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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

### Nepra proposes up to 42.89pc hike in annual fees for power sector cos

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-05

ISLAMABAD - National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has proposed a hike of up to 42.89 percent in the annual license registration/other fees for various services for generation companies, national/provincial grid, distribution and transmission services etc. In exercise of powers conferred under Section 47 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution..... [more >>](#)

### Fully complied with actions agreed with IMF: PD

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-14

ISLAMABAD: Power Division has claimed that it has fully complied with all the actions agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). "This is an assessment of existing portfolio. We have shared reports of actions taken till January 2024. IMF Mission will raise questions on the basis of analysis of our reports, which is part of the discussion. We will respond to those queries,"..... [more >>](#)

### Uninterrupted power supply to export-oriented units to be ensured, Lesco tells APTMA

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

LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco), Shahid Haider, has provided assurances to the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma) regarding uninterrupted electricity supply, particularly to export-oriented units across the region. During his visit to the Aptma office in Lahore on Thursday, Haider addressed leading exporters, emphasising Lesco'..... [more >>](#)

### Feb oil sales decline 8pc YoY

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-03

KARACHI: Total sales of petroleum products in the country declined by 8.0 percent on year-on-year basis to 5-month low level of 1.12million tons during February 2024. The decline in sales comes on the back of higher petroleum products prices and lower dependency on FO-based power production, an analyst at Arif Habib Limited said. The sales of motor spirit (MS) witnessed a dip of 1.0 perc..... [more >>](#)

### Deindustrialisation amid rising energy costs

Source: [Shahid Sattar and Amna Urooj](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-04

Against the backdrop of unaffordable energy tariffs, the government is taking a significant step by proposing to lower the electricity tariff to 9 cents. This reduction is expected to naturally encourage people to switch to grid electricity for commercial reasons as the captive power electricity at current gas pricing costs more than 10 cents. This is crucial for Pakistan, where gas is a scarce re..... [more >>](#)

### Shell Pakistan swings back to profitability

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

KARACHI: Shell Pakistan Ltd (SPL) posted a profit-after-tax of Rs5.8 billion during 2023 compared to a loss of Rs72 million in 2022 as sales rose to Rs438bn from Rs418bn. In October 2023, Shell Petroleum Company Ltd, a subsidiary of Shell plc (Shell), signed an agreement to sell its 77.42pc majority interest in SPL to Wafi Energy LLC. The completion of the transaction is subject to requisite re..... [more >>](#)

### Soaring energy costs stall growth at 0.29%

Source: [Shahram Haq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

LAHORE: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has disclosed that high electricity costs were one of the contributing factors to the decline of the economic growth rate to a mere 0.29% in the financial year 2022-23. According to NEPRA's State of the Industry Report 2023, the high cost of electricity in Pakistan has emerged as a critical challenge affecting all segments of..... [more >>](#)

**Oil price: Of Opec, Fed and China**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

Opec+ did what it was expected to do. The world's largest oil cartel with nearly 60 percent of the world's crude oil production at its disposal announced extending the voluntary production cuts through the second quarter of 2024. The oil prices reacted swiftly to the news, gaining 2 percent in two trading sessions before other factors started to kick in. All surveys had indicated ..... [more >>](#)

**Shell Pakistan – returning to profits**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

The previous couple of years had the bearing on the OMC where despite growth in revenues due to rising prices, the company's bottomline suffered from the unprecedented devaluation of domestic currency against USD and high macroeconomic and political uncertainty. However, 2023 turned profitable for Shell Pakistan Limited (PSX: SHEL) as the company reported Rs5.85 billion profit after tax in C..... [more >>](#)

**Industry leaders decry skyrocketing gas prices**

Source: [Gohar Ali Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-12

KARACHI: Expressing condemnation of the over 220% increase in gas tariffs within one year, business leaders have appealed to the newly-elected government and the Special Investment Facilitation Council to take notice, review the situation, and primarily focus on research and development (R&D) aimed at ensuring alternative fuel sources for the local industry. In an interview with The Express ..... [more >>](#)

**Sanctions on IP gas line; Govt in talks with US Admin to secure waiver: Musadik**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has been engaged with the US administration to secure a waiver from US sanctions on the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline in order to meet its energy needs, while simultaneously fulfilling contractual obligations with Iran. Federal Minister for Energy Dr Musadik Masood Malik said during a press conference on Thursday. He said the government is working on two fronts simultane..... [more >>](#)

**France eyes return to Pakistan's LNG market**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

ISLAMABAD: France is poised to re-enter Pakistan's Liquefied natural gas (LNG) export market after an absence of over a decade, following a legal dispute that led to a French company withdrawing from the sector. During the previous Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) administration, a contract for an LNG project was awarded to French firm, GDF-Suez (now ENGIE), which eventually ended up in ..... [more >>](#)

**Manufacturing of HD explosive material; PD asked to seek clearance from ministries for amending licences of four firms**

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

ISLAMABAD: The caretaker federal cabinet has directed Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) to seek clearance from Ministries of Defence and Ministry of Defence Production for amendments in the existing licences of four firms engaged in manufacturing of high-density commercial explosive material, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said, Petroleum Divi..... [more >>](#)

**Beware green colonialism A green transition should avert worsening existing inequities**

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

The global community has not yet shown sufficient resolve to curb global warming emissions to avert catastrophic climate change. Moreover, the very effort to transition away from dirty fossil fuels to cleaner 'green' energy is becoming increasingly contentious. Transitioning away from using fossil fuels is necessary, of course, yet the way this transition takes place merits careful c..... [more >>](#)

**Petrol price jumps by Rs4, diesel unchanged**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-01

ISLAMABAD: In its last fuel price revision announcement before farewell, the caretaker government on Thursday increased the petrol price by Rs4.13 per litre for the next fortnight ending March 15 but left the price of high-speed

diesel unchanged. In a late-night announcement, the Ministry of Finance announced the new prices for the next fortnight, starting from March 1, as recommended b..... [more >>](#)

### **Suki Kanari hydropower project begins operations**

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

Suki Kanari Hydropower Project (SKHP), financed and built by China Energy Construction Gizuba Offshore Investment Company Thursday successfully started water storage. This marks the completion of another important node target of the SKHP, which lays a solid foundation for the planned power generation operation of subsequent projects. The in-charge of SK Project Company, the owner's engine..... [more >>](#)

### **Fleeing power consumers**

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

THE so-called independent inquiry committee, formed by the power ministry to probe charges of excessive billing by distribution companies, K-Electric included, in July-August last year, has absolved these entities of any "deliberate and mala fide" intent in issuing inflated bills to millions of middle-class households in the country. The committee has blamed the power sector regulator,..... [more >>](#)

### **Turkish model for DISCOs**

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

One of the last 'decisions' by the caretaker government — adoption of the 'Turkish model' for managing power distribution companies — could provide huge dividends to the country if the incoming government chooses to maintain it and implement it fully. According to news reports, IMF, World Bank and the International Finance Corporation are willing to support such..... [more >>](#)

### **Nepra receives KE's Jan FCA request**

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

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is said to have received K-Electric's Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) request on provisional basis for January 2024, in which it presented three scenarios of FCA adjustment i.e. Rs 3.34 per unit, Rs 3.78 per unit and Rs 8.78 per unit, sources in Nepra told Business Recorder on Thursday. Recently, caretaker Prime Minister, Anw..... [more >>](#)

### **Insulating regulators from govt interference**

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

Reportedly, a much-needed amendments in Ogra (Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority) and Nepra (National Electric Power Regulatory Authority) laws are being discussed by the caretaker government, which would empower both the regulators to notify the electricity and gas tariff without the interference of the federal government. It is urged that the upcoming government (or outgoing caretakers) should ini..... [more >>](#)

### **LPG price reduced slightly**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-02

ISLAMABAD: Because of exchange rate gains over the past month, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Friday slightly reduced the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). Both local and imported LPG rate was reduced by 81 paise per kg, bringing the cost of 11.8kg domestic cylinder down by Rs9.51 or 0.31pc for March. In a notification, Ogra set the price of LPG at Rs215.49 per kg for M..... [more >>](#)

### **E&P firms prefer third parties**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-02

ISLAMABAD: As public gas utilities have long been trapped in circular debt, the hydrocarbon exploration companies are reluctant to allocate gas to them and instead prefer third parties for better returns and timely payment of dues. The situation emerged in a recent meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet, where state-run exploration firm Pakistan Petroleum Limited..... [more >>](#)

**Nepra approves modification in generation licence of Wapda**Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-02

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved modification in the generation licence of the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), to the extent of changes in auxiliary consumption of various hydel power plants and the addition of 1,530 MW Tarbela 5th Extension. The authority granted a generation licence to the WAPDA on November 3, 2004, and subseque..... [more >>](#)

**Unaccounted for gas**Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-02

One can only wish SSGC (Sui Southern Gas Company) good luck as it goes about meeting its own ambitious target of registering about 500,000 unauthorised gas users by the next fiscal year. Because, while there's no doubt this is a "determined effort to curb illegal gas usage", it is shocking that gas is being stolen on such a large scale and the best authorities have been able to d..... [more >>](#)

**Rescuing Pakistan**Source: [Sajid Mehmood Qazi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-02

For over three decades, Pakistan's energy sector has grappled with the persistent issue of circular debt, casting a long shadow on the nation's economic growth and prosperity. The intricate web of financial challenges, particularly in the power and gas sectors, has become an ever-growing burden on the back of the government, necessitating a closer examination of the root causes and pro..... [more >>](#)

**OGDCL announces ESG policy**Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-02

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has taken a significant stride towards sustainability by announcing its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) policy. In response to the growing demand from investors and stakeholders for transparency and accountability in ESG factors, the OGDCL's Board of Directors released its comprehensive ESG policy statement on Fe..... [more >>](#)

**Petroleum demand hits 5-month low**Source: [Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-03

KARACHI: The demand for petroleum oil products has hit a five-month low at 1.12 million tonnes in February due to increased prices, sluggish industrial activities, the transition of agriculture tube wells from diesel to solar power, and the introduction of new local coal-based and nuclear power plants replacing furnace oil-run generation plants. According to oil sales data compiled and reported ..... [more >>](#)

**Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline**Source: [Iftexhar A Khan, Daily Times](#), 2024-03-03

The common man and the middle class have been hit by the ever-escalating cost of mainly two utilities – electricity and gas. Frequent load-shedding of both is common, much to the dismay of the users of both facilities. We now hear about the work to start on the gas pipeline from Iran to Pakistan via Balochistan. The relevant cabinet committee of the government has recently decided to build ..... [more >>](#)

**Gwadar coal-fired power plant; PPIB extends financial closing date**Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-03

ISLAMABAD: The Board of Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has extended Financial Closing (FC) date of 300 MW Gwadar coal-fired power plant till December 31, 2024 with some conditions. The PPIB is processing a 300 MW coal power project at Gwadar, being developed by CIHC Pak Power Company (Pvt) Limited (CPPCL). This project is on the "priority list" of China-Pakistan E..... [more >>](#)

**Petrol price hiked by Rs4.13 per litre**Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2024-03-01

ISLAMABAD: The outgoing caretaker government Thursday jacked up the price of petrol by Rs4.13 per litre, further impacting the already inflation-stricken masses, Geo News reported. The new petrol price is Rs279.75 per litre, a notification from the Finance Division read, which will remain in place till March 15. The Finance Division mentioned that the price of high-speed diesel has been kept unc..... [more >>](#)

### Reducing power sector circular debt hinges on curbing T&D losses

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

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's energy sector circular debt is rising steeply, causing deep fiscal imbalances, and to effectively reduce it, the primary focus should be on reducing transmission and distribution (T&D) losses. Tauseef Farooqi, former chairman of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), suggested a few policy options for curbing T&D..... [more >>](#)

### Affordable power rates vital to attain sustainable industrial growth: Gohar

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

ISLAMABAD - Caretaker Minister for Commerce Dr Gohar Ejaz on Saturday stressed the need for ensuring affordable power rates for the local industrial sector to attain sustainable industrial growth as well as enhance the competitiveness of manufacturing sector of the country. In a press statement, the minister underscored the significance of maintaining energy prices at 9 cents per unit for lo..... [more >>](#)

### Energy fallacies

Source: [Ammar Habib Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-03

Pakistan is stuck in a low-growth trap. The only way out of this trap is through industrial and export-oriented growth, which can only be achieved through availability of affordable energy. In the absence of affordable energy, industrial growth will remain stunted. In Pakistan, industries largely operate on either electricity, or gas (indigenous, or reliquified natural gas). The pricing of both s..... [more >>](#)

### Govt to form regulatory body for GB's hydropower resources

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-04

ISLAMABAD: Amid controversy over the extension of a 20MW hydropower project to 40MW, the Centre is facilitating the Gilgit-Baltistan administration to set up an energy regulatory authority and an energy development organisation for exploitation of hydropower potential in the region. Informed sources toldDawnthat a recent meeting of the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) deferred the approva..... [more >>](#)

### NTDC boosts power transmission capacity

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-04

LAHORE: In its commitment to ensure smooth power supply, the National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) has achieved a significant milestone by enhancing the capacity of its transmission network through the System Constraints Removal Programme. In a latest development, the NTDC teams have successfully installed/added 160 MVA 220/132kV autotransformer (T-4), make Jiangsu Huepang Chi..... [more >>](#)

### Depleting Natural Gas Reserves

Source: [Waqas Shair](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-04

Pakistan continues to grapple with challenges in meeting the natural gas demand, driven by increasing energy demand, infrastructure constraints, and supply-demand imbalance. Pakistan is facing a critical situation with its natural gas reserves, which have been depleted by more than 69% of the total reserves. The total reserves of natural gas resources of Pakistan corre&..... [more >>](#)

### Completing three energy projects should be topmost priority of new govt: Altaf Shakoor

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-04

Completing three major albeit lingering electricity and gas pipeline projects would provide a lifeline to energy starved Pakistan and the new government must give the topmost priority to these vital national projects, said Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman Altaf Shakoor here Sunday. He said it is the bad luck of Pakistan that successive governments due to covert pressure of international len..... [more >>](#)

### Nepra plans doubling of licensing fees

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Following in the footsteps of power companies, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has decided in principle to increase by at least 100 per cent its annual and one-time registration fee for all

its licensees like those dealing in generation, distribution, transmission, trading, operators and suppliers. At the same time, Nepra is also seeking the imposition of an an..... [more >>](#)

### PSO to write letter to govt to help the entity avert default

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Board of Management (BoM) of Pakistan State Oil (PSO), Asif Baig Mohamed will write a SOS (Save Our Ship) letter to the federal government for immediate payment of Rs 70 billion to the company to avert imminent default, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The decision was taken at a recent meeting of Board of Management specifically convened to discuss PSO'..... [more >>](#)

### Gas price & PBS: Never-ending love affair

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-05

"Wonderful news on the inflation front" and other message son similar lines were aplenty last Friday when the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) published February CPI inflation numbers. It is indeed a relief for the masses who have faced relentless increase in consumer prices for well over a year. Forget the base effect and the fact that inflation has remained north of 20 percent for..... [more >>](#)

### Energy models being used by IEP, IGECF; Ministry, KP govt raise questions on duplication

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-04

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Water Resources and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Government are said to have raised questions on duplication of energy models being used by Integrated Energy Planning (IEP) of Planning Commission and Integrated Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGECF) of NTDC, an arm of Power Division, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The representatives of both M/o Water Reso..... [more >>](#)

### NTDC says has achieved milestone by enhancing transmission network capacity

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-04

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### PDP underscores need for completing energy projects

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-04

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### Hydropower Controversy

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-05

The recent uproar surrounding the extension of the 20MW hydropower project to 40MW in Gilgit-Baltistan epitomises the dire need for transparent and accountable decision-making processes, especially in matters as critical as energy development in the country. In a region grappling with acute power shortages, the stakes could not be higher, yet the manner in which this project has unfolded..... [more >>](#)

### Hub Power sees falling power demand on high tariffs

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-06

KARACHI: Hub Power Co Ltd (Hubco), the country's largest private utility, expects power consumption in the country to fall again this year due to higher tariffs and tepid industrial activity, a top executive told Reuters. Power demand in Pakistan plunged last year by nearly a sixth and a decline in 2024 would mark the first time in 16 years that annual electricity use has fallen consecutive..... [more >>](#)

### **Peshawar: 16 feeders now load-shedding free**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-06

PESHAWAR: Following the declaration of Peshawar as a load-shedding-free district, the provincial task force has taken a significant stride by extending the status to 16 feeders across the city. In the upcoming days, most feeders in other districts, where recovery from non-paying consumers and the illegal use of electricity has been effectively curbed, are expected to be declared load-shedding-free..... [more >>](#)

### **Interim govt imposes Rs1.06tr burden on electricity, gas consumers**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-06

ISLAMABAD - During the 204-day tenure of the caretaker government, led by Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, an additional burden of Rs 1.061 trillion was transferred to the country's electricity and gas consumers, as per official data. This translates to an average burden of Rs5.20 billion per day. The interim government, ruling from August 14, 2023, to March 04, 2024, implemented unpreceded..... [more >>](#)

### **Lesco collects over Rs 5.3m from 322 defaulters**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-06

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has recovered more than Rs 5.3 million from 322 dead defaulters in all the five districts - Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara - on the 168th day of its recovery campaign. LESCO spokesman told media here Tuesday that on the 168th day, Superintending Engineer (SE) Faizan Butt recovered outstanding dues of Rs 0.99 million from 37 defau..... [more >>](#)

### **Estranged PML-N leader urges govt to roll out privatisation agenda in energy sector**

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

ISLAMABAD: Former prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Wednesday urged the Shehbaz Sharif government to implement the agenda of privatisation, particularly in the energy sector, as the greater involvement of the private sector is the key to addressing economic crisis. He was addressing as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the 16th CSR Summit and Awards-2024 organised by the National F..... [more >>](#)

### **Refineries to maximise petrol, diesel production**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

KARACHI: In the wake of the upgradation policy, refineries have initiated to comply with Euro-V specifications, maximise the output of petrol and diesel and minimise the production of furnace oil (FO). "The upgradation policy is anticipated to enable refineries to increase total production of petrol (99 per cent) and diesel (47pc). The production of furnace oil is expected to reduce by 78pc..... [more >>](#)

### **Refinery policy to cut imports Policy aims to double output of petrol, boost diesel production by 47%**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

KARACHI: The latest petroleum refinery upgradation policy offers financial incentives, encouraging Pakistan's industry to significantly increase the production of high-premium products. The policy aims to double the output of petrol and boost diesel production by 47% in the coming years. This multibillion-dollar and time-consuming initiative is expected to drastically reduce the import of ..... [more >>](#)

### **PBS revises gas price surge to 480%**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has quietly downward revised its earlier reported increase in gas prices by over half to 480% – a significant adjustment that also contributed to a lower overall inflation rate in February. The PBS made the revision in the rate of increase in gas prices without making an adjustment in the methodology. The revision was the result of a correction ..... [more >>](#)

### **Recovery from PIA; PSO receiveables soar to Rs 21.7bn**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has proposed the imposition of a levy of upto Rs4 per litre on Jet-A1 to recover outstanding receivables from Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, recently, the Board of Management (BOM) of the PSO was informed that as at January 31, 2024, the principal amount receivable from PIA is Rs..... [more >>](#)

**Inefficiencies: Nepra to take major step after Ramazan**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has decided to summon the chief executive officers (CEOs) of power Distribution Companies (Discos) and the managing director NTDC, after Ramazan, to evaluate the performance of each company individually in the light of the Nepra's rules and regulations. On February 23, 2024, the authority had grilled the Power Division ..... [more >>](#)

**Nepra set to scrap HCPC's generation licence**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is all set to scrap the generation licence of Habib Ullah Coastal Power Company (HCPC) at the request of the generation company, official sources told Business Recorder. On June 26, 2023, the power company in a letter to Nepra had informed that it got a generation licence on August 23, 2003, which was subsequently modified on..... [more >>](#)

**Hubco forecasts power demand to fall again**

Source: [Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-06

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**'Costly' coal purchase lands Power Div in a fix**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-06

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division is reportedly facing a "Catch-22" situation on a letter of the former caretaker Federal Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali, who ordered a thorough probe into the purchase of coal by CPEC 1,320-MW Sahiwal Coal Power Plant on higher prices, which are being paid by the consumers, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Muhammad Ali wrote..... [more >>](#)

**Nepra: ghosts of the report past**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-06

A collective effort is needed to bring stability to real sectors of the economy, as policymaking relies on clarity and timely availability of data. However, what we see in Pakistan is ghosts of reports past continuing to cloud focus on our present and future- especially in the energy sector. In February, power sector regulator released its annual report, state of industry report, and performan..... [more >>](#)

**Oil sales – weak and down**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-06

The oil sales by the oil marketing companies during February 2024 plummeted by 8 percent year-on-year. The decline in volumetric sales by the oil marketing sector has been in line with the ongoing trend months despite some respite in economic downturn in the 8 months of FY24. All three key petroleum products witnessed a decline in volumes during the month. Furnace oil witnessed a sharp decline of ..... [more >>](#)

**Power sector and politically motivated vandalism!**

Source: [Engr Tahir Basharat Cheema, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-06

The present sad state of the Pakistan's Power Sector cannot be emphasized any further. Everyone, including the successive governments, understands the gravity of the situation but even then no correction whatsoever is evident – all leading to the conclusion that these very governments have not been serious at all in their resolve to correct things. Further, it is seen that the reason c..... [more >>](#)

**Lesco detects 375 power pilferers**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) detected a total of 375 connections from where consumers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts -- Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara, on

the 174th day of the anti-power theft campaign. A LESCO spokesman told the media here on Wednesday that the company also submitted FIR applications against electricity..... [more >>](#)

### Shell Pak posts Rs5.8b profit

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

ISLAMABAD - As compared to loss of Rs 72 million in 2022, Shell Pakistan Limited (SPL) has posted a profit of Rs 5.8 billion in 2023. The Board of Directors of Shell Pakistan Limited (SPL) announced the company's financial results for the year ended December 31st, 2023, said a statement issued here. The company posted a profit after tax of PKR 5.8 billion for 2023 compared to the loss..... [more >>](#)

### Lack of gas hurting production, says SITE Association of Industry

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

KARACHI: SITE Association of Industry (SAI) President Muhammad Kamran Arbi has said low gas pressure (almost zero supply) is making it impossible for the industries to run boilers, furnaces or other gas-run machinery installed. In a letter to Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd Managing Director Imran Maniar, the SAI chief said the problem of low gas pressure has persisted for the past many years s..... [more >>](#)

### PM for giving DISCOs to provinces

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday set up a committee for transferring 10 power distribution companies (DISCOs) to provinces, which was not in line with last month's decision of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) that wanted to hand over those firms to the private sector. The PM gave the directive to constitute a review committee to consider the proposal o..... [more >>](#)

### Handing over power cos to provinces; Shehbaz orders formation of body to examine proposal

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed to constitute a review committee on the proposal of handing over the power companies to the provinces with direction to submit recommendations to him. While presiding over a meeting on privatisation, he stated that the entire responsibility of the privatisation process rests with the Privatization Commission and the Ministry of Privatizati..... [more >>](#)

### Inclusion of hybrid energy project in IGCEP; OEL seeks PD's support

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

ISLAMABAD: The Oracle Energy Limited (OEL) has sought the Power Division's support for the inclusion of its hybrid energy project in the Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) and NOC for use of NTDC (National Transmission Despatch Company) data for a study on the interconnection of grid. The OEL is a joint venture between Oracle Power Plc (AIM Listed Company) and Kaheel ..... [more >>](#)

### Mari network; Engro, others investing \$300m in gas PEF project

Source: [Rizwan Bhatti, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

KARACHI: Engro Fertilizers and other major fertilizer manufacturers are investing heavily worth \$300 million in Gas Pressure Enhancement Facilities (PEF) project from Mari network to sustain domestic urea production levels and safeguard the food security of Pakistan. Talking to media, Ali Rathore, Chief Financial Officer, Engro Fertilizers, on Thursday said Engro Fertilizers and other major f..... [more >>](#)

### Industries, CNG stations in Sindh; SSGC announces 48-hour gas holiday

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has announced 48-hour gas holiday for all industries including their power generation units and all CNG stations in Sindh from 08:00am on Saturday, March 09, 2024 to 08:00am on Monday (March 11, 2024). "Due to the shortages of gas supplies in SSGC system, the availability of gas has decreased, resulting in the depletion of line pack, causing low ..... [more >>](#)

**APTMA Southern Zone rejects increase in gas tariff**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

KARACHI: All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA), Southern Zone, has strongly rejected increase of 223 percent in gas tariff in last one year and termed it as detrimental for the export-oriented textile industry of Pakistan. APTMA said that export-oriented textile industry of Pakistan is losing market share in the global marketplace due to the alarming rise in Energy Tariff. They have ..... [more >>](#)

**884MW Suki Kinari hydropower project to start power generation by November**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

ISLAMABAD - Suki Kinari hydropower project (884-megawatt), a China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) portfolio project, which will be completed at the cost of \$2 billion, will start power generation by November 2024. This was stated by Shah Jahan Mirza, Managing Director Private Power Infrastructure Board (PPIB), here while speaking at workshop aimed at developing a robust mechanism..... [more >>](#)

**Cnergyico says upgrading its both refineries**

Source: [Ahmed Malik](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-09

KARACHI: Cnergyico Friday announced to upgrade its both refineries to manufacture Euro V standards compliant gasoline and diesel with estimated investment of over \$1.0 billion. Government of Pakistan has recently approved the amendments after consultation with all refineries in the earlier approved 'Pakistan Oil Refining Policy for Upgradation of Existing/Brownfield Refineries, 2023&rsq..... [more >>](#)

**Fuel supply on exclusive basis to 3 IPPs; CCP rejects PSO's exemption extension request**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-09

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has rejected an application of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) meant for an extension in exemption on fuel supply on an exclusive basis to three independent power producers (IPPs), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The CCP, in a letter to the PSO managing director, has cited reference to three applications filed by the PSO with the ..... [more >>](#)

**Nepra ordered to conduct fresh hearing on 20 decisions on power tariff hike**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-09

ISLAMABAD - The Appellate Tribunal has ordered National Electric Power Regulatory Authority to conduct fresh hearing on 20 decisions of the regulator related to tariff hike on account of monthly fuel charges adjustments (FCA) and quarterly tariff adjustments (QTAs). Following orders from the Appellate Tribunal, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority will co..... [more >>](#)

**Ogra watches helplessly as LPG prices soar ahead of Ramazan**

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-10

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) appears helpless in the face of escalating prices of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), whose market rate has surged by over Rs40 per kilogram above the official rate, with prices expected to climb further as Ramazan nears. For March, Ogra has set the consumer prices of LPG at Rs257.59 per kilogram, which puts the official rat..... [more >>](#)

**Cnergyico likely to ink plant upgrade deal soon**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-10

KARACHI: Cnergyico PK, formerly known as Byco Petroleum, the largest oil refinery in Pakistan, has announced that it may sign a "final agreement" with the government soon to upgrade its both refineries under the amended Pakistan Oil Refining Policy for Up-gradation of Existing/ Brownfield Refineries, 2023. Talking to The Express Tribune, an official involved in the process of upgra..... [more >>](#)

**Energy Summit: Insurance promotes investment in energy sector**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-10

KARACHI - Experts highlighted the critical importance of insurance for the sustainable development of multiple energy resources, including power, oil, and gas, aimed at promoting investment opportunities, innovations, and efficiencies within the sector in Pakistan. Speaking at the Energy Summit here in Karachi recently, Chairman Lockton MENA Ata Khatib said the energy sect..... [more >>](#)

### **Aptma for urgent restructuring of industrial power tariffs**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-10

ISLAMABAD - Industrial power tariffs in Pakistan have soared to approximately 17 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), which is more than double the regional average. The power tariffs for the textile sectors in India stand at 6 cents/kWh, Bangladesh at 8.6 cents/kWh and Vietnam at 7.2 cents/kWh. The recent spike in gas prices, which reached Rs2,750 per million British thermal unit..... [more >>](#)

### **AE Power, Solis forge inverter distribution deal to power Pakistan's energy transition**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-10

LAHORE - In a landmark move poised to reshape Pakistan's renewable energy landscape, AE Power and Solis have announced a strategic partnership, culminating in a monumental inverter distribution deal worth an impressive 300MW. The agreement, spanning from 2024 to 2025, marks a significant stride towards bolstering Pakistan's renewable energy infrastructure. As the wo..... [more >>](#)

### **FIA digs into claims of financial misconduct in LPG imports**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-11

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has started an investigation into the allegations of illicit imports and operational irregularities within the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) sector, following directives from the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC). These allegations, purported to have caused losses worth billions of rupees to consumers and the country's foreign e..... [more >>](#)

### **Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline revival**

Source: [Afshan Subohi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-11

The stars appear to be finally aligning for the long-awaited Iran-Pakistan (IP) gas pipeline. Driven by necessity and bolstered by the current global environment, Pakistan has set its sights on commencing and swiftly completing a small 80-kilometre stretch of the pipeline. Originally envisioned to span 785km in total, running from the Iran border through Balochistan to Sindh and extending to Punj..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas Pipeline**

Source: [EDITORIAL](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-12

The long-awaited Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline has once again piqued the interest of geoeconomic analysts and end-users alike as Pakistan's policymakers have decided – for now – to put their foot down and move forward with the project. Originally envisioned to span 785km in total, the new government has now decided to set the focus on smaller, manageable segments in a bid to avoid U..... [more >>](#)

### **The waste problem**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-11

The recent Global Waste Management Outlook 2024, published by UNEP, sheds light on a pressing global issue: the ever-growing mountain of waste. Predictions indicate that municipal solid waste generation will skyrocket from 2.3 billion tonnes in 2023 to a staggering 3.8 billion tonnes by 2050. Such alarming statistics call for immediate attention and concerted action from governments, industries an..... [more >>](#)

### **PM directs uninterrupted gas, power supply in Ramazan**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-11

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday directed the authorities concerned to ensure uninterrupted gas and power supply to the consumers during the holy month of Ramazan. He also directed for the provision of every possible facilities to the private sector, local and foreign investors in the exploration of gas and oil, refining and distribution of the natural resources. The prime min..... [more >>](#)

### **E&P firms to step up efforts to find new deposits**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-12

KARACHI: Pakistan's oil and gas exploration and production (E&P) firms are expected to ramp up efforts to find new hydrocarbon deposits on hopes of improvement in revenue collection from gas utilities, indicating that new

discoveries will keep fuel reserves stable after persistent depletion for quite a long time. In a commentary, Optimus Capital Management Research Analyst Fabeeha Ali ..... [more >>](#)

### **KP govt to solarize 1,500 seminaries**

Source: [Bureau report](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-12

PESHAWAR: The KP government will solarize up to 1500 seminaries in the province to facilitate thousands of students studying and residing there. The decision was made by Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur to include seminaries in the solarization project of Masajid and worship places in the province on Monday while presiding over a meeting of the Energy and Power Department. Principal Secretar..... [more >>](#)

### **Work for a better world**

Source: [Evaggelos Vallianatos](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-12

There's some truth in this ideal picture of America, and I liked it. I am grateful to America for my education, which opened my eyes to see the world, especially giving me an opportunity to know myself. Biden is also right that the Republicans want to forget January 6, 2021. This was an unsuccessful coup inspired and guided by former President Trump, Yet the Republicans are so unpatriotic t..... [more >>](#)

### **Sahiwal power plant: Inquiry into coal purchase contract corruption allegations launched**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-12

ISLAMABAD: An inquiry has been initiated into allegations of corruption surrounding a coal contract at the 1,320-MW Sahiwal Power Plant, a crucial project within the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Former energy minister Muhammad Ali had voiced concerns about the procurement process, prompting the inquiry. Ali's inquiry, launched just three days before he departed from office as ca..... [more >>](#)

### **OGRA pushes for refinery upgrade agreements under amended policy**

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-12

KARACHI: The Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) had sought inputs from the country's five oil refineries on the upgrade agreements under the amended Brownfield Refinery Policy, which aims to enable them to produce cleaner fuels. The oil regulatory body will hold a meeting with the refineries on Tuesday to discuss the progress on signing the agreements, which include setting up a join..... [more >>](#)

### **Tight gas, undersea oil and gas reserves; PM speaks of criticality of investment**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-12

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Monday directed to provide all kinds of facilities to the private sector and local and foreign investors in oil and gas discovery, refining, and distribution. He stated this while presiding over a review meeting regarding the energy sector on Monday. The prime minister directed to ensure an uninterrupted supply of electricity and gas to the consumers d..... [more >>](#)

### **LPG market price exceeds Ogra's notified rate of Rs257.59/kg**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-12

ISLAMABAD: Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) market rate has surged by over Rs50 per kilogramme above the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority's notified rate with the beginning of Ramazan. The OGRA set the consumer prices of LPG at Rs257.59 per kilogramme, which puts the official rate for a domestic cylinder of 11.8kg at Rs3,040.As Ramazan has arrived, LPG has seen a significant leap. Contrary..... [more >>](#)

### **WPI: Gas and power at the core**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-12

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for February 2024 clocked in at 18.66 percent – at a 31-month low, and surely comes as a big respite. This is also the first time in 30 months that the year-on-year WPI change has stayed under 20 percent for any month. Such has been the inflation Bull Run – the early signs of which were given by the heating wholesale prices in 2021, what followed in the ..... [more >>](#)

### Coal corruption

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-12

Just before leaving office, the outgoing caretaker Energy Minister wrote a damning letter on alleged corruption in the purchase of coal under CPEC's (China Pakistan Economic Corridor's) 1,320MW Sahiwal Coal Power Plant. Serious concerns have been raised on the purported absence of fairness and transparency in the bidding process of long-term coal contracts. The ex-Chairman Nepra (Natio..... [more >>](#)

### LPG Surge

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-12

The relentless surge in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) prices ahead of Ramadan is a harsh reminder of the systemic failures plaguing both consumers and regulatory bodies the nation as of late. As the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) struggles in its attempts to rein in prices, households are left reeling from the financial strain, with Ramadan closely approaching on the horizon. Ogra..... [more >>](#)

### Lesco making transmission system more stable

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-12

LAHORE - In order to make the electricity transmission system more stable, the LESCO (Lahore Electric Supply Company) is working on priority basis under the supervision of its Chief Executive Officer Engineer Shahid Haider, according to the company's spokesman here Monday. He added that various measures are being taken to strengthen and integrate the power transmission system ..... [more >>](#)

### On first Ramazan, gas crisis tests patience of fasting Karachiites

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-13

KARACHI: Fasting people of the city on Tuesday had a great deal of hardship when they woke up to find either very low pressure of gas or no supply of it in almost every part of the metropolis, shattering the gas utility's tall claims of uninterrupted gas supply during Sehri and Iftar in the holy month of Ramazan. The gas utility had in a public announcement a couple of days ago assured pe..... [more >>](#)

### Power Crisis

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-13

Pakistan is facing an economic upheaval with an alarming 223% surge in gas tariffs within a single year, and the consequences are nothing short of a seismic. This abrupt rise in fuel costs has placed our industries on the brink, endangering our foothold in the global marketplace. In the wake of this economic upheaval, industry leaders, led by Adil Siddiqui, President of the Hyderabad ..... [more >>](#)

### Nepra to hold public hearing on crucial cases afresh

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-13

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is all set to hold a public hearing on Thursday (tomorrow) to rehear submissions of Pakistan Expatriate Co-Operative Society Limited against fifteen FPA and five QTA decisions on the directions of Nepra Appellate Tribunal. According to the Nepra, pursuant to the Appellate Tribunal's order of February 13, 2024 in appeal numb..... [more >>](#)

### Challenges facing energy sector: FPCCI pins its hopes on new govt

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-13

KARACHI: FPCCI Central Standing Committee on Energy 2024-2025 convener Malik Khuda Bakhsh has said that with the establishment of a new government headed by Shehbaz Sharif in the country, it is hoped that immediate attention will be given to the resolution of the energy sector's issues. The Energy Committee of FPCCI will also prepare effective proposals through consultation to submit to..... [more >>](#)

### Power sector: contributions of Sahiwal coal-fired power plant

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-13

The following is the full text of the response of Sahiwal coal-fired power plant to a news item carried by Business Recorder recently: Being the flagship project in CPEC Phase I, Sahiwal Coal-Fired Power Plant enjoys the largest single installed capacity, with the most advanced technology, the best environmental indicators, the fastest construction speed, and the earliest commercial operation..... [more >>](#)

**NHP: Centre owes Rs1.51trn to KP, CM told**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-13

PESHAWAR: Federal government under 'AGN Qazi Formula' owes a huge amount of Rs 1,510 billion to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in head of net hydel profit (NHP), whereas, arrears amounting to Rs. 6 billion on account of province's own generated electricity being provided to the national grid, are also outstanding. This was stated during a meeting related to federation held here at Chief..... [more >>](#)

**Costly energy deepens consumers' economic pain**

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-14

KARACHI: The cost of living has gone up significantly amid surging utility bills and transportation expenses as consumers witnessed a mixed trend in prices of food items over the last Ramazan. As per data from the Sensitive Price Index (SPI), the average national price of a 20kg flour bag currently stands at Rs2,500-2,960 as compared to Rs1,295-3,000 prevailing on 1st Ramazan in 2023. Wheat ..... [more >>](#)

**Petroleum prices likely to be kept steady**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-14

ISLAMABAD: The petroleum prices are estimated to generally remain stable for the next fortnight starting March 16, informed sources said. They said the premium on petrol import had increased to \$12.15 per barrel from \$10.45 in February but exchange rate and international product prices remained range bound. The premium on the import of high-speed diesel (HSD) has remained unchanged at \$6.50 per b..... [more >>](#)

**Oil prices may be left unchanged in Ramazan**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-14

ISLAMABAD: The federal government may decide to keep ex-depot prices of petroleum products unchanged for the upcoming fortnight from March 16 to 31, apparently to provide some relief during Ramazan as people were already reeling from the persistently high inflation. The movement in petroleum product prices has shown a mixed trend where the price of petrol has increased whereas rates of other pro..... [more >>](#)

**LPG cylinders' prices; 'Ogra's negligence has caused artificial hike during Ramazan'**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-14

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra)'s delay in action caused an artificial hike in the non-subsidised cooking LPG cylinders' prices across the country during Ramazan. According to the LPG Distribution Association, the LPG is not available anywhere in the country at the Ogra's notified price for March. The LPG continues to be sold at Rs300 to Rs320 per kg a..... [more >>](#)

**The FCA conundrum**

Source: [Muhammad Shehram Alam and Abubakar Ismail](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-14

Power regulator Nepra's recent approval of a Rs 7.1308/unit tariff hike under Fuel Adjustment Charges (FCA) has sent shockwaves across consumer sections in the country. The Feb-23rd hearing on the matter showcased the public sector agencies volley the blame consistently on grid constraints for utilizing a costly mix of RFO/RLNG/HSD power plants. The Authority's direction of establishin..... [more >>](#)

**Mafia minting money, selling LPG at up to Rs400 kg across country**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-14

ISLAMABAD - While Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority is confined to issuance of statements only as usual, the LPG mafia is busy in minting money and is selling the commodity at up to Rs400 kilogram across the country. Both the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority and the provincial administrations have failed to ensure the sale of the LPG at the official rates and LPG is being sold ..... [more >>](#)

**SSGCL accuses 'front men' of creating LPG shortages**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

ISLAMABAD: The Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd (SSGCL) on Thursday accused 'front men' of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) market operators of making complaints before the government institutions to block state-owned entities'

retail business for creating shortages and black marketing the product for personal gains. "Most of the complainants are self-proclaimed stakeholders and ..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil prices favouring upside**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

Having stayed rather calm for four months, international crude oil prices have once again started to look set for another bull run. Brent oil briefly crossed \$85/bbl for the first time since November 2023, whereas the WTI breached \$80/bbl. Ukraine's assault on Russian oil refineries may well have played a little part in the market reaction, but one must not read too much into Ukraine aggressi..... [more >>](#)

### **SSGC LPG Ltd unveils conspiracy hatched by black marketeers**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

KARACHI: SSGC LPG Limited (SLL) has successfully unfolded conspiracy by LPG black marketeers, the Company said on Thursday. SSGC LPG Limited (SLL) is Sui Southern Gas Company Limited's wholly-owned subsidiary Company that operates an LPG Import Terminal at Port Qasim Authority (PQA), Karachi. SLL is a State-Owned Enterprise (SOE) and operates under the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum..... [more >>](#)

### **FPCCI seeks 'special' power tariff for industry, demands cut in policy rate**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

KARACHI: The Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has urged for reduction in key policy rate, special power tariff for industries and effective price control measures to reduce the industrial cost of production. Addressing a press conference here on Thursday at Federation House Karachi Acting President FPCCI, Saqib Fayyaz Magoon has demanded of the government and St..... [more >>](#)

### **Musadiq announces probe into coal procurement by power plant**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Petroleum and Power, Dr Musadiq Masood Malik on Thursday announced an investigation into coal procurement by one of the coal power plants in light of letter written by his predecessor, Muhammad Ali. The newly appointed Minister was responding to a question during a press conference. On March 1, 2024, former caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali ..... [more >>](#)

### **RE projects; PPIB willing to alter draft pact with Saudi Arabia**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

ISLAMABAD: The Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has expressed willingness to alter draft framework agreement with Saudi Arabia to proceed further on renewable energy projects. Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Energy recently raised questions on the need for new agreement on development of renewable energy projects in the presence of existing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas utility increases LPG imports to stabilise prices**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

KARACHI: Pakistani households have been left at the mercy of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) black marketers, who are demanding significantly higher prices in the range of Rs300-400 per kg from consumers, who need the fuel to run their kitchens. The consumers, especially in the hilly areas of Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B), are being forced to pay exorbitant prices, which are much higher than the retail p..... [more >>](#)

### **Handing over Discos**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-10

PRIME MINISTER Shehbaz Sharif's plan to transfer the 10 public-sector Discos from the centre to the provinces was ostensibly aimed at offloading their significant losses to the latter. Another reason could be the belief that the provinces are better placed to manage and fix these cash-guzzlers due to their close proximity to the power distributors and consumers. However, the idea, which come..... [more >>](#)

**Payment to Chinese IPPs; Power Division allowed to draw Rs4bn from PERA**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-02

ISLAMABAD: Finance Division has allowed Power Division to draw Rs4 billion from Pakistan Energy Revolving Account (PERA) for onward exclusive payment to Independent Power Producers (IPPs) established under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for the month of January 2024, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Power Division, sources said, sent an Office Memorandum (OM) to Finance ..... [more >>](#)

**Thar Block-1; Shanghai Electric promises development, welfare of workers**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

KARACHI: Thar Coal Block-1 Power Generation Company (Private) Limited (TCB-1) and Sino Sindh Resources Private Limited (SSRL), subsidiaries of Shanghai Electric, have reiterated their commitment towards development, welfare of its workers in Thar Block-1 and the environment. The two companies, who are jointly working on the 1320MW Thar Block-1 Integrated Energy Project — a mega China-Pa..... [more >>](#)

**Reducing financial burden; SNGPL proposes amendments to tax laws**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-13

ISLAMABAD: Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SNGPL) has proposed amendments to tax laws to reduce financial burden through alteration in sales tax, income tax and minimum turnover tax, well informed sources in Petroleum Division told Business Recorder. The gas utility company referred to its previous correspondence through which certain tax issues were identified requiring resolution thro..... [more >>](#)

**Petrol price:weighing taxation options**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-13

Pakistan will soon be on the drawing board with the IMF for yet another fresh program. Expect the IMF to ask for more pricing actions around energy, which the Fund likes to call 'reforms', Be that as it may, with the revenue targets all set to be projected significantly higher than the ongoing fiscal year, there is every chance for the easy-pickings to be squeezed further. And of all t..... [more >>](#)

**Higher gas prices push up urea rates**

Source: [Rizwan Shahzad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-01

KARACHI: Significant gas price hike by the federal government has forced the manufacturers to adjustment in urea rates and Engro Fertilisers has also decided to increase the urea price by Rs 785 per bag (including FED), with effect from March 1, 2024. Earlier, Fauji Fertiliser Bin Qasim Limited (FFBL) had raised the urea price by Rs 1,350 per bag and now following the FFBL, the Engro fertiliz..... [more >>](#)

**Finance ministry calls for gas supply to FFBL**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Finance has asked the Petroleum Division to allocate gas supply to the Fauji Fertiliser Bin Qasim Limited (FFBL) plant from a new discovery made by Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL). Earlier, the caretaker government approved an increase in the allocation of gas for third parties from 10% to 35% to tackle the growing circular debt and help exploration companies improve ..... [more >>](#)

**Urea makers plan \$300m investment to ensure gas**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

KARACHI: A consortium of Engro Fertilisers Ltd (EFL), Fatima Fertilisers and Fauji Fertilisers will invest over \$300 million in the Gas Pressure Enhancement Facilities (GPEF) project at the Mari network to ensure the availability of gas for domestic urea production and safeguard the food security. "Our expected share in capital expenditure in this project is over \$100m, Engro Fertilisers ..... [more >>](#)

**Fertiliser industry urges uniform gas tariff**

Source: [Ehtesham Mufti](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

KARACHI: The discriminatory gas tariffs for fertiliser plants have caused a disparity in fertiliser prices, creating opportunities for middlemen to profit by Rs80 to Rs100 billion. Currently, Fauji Fertiliser Company (FFC) Bin Qasim costs Rs5,389 per sack, Engro Fertiliser is priced at Rs4,649, and Fuji Fertiliser stands at Rs3,767 per sack. Engro Fertiliser, Chief Financial Officer, Ali Rathore..... [more >>](#)

## Renewable Energy

### Hexing Energy participates in International Solar Pakistan Expo

Source: [Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-07

LAHORE - Hexing Energy (PVT) Ltd., a leading provider of smart and sustainable energy solutions, concluded its successful participation at the International Solar Pakistan Expo. This three-day event served as a platform for Hexing Energy, a subsidiary of Hexing Group, which has been working in Pakistan since 1998, to showcase its diverse range of innovative products and so..... [more >>](#)

### Sindh govt, World Bank to invest \$100m in renewables

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

KARACHI: The Sindh government is collaborating with the World Bank to set up renewable energy projects in solar and wind equipment, aiming to protect the environment from greenhouse gases and Pakistan from recurrent natural disasters. Speaking at a seminar titled 'Significance of Renewable for Karachi & Export Industry: Cost of Inaction', Director of Alternative Energy for th..... [more >>](#)

### Nepra approves key renewable energy projects for KE

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2024-03-03

KARACHI: In a significant development, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has granted approval for two of the three Requests for Proposals (RFPs) submitted by K-Electric (KE) for the addition of renewable energy to its power generation fleet. These approvals are a milestone in KE's strategic plan to integrate renewable energy into its operations; thereby, contributing ..... [more >>](#)

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### Developing green hydrogen: action plan, policy on the cards

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-10

ISLAMABAD: The government is all set to prepare a comprehensive action plan and policy for developing/ producing Green Hydrogen in Pakistan in consultation with all the stakeholders as the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has shown willingness to extend \$14 million funding for clean hydrogen, well-informed sources in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) told Business Re..... [more >>](#)

### Renewable energy plants to be set up by public sector oil companies; 'Concrete plan' sought by PMO

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-12

ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has given one month's time to the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division and Power Division) to materialise a concrete plan to set up renewable energy plants by the public sector oil companies. This plan was part of maiden speech delivered by the Prime Minister- elect, Shehbaz Sharif (before he was sworn in as PM) in a rowdy session of ..... [more >>](#)

**Biogas a promising alternative to tackle electricity shortages**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

Pakistan has a substantial livestock population offering a huge resource for the production of biogas to meet its increasing appetite for energy; however, this important source of energy remains largely overlooked. Talking to WealthPK, Director of Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET) Dr Tahir Mahmood said, "Our department undertook pioneering initiatives in the install..... [more >>](#)

**Solar expo to boost chances for Pak-China coop**

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

LAHORE - The on-going Solar Pakistan International Solar Exhibition, 2024 will boost opportunities for Pak-China energy collaboration. The exhibition was arranged at the Lahore International Expo Center from February 27 to 29. According to Gwadar Pro, the event served as an exclusive platform for presenting the latest solar innovations and the region's most promin..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Engagement

### SDPI Articles

**What economic challenges loom ahead?**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-01

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**Uniting theory and action for climate**

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In the quest to address the escalating challenges of climate change, it is imperative to draw upon diverse theoretical frameworks to understand and formulate effective policies. Among these, Karl Marx's conflict theory and the paradigm of structural functionalism offer unique insights that can be applied to the realm of climate change policy, particularly in the context of Pakistan. Karl Ma..... [more >>](#)

**Energy lifeline**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-03

Just before completing its tenure in 2013, the Pakistan Peoples Party-led government had announced plans to start the Pakistan segment of the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline. Eleven years later, in its last days in office, the caretaker government approved the construction of the first phase of the pipeline within Pakistan's borders. The project was never meant to get that delayed; gas supplies f..... [more >>](#)

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Karl Marx popularised the quote “From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs”. Given the quote, let us not forget that Earth has its needs too, and it is our collective ability that must rise to meet the challenge of climate change. In the quest to address the escalating challenges of climate change, it is imperative to draw upon diverse theoretical frameworks..... [more >>](#)

### Spring-ing into climate action

Source: Salman Danish, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-03

Spring is around the corner, so are all kinds of tree plantation drives. And why wouldn't they be? We've all heard the saying: plant a tree, save the planet. Sounds easy and, more importantly, relatively cheap compared to some of the more technology- driven alternatives. Unfortunately, it's not that simple. While trees are definitel..... [more >>](#)

### The potential impact of the AI

Source: Sadia Ishrat Satti, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-03

The global landscape has been reshaped in the wake of the fifth industrial revolution, primarily driven by the ascent of artificial intelligence. As a transformative force, the AI is influencing diverse sectors, including health, education, environment, agriculture, manufacturing and defence. The profound implications of the AI on human resources man..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's economic legacy

Source: Misbah Khan, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-04

Assessing Pakistan's economic legacy is more than a historical reflection; it is a critical analysis of its trajectory. Successive governments' policies shape growth, stability, and resilience, impacting the nation's economy from rapid industrialization to economic downturns. Past decisions have enduring implications, influencing the present and future prospects. Understanding t..... [more >>](#)

### Common ground

Source: Arrooj Waheed Dar, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-05

IN the run-up to the Feb 8 polls, extensive promises were made to the public by political parties in their election manifestos and speeches. However, post-election, many individuals seem to be suffering from selective amnesia, with some backtracking from their strong stance against other parties, and others conveniently forgetting their resentment against the establishment. Amid this air of forge..... [more >>](#)

### Empowered women, empowered nation

Source: Abdullah Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-09

Pakistan, a nation striving for a more robust and inclusive democracy, faces the crucial challenge of harnessing the full potential of its citizenry. While significant strides have been made, women's participation in governance, particularly at the local level, remains an underutilized resource. We argue that empowering women in local governance is not just a moral imperative, but a str..... [more >>](#)

### Lessons from Egypt's IMF deal

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-14

Like many nations burdened by debt, Egypt once again found itself navigating a storm of economic challenges, a scenario all too familiar to Pakistan. With an external debt-to-GDP ratio breaching the 42 per cent mark as of September 2023 and short-term liabilities teetering close to \$40 billion against a backdrop of dwindling foreign reserves pegged at \$35 billion, the macroeconomic quandary was..... [more >>](#)

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**'China's opening conducive to foreign businesses'**

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BEIJING: "China aims to facilitate easier access to work, study and travel for foreign nationals in the country. Its commitment to a wider opening and promoting mutual benefits creates a conducive environment for foreign businesses to thrive," remarked Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). "The well-developed infrast..... [more >>](#)

**China's opening-up commitments conducive to foreign businesses: Pakistani experts**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-03-11

BEIJING, Mar. 9 (APP): "China aims to facilitate easier access for foreign nationals to work, study, and travel in China. The country's commitment to wider opening-up and promoting mutual benefits creates a conducive environment for foreign businesses to thrive", said Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, executive director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). "The wel..... [more >>](#)

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### **Growth in energy demand calling for deeper exploration: China and Pak experts**

Source: [Mahira Qamar](#), [Gwadar Pro](#), 2024-03-12

ISLAMABAD, Mar. 12 (Gwadar Pro)– "Nowadays, China, as a producer and investor of green technology and finance, is at the forefront of global sustainable development, with its development model always emphasizes common growth, from which not only Pakistan, but the entire South Asia region, could also benefit from, as long as we fully participate in it. Our national development plans sho..... [more >>](#)

### **SDPI reports Rs567bn loss as cigarette makers influence policymakers**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Samaa tv](#), 2024-03-14

Cigarette consumption is increasing in developing countries and Pakistan is no exception and has witnessed an upsurge in recent years and instead of generating additional revenue from the cigarette industry, the country has incurred billions in losses, both in terms of revenue and increased health costs. Pakistan is one of the top tobacco-consuming countries standing at the 7th position glob..... [more >>](#)

### **Who is Muhammad Aurangzeb, the man tasked with fixing Pakistan's economy?**

Source: [Abid Hussain](#), [AlJazeera](#), 2024-03-13

Islamabad, Pakistan — When Pakistan's 19-member new cabinet took oath on March 11, one man stood out in the lineup: Muhammad Aurangzeb, a political outsider tasked with the challenge of steering the country out of its economic woes. Aurangzeb, a veteran banker who previously headed one of Pakistan's largest commercial banks, Habib Bank Limited (HBL), has been given the reins o..... [more >>](#)

### **SC seeks details on climate initiatives**

Source: [Malik Asad](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-14

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court has sought detailed report regarding climate change challenges faced by the country and the initiatives taken the government -- both at the federal and provincial levels -- to mitigate them. "Notice shall also be issued to the Attorney General for Pakistan, as well as, to the advocate generals of all provinces for the aforesaid date," says the order issued..... [more >>](#)

### **Climate change initiatives; SC directs AGP, provincial AGs to submit report**

Source: [Terence J Sigamony](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court issued notices to the Attorney General of Pakistan and the advocate generals of all the four provinces and the Islamabad Capital Territory directing them to submit a detailed report regarding climate change challenges faced by them and the initiatives taken by their respective governments. The court also issued notices to Hammad Naqi Khan, director general/CEO Wor..... [more >>](#)

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### Pakistan Must Be Supported By Greater Finance To Tackle Climate-Induced Damages: SC

Source: [Sabih UI Hussnain, The Friday Times](#), 2024-03-14

The Supreme Court Thursday observed that as Pakistan moves towards adaptation, it must be supported by greater accessibility of and access to finance to tackle the devastating impacts of climate change. It also sought replies from the federal and provincial governments on the existential threat climate change poses to Pakistan and the measures that have and can be taken to deal with it. The top..... [more >>](#)

### SC seeks report on actions to tackle climate change

Source: [Nasir Iqbal, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-15

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court has asked the federal government to come up with a report highlighting what initiatives it took to cope with the climate change challenges faced by the country. A three-judge Supreme Court bench comprising Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail and Justice Athar Minallah issued the order on Thursday while hearing the petition moved by an advocacy..... [more >>](#)

## Seminar News

### Experts warn of early solution of food security issues amid severe climate crisis

Source: [APP, Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-03-07

ISLAMABAD, Mar 6 (APP): Sustainable Development Policy Institute Executive Director Abid Qaiyum Suleri emphasized the need to address the food security crises amidst worsening climate challenges, which has transcended into a human security challenge. He was speaking at a seminar titled, "Climate Change and Impacts on National Security of Pakistan" organized jointly by Sustainable De..... [more >>](#)

### Experts warn of early solution of food security issues amid severe climate crisis

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ISLAMABAD (March 06, 2024): With contesting priorities amidst worsening climate crisis, it is increasingly challenging to address food security, which has transcended into a human security challenge, said SDPI Executive Director Abid Qaiyum Suleri. Abid Qaiyum Suleri was speaking at a seminar titled, "Climate Change and Impacts on National Security of Pakistan" organized jointly by Su..... [more >>](#)

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### Climate change threatening socio-economic stability: speakers

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-08

ISLAMABAD: Speakers on Wednesday said climate change was threatening Pakistan's national, socio-economic and macro-economic stability with the country ranking 14th for economic and 25th for economic losses per unit GDP globally. They were speaking at an event titled, 'Climate Change and Impacts on National Security of Pakistan', jointly organised by Sustainable Development Polic..... [more >>](#)

### Experts warn of early solution of food security issues amid severe climate crisis

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### **Climate Change Turns Food Insecurity into National Security Crisis**

Source: [Abdul Ahad](#), [Technology Times](#), 2024-03-09

In a seminar titled, “Climate Change and Impacts on National Security of Pakistan,” jointly organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, the Executive Director, Abid Qaiyum Suleri, emphasized the increasing challenge of addressing food security amidst the worsening climate change crisis. He underscored how this challenge has transcended into a human security issue. Acc..... [more >>](#)

### **Call for solution to food security issues amidst rising climate crisis**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-03-13

With contesting priorities amidst worsening climate crisis, it is becoming increasingly challenging to address food security, which has transcended into a human security challenge SDPI Executive Director Abid Qaiyum Suleri said this while addressing a seminar titled, “Climate Change and Impacts on National Security of Pakistan.” He said that climate change was threatening Paki..... [more >>](#)

## Symposium

### **Call For Rapid Adoption Of AI, Technologies To Empower Youth**

Source: [APP](#), [The PenPak.com](#), 2024-03-08

Islamabad: Member of the National Assembly Shaza Fatima Khawaja has stressed the need for adopting artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning by modernizing our education system and curricula to prepare the youth for skilled jobs if we really want to empower them and bring them on a par with the rest of the world. She was speaking at a seminar titled. The Challenges and Opportunities of A..... [more >>](#)

### **Adoption Of AI, New Technologies Imperative To Empower Youth: Shaza**

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ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 12th Mar, 2024) Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Tuesday stressed the need for adopting artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning by modernizing the country's education system and curricula to prepare the youth for skilled jobs to empower and make them at par with rest of the ..... [more >>](#)

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## Workshop News

**Unlocking carbon markets potential crucial to achieve green transition goal: Experts**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-03-12

KARACHI, Mar 11 (APP): Incentives and conducive regulations can help industries adopt low carbon emission technologies and aid in scaling up the goal of climate action, said Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). He was speaking at a workshop on "Unlocking Carbon Markets through Private Sector Engagement: Bankability and Equitable Developm..... [more >>](#)

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