minister of Energy said that the revolving debt of the..... [more >>](#)

Discos; Govt refuses to appoint IFC as TA of privatisation

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government has reportedly refused to appoint International Finance Corporation (IFC) as the Transaction Advisor of privatisation of power Distribution Companies (Discos), well informed sources told Business Recorder. IFC, an arm of World Bank had been engaged with the Privatisation Commission and Power Division since long and presented a number of proposals with respo..... [more >>](#)

Discos' accountability

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-28

Once again the incompetence, inefficiency, and perhaps corruption in the working of Discos (distribution companies) has been laid bare, forcing Nepra (National Electric Power Regulatory Authority) to announce its intention to hold them accountable for gross overbilling in July and August last year. During a public hearing, the regulator also expressed serious concerns about Discos demanding an add..... [more >>](#)

Petrol prices may be hiked by Rs3.50

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The interim government may opt back-to-back raise in ex-depot petroleum products prices up to Rs3.50 per litre with effect from March 1, 2024. The price of petrol is likely to go up by Rs3.50 per litre and high-speed diesel (HSD) price by Re1 per litre based on higher premium, exchange rate adjustment and current petroleum levy (PL) and general sales tax (GST) rate on petroleum prod..... [more >>](#)

Fuel prices likely to rise by up to Rs4 per litre

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

ISLAMABAD: The prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) are estimated to increase by Rs1-4 per litre on Thursday (February 29) for the next fortnight due to minor adjustments in international prices, import premiums, and the exchange rate. Informed sources said that the prices of both major petroleum products — petrol and HSD — moved slightly in both directions (10 to 50 cents p..... [more >>](#)

Inquiry committee confirms overbilling by power firms

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

ISLAMABAD: A four-member independent inquiry committee on 'Abject Failure — Illegal Overbilling' confirmed the power regulator's overcharging allegations against all the distribution companies (Discos) across the country but absolved them of 'deliberate and mala fide' fleecing while shifting some blame on to the then PDM-led coalition government's decision..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA puts livelihoods at risk, say traders

Source: [Gohar Ali Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

KARACHI: The business community, distraught by the increasing cost of inputs, has appealed to the government to stop the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) from taking anti-people and anti-business decisions as businesses are on the verge of collapse, putting livelihoods of millions of people at risk. Now, there is no need to go on strike to protest the surging energy tariffs, [more >>](#)

Domestic consumers bear Rs17b subsidy cost

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

ISLAMABAD: As provinces refuse to bear the cost of subsidised liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply to two fertiliser plants, the caretaker government has put a burden of Rs17 billion on domestic consumers. The provinces want full recovery of LNG cost from the farmers. The Petroleum Division was of the view that the continuation of re-gasified LNG supply at Rs1,239 per million British thermal units..... [more >>](#)

PPIB may extend FC date of Gwadar power plant today

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

ISLAMABAD: The Board of Private Power & Infrastructure Board(PPIB) scheduled to meet on Thursday (today) is to extend Financial Closing(FC) date of 300MW Gwadar coal-fired power plant with some conditions on the request of a Chinese company, sources close to Managing Director PPIB told Business Recorder. To be presided over by Secretary Power, the Board will constitute an inter-ministeria..... [more >>](#)

Dismal discos

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

You can come up with even fancier way of circular debt settlement next year, can be craftier in the next base tariff 'rationalization' exercise due very soon, and can even think of new ways of adding more surcharges and levies on electricity consumption – you will still start the day with a colossal circular debt staring right in your eye. In today's times – that star..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL inaugurates 'Digital Drilling Hub'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) on Wednesday inaugurated the country's premier Digital Drilling Hub. This transformative facility, the first of its kind marks a significant milestone in the OGDCL's commitment to leading-edge technological advancements within the industry. The Digital Drilling Hub, a flagship initiative of the OGDCL's Petroserv [more >>](#)

Global thought leaders to convene at inaugural Energy Summit 2024

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

KARACHI - Leading international and local experts in the energy, power, infrastructure, risk management, and insurance sectors are set to gather for the groundbreaking Energy Summit 2024, hosted by Fidelity Insurance Brokers/Lockton in Karachi on March 5. The summit aims to promote dialogue, knowledge sharing, and networking, addressing key challenges and opportunities in the energy and insurance [more >>](#)

Pipeline progress

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-25

THE outgoing caretaker government has decided to move forward with the much-delayed Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project, and the incoming administration will be required to take further diplomatic and legal steps so that the scheme is no longer hindered. The Cabinet Committee on Energy on Friday decided to construct an 80km stretch of the pipeline running from the Iranian border to Gwadar. The Iran..... [more >>](#)

Govt moves NPP, GPP sell-off process forward

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCoP) has directed Power Division to submit timelines for each of the issues hindering the process of privatisation of Nandipur Power Plant (NPP) and Guddu Power Plant (GPP), official sources told Business Recorder. On February 15, 2024, Ministry of Privatisation, in its summary to the CCoP noted that the latter in its meeting held on August [more >>](#)

Dues to Chinese IPPs hit record \$1.8b

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD: The outstanding dues of power projects of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) have alarmingly increased to a record Rs493 billion or \$1.8 billion as of last month, showing an increase of over three-fourths in a span of just seven months. The massive surge in the dues of the Chinese energy projects during the time of the caretaker government may become a serious issue for Pakistan [more >>](#)

Attachment of Discos' bank accounts

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-19

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued notices to Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Member Operations-IR and Large Tax Office (LTO) Islamabad's tax employees for recovery through attachment of bank accounts of power distribution companies (Discos) without prior approval of Member Operations. The court has taken a serious notice for constant violation of its order in the..... [more >>](#)

Swapping issue

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-29

ISLAMABAD: Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) is said to have put Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) under immense pressure by issuing tax recovery notice of Rs 100 billion on swapping issue, well informed sources in Petroleum Division told Business Recorder. Managing Director SNGPL Amir Tufail in a letter to Secretary Finance noted that they have received a tax recovery notice from FBR am..... [more >>](#)

OGDC – tax reversal lifts earnings

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-29

The largest E&P in the country announced its financial performance for 1HFY24 recently where earnings were seen growing by 30 percent year-on-year. However, the rise in earnings primarily stemmed from tax reversal of around Rs28 billion that the company in its analyst briefing highlighted was due to the favorable verdict by the SC related to depletion allowance. A look at the topline of t..... [more >>](#)

Gas price hike for fertiliser plants sought

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The government has initiated discussions to increase gas prices for the remaining six fertiliser plants aimed at preventing the possibility of windfall profits of around Rs100 billion due to its earlier decision to raise prices for only four plants. The issue of gas prices in the range of 175%, or Rs1,017 per mmbtu, may go to the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet ne..... [more >>](#)

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Fertilizer manufacturers; Anomaly in gas prices creates price distortion

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-29

KARACHI: The government should remove current price discrimination among fertilizer manufacturers to bring stability to urea prices and benefit from higher revenues, according to a brokerage house report. A Topline Securities report highlighted that, "Recent increase in gas prices has created an anomaly among the fertilizer sector as government has increased gas prices for fertilizer ma..... [more >>](#)

Gas consumers receive 'inflated' bills from SNGPL

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-02-19

Gas consumers in Lahore received inflated bills from the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), a private TV channel reported on Sunday citing sources. According to sources, the power distributing company sent on average Rs 15,000 to Rs 90,000 bills to gas consumers and Rs 2000 was added to the bill in terms of fixed charges. The SNGPL sources said that gas is expensive across the world and [more >>](#)

Public bemoans hike in prices of medicines, gas and electricity tariffs

Source: [Khalid Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-02-22

Islamabad: The residents of the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad have appealed to Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faiz Issa to take notice of the decisions taken by the caretaker cabinet regarding approval of increasing the rates of hundreds of life-saving medicines, electricity, and gas tariffs. The inflation-stricken nation, already struggling to meet both ends, braces for another pow..... [more >>](#)

Senate body to discuss two major scandals of power projects today

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-20

ISLAMABAD: Senate Standing Committee on Power is all set to discuss two major scandals of power projects being undertaken by National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) with the funding of World Bank and Asia Development Bank. The officials of NTDC and NESPAK have already acknowledged before the committee that the World Bank has issued "No Objection Letters" (NOLs) to DASU t..... [more >>](#)

Reconnecting with Iran

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

Pakistan did some great auto-correction by deciding to revive the gas pipeline project with Iran. It not only exhibited its farsightedness to avoid an impending penalty to the tune of \$20 billion by the year-end, but also made a categorical choice that it is aware of its geo-energy mosaic and going ahead with the pending international deal is indispensable. Thus, the decision to resume work on the..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

300-MW KE project to stay; 300-MW KE project to stay

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-17

ISLAMABAD: The Apex Committee (AC) of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has decided to scrap all Letters of Interest (Lols) of category –III wind projects as per policy except 300-MW for K-Electric (KE), well informed sources told Business Recorder. With regard to solar projects, AC has decided that National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) would confirm evacuation [more >>](#)

Textile industry needs to use alternative energy: speakers

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-28

KARACHI: The speakers at panel discussion on Tuesday said country's textile industry needs to use alternative energy to maintain sustainability and growth in the exports They were speaking at panel discussion, organized by

Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Rüdiger Lotz, in collaboration with the Goethe Institut Karachi and GIZ Pakistan. German Consul Gener..... [more >>](#)

A just transition

Source: [Jamil Ahmad](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-17

FOSSIL fuels account for 90 per cent of global carbon emissions. The UN Climate Conference in Dubai last year took a decision to 'transition away' from fossil fuels to protect the planet from their detrimental impact. Given the reliance of the world economy on oil, gas, and coal — mostly energy production — this was not an easy decision. Fossil fuels have played a key role..... [more >>](#)

Jhimpir wind project; SIFC asks Nepra, PPIB to resolve issues

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-26

ISLAMABAD: The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) Secretariat has reportedly pushed the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) and the Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) for an early resolution of bureaucratic hurdles being faced by M/s TAEI wind power project, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. On February 13, 2024, a meeting was convened to di..... [more >>](#)

Solar projects' setup in southern Punjab;PPIB ready to facilitate Saudi company

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-27

ISLAMABAD: Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has shown willingness to facilitate Saudi company M/s ACWA early next month, which has shown interest in establishment of solar projects of 1200 MWp in South Punjab, well informed sources told Business Recorder. PPIB Manager Director Shah Jahan Mirza informed Special Secretary SIFC that draft Inter Governmental Framework Agreement (IG..... [more >>](#)

Sunova Solar Unveils Cutting-Edge Solar Products, Revolutionizing Pakistan's Energy Landscape

Source: [Web Sports Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-27

Sunova Solar, a global leader in renewable energy solutions, set the stage for a paradigm shift in the country's energy sector with the introduction of cutting-edge Tier-1 Solar products in a momentous event held in Lahore, Pakistan. The groundbreaking unveiling showcased Sunova Solar's commitment to driving innovation and shaping a sustainable future for Pakistan's energy needs. Over [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Dialogue News

Pakistan needs innovative financing mechanisms to expedite its energy transition away from fossil fuels: Experts

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-02-21

ISLAMABAD, Feb 21 (APP): The experts at a public-private dialogue on Wednesday called for opting innovative financing mechanisms and technological transformation to upscale renewable energy resources for a just and clean energy transition in the country. The dialogue titled: "Beginning of the End Transitioning away from Coal: Forging an Orderly, Equitable and Just Energy Transition in Pakist..... [more >>](#)

'Pakistan can't afford early retirement of coal power plants'

Source: Rasheed Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2024-02-22

Mr Nawaz was speaking at a dialogue on "Beginning of the end transitioning away from coal: forging an orderly, equitable and just energy transition in Pakistan" organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) as part of its Clean Energy Transition Programme. Mr Nawaz said that if we do a regional comparison, the coal power generation in Pakistan is very less than oth..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Needs Innovative Financing Mechanisms To Expedite Its Energy Transition Away From Fossil Fuels: Experts

Source: APP, [Urdu Point](#), 2024-02-22

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Source: APP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD - The experts at the seminar on Green Hydrogen generation prospects to chip in just energy transition in the country emphasized that Pakistan amid emerging trend of non-carbon eco-friendly fuels must not miss the opportunity to achieve clean energy transformation. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)'s Network for Clean Energy Tran..... [more >>](#)

'Pakistan can't give up coal power plants early'

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Pakistan must grasp opportunity to achieve clean energy transformation: experts

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2024-02-24

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 24 (Xinhua) -- Pakistan, amid the emerging trend of non-carbon eco-friendly fuels, must not miss the opportunity to achieve clean energy transformation, experts said in a seminar here on Friday. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, executive director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, urged experts, researchers and students to work out investment and joint venture opportunities betwe..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [PiPa News](#), 2024-02-25

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Pakistan urged to embrace 'Green Hydrogen' for a sustainable future

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When disaster strikes

Source: [By Ali Rehmat Shimshali and Ramsha Mehboob Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-02-26

Climate-induced disasters, such as floods and earthquakes, tend to have a more severe impact on vulnerable populations, especially those living in poverty. Pakistan, according to the INFORM Climate Change Risk Index 2024, is categorized as a high-risk country for such disasters. This classification underscores the heightened susceptibility of Pakistan to the adverse effects of climate change. Th..... [more >>](#)

'Pakistan should achieve green hydrogen development capacity'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-02-26

Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, has called upon the experts, researchers, and students to work out investment and joint venture opportunities between Pakistani and Chinese firms under CPEC to achieve green hydrogen development capacity. Dr Suleri was addressing a public private dialogue on "Exploring the potential of Green Hydrogen in hard to abate sectors of P..... [more >>](#)

Tech-based vision must to transform Gwadar into energy hub

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-02-28

Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, has said that the discourse on a unique subject like Gwadar as an energy hub was pertinent and crucial at a time when the new government is about to take office in Pakistan. Dr Suleri was speaking at a policy dialogue on "Gwadar as an energy hub of Pakistan: pathways for sustainable development" organised here by Sustainable [more >>](#)

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SDPI holds policy dialogue: Govt must transform Gwadar into technology-based gateway

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The government must transform Gwadar into a technology-based gateway for not only Pakistan but also a critical route for the landlocked Central Asian Republics (CARs) for their trade thus reducing their dependency on Russia. This was the crux of a policy dialogue titled, "Gwadar as an Energy Hub of Pakistan: Pathways for Sustainable Development," organised by the Sustainable..... [more >>](#)

Technology-based vision a must to transform Gwadar into energy hub

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-02-28

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Gwadar's Future as Pakistan's Energy Hub: Sustainable Development and Strategic Implications

Source: [Rizwan Shah](#), [BNN](#), 2024-02-28

Discover the potential of Gwadar to lead Pakistan's renewable energy transition and its strategic importance in diversifying regional dynamics. Learn about the emphasis on community engagement, governance structures, and the holistic approach towards sustainable development. author-image In a recent policy dialogue organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), titled &#..... [more >>](#)

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Tech-based vision a must to transform Gwadar into energy hub: Experts say at policy dialogue organized by SDPI

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Pakistan needs to address system's constraints to achieve renewable energy plans

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2024-02-29

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 29 (Xinhua) -- Pakistan needs to address its system's constraints such as reducing the volume of unserved energy and accommodating the intermittency of renewable energy to realize its renewable energy plans, experts said here during a seminar on Wednesday. The addition of renewable energy is non-negotiable in today's climate, but this should be coupled with modernization o..... [more >>](#)

Experts expect Pakistan's Gwadar to become energy hub via tech-oriented, social development

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2024-02-29

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 29 (Xinhua) -- Pakistan's experts expect the port city of Gwadar being developed under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to become an energy hub with a technology-based development vision and a community-centric social development approach. In a recent policy dialogue on Gwadar organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), an Islamabad-based thi..... [more >>](#)

MoUs News

SDPI, Hailey College ink MoU on research, training initiatives

Source: [Ali](#), [China Connect](#), 2024-02-28

ISLAMABAD (28 Feb 2024): Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Hailey College of Commerce, University of the Punjab have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on joint research, knowledge sharing, and training initiatives revolving around sustainable development goals (SDGs). The MoU was signed by the Executive Director, SDPI, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri and Principal..... [more >>](#)

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Panel Discussion**'Nature-based solutions help better adapt and protect lives'**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-02-18

Speakers called for integrating anticipatory Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) approaches with the climate science to make sure that more lives are protected from climatic disasters. It was stated in a statement issued here Saturday of a panel discussion organised at the World Social Forum in Kathmandu, Nepal, by Pakistan's think tank Sustainable Developmen..... [more >>](#)

Nature-based solutions help better adapt, protect more lives: Speakers

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-02-18

ISLAMABAD, Feb 17 (APP): The speakers Saturday called for integrating anticipatory disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) approaches with climate science to make sure that more lives are protected

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Nature-based solutions key for climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction: Experts

Source: [Republica](#), [My Republica](#) , 2024-02-18

KATHMANDU, Feb 18: Experts during a panel discussion organized at the World Social Forum on Saturday emphasized the importance of integrating anticipatory disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) approaches with climate science to protect more lives from climatic disasters. The event, organized in Kathmandu by Pakistan's leading think tank, Sustainable Development P..... [more >>](#)

Nature-based solutions help better adapt, protect more lives

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World Social Forum in Kathmandu Ends with Pledge for Equity and Sustainability

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The World Social Forum in Kathmandu ended with a resolute commitment to tackle economic disparity and climate change. Dr. Shafqat Munir, Deputy Executive Director of SDPI, signed a civil society statement, emphasizing the need for risk-sensitive urban planning and localized DRR-CCA strategies. The forum highlighted the importance of equity, rights, and justice in climate action. author-image I..... [more >>](#)

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'Promote renewable energy but don't ignore system constraints'

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