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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
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- Oil and gas sector
- Transport
- Industry
- CEPC Energy projects
- Energy finance and economics
- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

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Energy Governance

IMF agreement implementation; PD revises gas supply priorities

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-22

ISLAMABAD: In a significant move aimed at conforming to International Monetary Fund's agreement, Petroleum Division has revised its gas supply priorities by removing captive power plants from its list of prioritised sectors. A spokesman from the Petroleum Division told Business Recorder that this decision marked the start of the government's implementation of measures outlined in [more >>](#)

IMF and the power tariff

Source: [Engr. Tahir Basharat Cheema](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-26

Showing traditional annoyance, IMF in the talks at Islamabad was reported to have required the GoP to assure charging of monthly, quarterly, six monthly and annual adjustment charges – ostensibly, to fulfill the revenue requirements of the Sector. In other words, IMF desires that the Sector, which is nearly stalled at the moment, may start operating. In addition, it was once more averred tha..... [more >>](#)

Turkmenistan concerned over delay in TAPI pipeline

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The ambassador of Turkmenistan has expressed concern over delay in implementation of the long overdue Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project, officials say. Turkmenistan and other participating countries including Afghanistan, Pakistan and India have already signed a commercial deal pertaining to gas sale and purchase decades ago. However, since then, ther..... [more >>](#)

Turkmen envoy says TAPI is a win-win project

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Ambas-sador of Turkmenistan Atadjan Molamov called on Federal Minister for Petroleum, Dr Musadik Malik in his office, Tuesday. The ambassador conveyed his felicitations to the minister on assumption of office and commended his dedication. Acknowledging the ambassador's warm wishes, Minister Dr Malik expressed gratitude for the ambassador's support and pledged to up..... [more >>](#)

US aversion to gas pipeline

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-29

Pakistan's energy acquisition policy seems to be mired in some deep confusion. The defunct Iran-Pakistan (IP) gas pipeline project is a case in point. The new dictate from Washington that it will not allow the bilateral gas transmission initiative to go ahead between Islamabad and Tehran is in contravention of many of the stated waivers that other countries are availing with reference to int..... [more >>](#)

IP Pipeline Remains Elusive

Source: [Malik Muhammad Ashraf](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-29

The IP Gas Pipeline project has been under discussion between Iran and Pakistan since 1994. Iran signed a preliminary agreement with Pakistan in 1995. Later on, Iran suggested extending the pipeline from Pakistan into India and in February 1999 signed a preliminary agreement with India as well. The project was termed as Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline and many experts describ..... [more >>](#)

Capitalizing on coal

Source: [Ammar Habib Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-31

The government has been the biggest borrower from banks over the last decade, making up more than 70 per cent of banking assets. This has effectively crowded out private sector credit, stalling overall economic growth in the process. Banks are now effectively deposit mobilization shops to finance the government's fiscal extravagance. Since banks can generate historically high profits just..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's slumber on gas pipeline projects sparks multiple concerns

Source: [Afshan S. Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-31

Islamabad: Devcom-Pakistan Centre for Geopolitical Studies Executive Director Munir Ahmed said at a webinar held here on Saturday, that Pakistan's Failure to advance gas pipeline projects has sparked national and international concerns. Iran sleeves up to drag Pakistan into the Internal Court of Justice (ICJ) by September 2024 for \$18 billion penalty. TAPI dusting the shelves for three yea..... [more >>](#)

Govt to offer OGDCL shares to Gulf investors

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's government is expected to ask friendly nations to invest in the country's largest hydrocarbon explorer – Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) – in order to fetch a better price for the company. Background discussions with officials privy to the development revealed that Pakistan could offer shares of the state-owned company to friendly..... [more >>](#)

Gas theft crackdown: another 100 connections disconnected in Punjab, KP and Islamabad; Rs1.1m fine imposed

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

ISLAMABAD - During the ongoing crackdown against gas pilferers, SNGPL continued raids in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad, disconnecting another 100 connections and imposed Rs1.1 million fine. In Lahore, the regional team disconnected 6 connections on illegal use of gas while another 12 on use of compressor. In Multan, 9 connections were disconnected on illegal use of gas wh..... [more >>](#)

Electricity theft detected at 398 spots in five districts

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-28

LAHORE : Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) Wednesday claimed detecting 398 spots from where electricity is stolen in all circles of Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara districts during the 191st day of anti-power theft operation. According to the Lesco spokesman, the company has also submitted cases against electricity thieves and 175 FIRs have been registered in respective p..... [more >>](#)

US says it doesn't back Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline project going forward

Source: [Wajid Ali Syed](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-27

WASHINGTON: The US said on Tuesday it does not support a Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline project from going forward and cautioned about the risk of sanctions in doing business with Tehran. The Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline, known as the Peace Pipeline, is a long-term project between Tehran and Islamabad, and has faced delays and funding challenges for several years. The pipeline would transport natural g..... [more >>](#)

Oct 23, 2020; Ogra gas tariff hike notification lawful: SHC

Source: [Terence J Sigamony](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-29

ISLAMABAD: The Sindh High Court (SHC) ruled that gas tariff increase through the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) notification dated 23.10.2020 is lawful. It directed the Nazir SHC that the differential security deposited with him be encashed to pay the gas company. The judgment said that the industrial gas connections used to generate electricity even only for self use are rightl..... [more >>](#)

Interior minister forms special teams to crack down on electricity, gas pilferers

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-21

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi tasked the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Thursday to launch a crackdown across the country against stealing of electricity and gas. In a post on X, after presiding over a meeting on the matter, the minister warned that all those embroiled in the crime would be imprisoned indiscriminately during the campaign. Interior minister forms special te..... [more >>](#)

Petrol prices unchanged, diesel slashed for next fortnight

Source: [Nadir Guramani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-16

In its first fuel price revision announcement, the newly elected government on Friday maintained the price of petrol but slashed diesel for the next fortnight. In an announcement before midnight, the Ministry of Finance said the new price of diesel would go into effect on March 16, as recommended by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). The price of petrol remains Rs279.75 per l..... [more >>](#)

IMF assured of power tariff hike

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has assured the International Monetary Fund of a timely increase in electricity prices, including the recovery of pending generation costs totalling over Rs210 billion – a move that may help the power sector achieve financial viability but at people's expense. Islamabad has also assured the global lender that it stands ready to hand over the power distribution com..... [more >>](#)

RfPs of RE projects sans benchmark tariff; Nepra allows KEL to conduct bidding

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-16

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has allowed K-Electric Limited (KEL) to conduct competitive bidding for Request for Proposals (RfPs) of renewable energy projects without benchmark tariff for the subject projects. KEL was directed to include the criteria for rejection of the bids, in case the lowest bid is considered imprudent on the basis of the criteria de..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum group; Jul-Feb imports show 10.93pc negative growth YoY

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-16

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum group imports witnessed a negative growth of 10.93 per cent during the first eight months (July-February) of the current fiscal year and stood at \$10.578 billion when compared to \$11.876 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 increas..... [more >>](#)

Handing over Discos to provinces

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-16

The new government is inclined towards provincialization of power distribution companies (Discos) whereas last month SIFC (Special Investment Facilitation Council) desired to hand over two Discos to the private sector. In principle, the power sector distribution companies, and generally state-owned companies, should be put into the hands of the private sector. However, there is no evidence that pr..... [more >>](#)

Additional recovery; PPL seeks revision in prices of gas from Kandhkot field

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has sought revision in gas prices for additional recovery of 100 BCF gas from Kandhkot Gas Field, well informed sources told Business Recorder. In a letter to Director General (Gas)

Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) Managing Director PPL Tauseef Ahmad Khan stated that at present Kandhkot Gas Field production potential has declined to 165 MMCFD..... [more >>](#)

Gas becomes a rarity in Ramazan

Source: Amir Khan/Wisal Yousafzai/ Muhammad Ilyas, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-17

PESHAWAR/ LAHORE/ KARACHI: Despite provincial governments making promises of uninterrupted gas supply to household users during the month of Ramazan, gas has become a rarity in the Holy Month, which has led to residents relying on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders; resultantly, prices for LPG cylinders have increased. Tired of the government's false promises, the populace of the count..... [more >>](#)

MYT mechanism; Three Discos' average base tariff jacked up for 5 years

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has increased average base tariff of three power Distribution Companies (Discos) to Rs 30.18 per unit from Rs 29.78 per unit for five years, ie, FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28 under Multi Year Tariff (MYT) mechanism. The three Discos i.e. Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESC), Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) and Lahor..... [more >>](#)

A Guyanese case study on oil

Source: Syed Rashid Husain, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

Guyana is the newest kid on the global energy bloc. The country's growing oil assets, regarded by some as the find of the decade, are increasingly under the spotlight, giving rise to a new tug of war. As is always the case, attempts to grab the assets are on, both at the geopolitical and corporate levels. Guyana's offshore oil sector is booming, with over 11 billion barrels of oil equ..... [more >>](#)

Stalled energy solution

Source: Nasir Jamal, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

The initial brouhaha notwithstanding, the Sindh government's plan to produce gas and liquid fuels for urea production, electricity generation, and transport doesn't seem to be getting anywhere even after the passage of several years and despite investor interest. Sindh Coal Authority officials blame the federal government's failure to devise a policy to "support investme..... [more >>](#)

330MW Mine-Mouth Project at Thar coal fields; PPIB seeks update from KE on buying process

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

ISLAMABAD: Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has urged K-Electric (KE) to share update on initiation of the procurement process for the development of 330mw Mine-mouth coal-fired project at Thar Coal fields. Well informed sources told Business Recorder that PPIB wrote a letter to KE on February 7, 2024, in which the power utility company was requested to initiate and complete th..... [more >>](#)

Pesco imposes Rs1.58bn fines during ongoing operations

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

PESHAWAR: During ongoing drive against power theft, Peshawar Electric Supply Company has removed 49000 directs hooks and imposed fines worth over Rs1.58 billion and Detail shared here with media by Pesco, on Sunday stated that during the ongoing the crackdown against power thieves, entered its 189th day in various Khyber Pakhtunkhwa circles including Peshawar, Mardan, Swabi, Abbottabad, Dera [more >>](#)

Further hike in power tariffs to raise cost-push inflation: economist

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

KARACHI: Ateeq ur Rehman, economic & financial analyst, has said that any further increase in electricity prices will bring detrimental impact on common man and raise cost push inflation. In a statement here Sunday, he said while again going to IMF, external debt management strategy coupled with strong institution arrangements and privatisation of loss-making entities is necessary. He ask..... [more >>](#)

Power portfolio taken from Musadik, given to Awais

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-18

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Sunday made significant changes to his cabinet, reassigning the power portfolio to Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari, who previously oversaw the railways ministry. This decision comes amidst growing challenges in the power sector, requiring a strong leadership. Simultaneously, Secretary Rashid Mahmood Langrial has been reassigned to the Power Division. Lang..... [more >>](#)

Consumers to bear the brunt as SSGC seeks further hike in gas price

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-18

KARACHI: A month after the caretakers burdened the masses with a gas price hike on the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) demand, the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has requested the fuel regulator — the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) — to further increase gas prices from July 2024. The caretaker government had approved a 67% increase in the natural gas tariff with ef..... [more >>](#)

NTDC to acquire land for construction of solar power projects

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-18

LAHORE: National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) has been assigned the task for acquiring land for mega solar projects in Punjab. The purpose of assigning this task is to speed up the otherwise tedious and cumbersome process of land acquisition for construction of mega energy projects. In this connection, NTDC successfully acquired and taken possession of 2,553-acre, 6-kanal and..... [more >>](#)

Axe of upto 147pc gas price hike set to fall on consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

ISLAMABAD - Another shockwave is imminent for gas consumers as the Sui companies have sought a hike of up to 147 percent in tariff on account of Estimated Revenue Requirement for the fiscal year 2024-25 and previous years' revenue requirements. To meet the Estimated Revenue Requirements (ERR), the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) has sought a hike of Rs 2646.18 per..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 64,732 power pilferers in 185 days

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 64,732 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 185 day of grand anti-power theft campaign. The LESCO spokesman told media here Sunday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against elect..... [more >>](#)

BMP asks govt to work on fast track plan to address expansive energy issue

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

ISLAMABAD - The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FPCCI) Businessmen Panel (BMP) has asked the government to work on a fast track plan to address expansive energy issue and priority should be given to the value-added industry in this regard. The FPCCI former president and BMP Chairman Mian Anjum Nisar said that Pakistan's core issue is the hi..... [more >>](#)

Discos' tariffs for February; CPPA-G seeks Rs5 per unit positive adjustment

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought a positive adjustment of Rs5 per unit in Discos' tariffs for February 2024 to impose an additional financial burden of Rs65 billion. The National Electric Power Regulator Authority (Nepra) will hold a public hearing on March 28, 2024, on the CPPA-G's request for adjustment in Discos' tariffs. Accor..... [more >>](#)

ADB approves \$250m for two power transmission projects

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD: Asian Development Bank (ADB) is to extend financing of \$ 250 million for two power sector transmission strengthening projects, well informed sources in Economic Affairs Division (EAD) told Business Recorder. One loan will be of \$ 235 million. The borrower will pay to ADB interest on the principal amount of the loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time at a rate for each inte..... [more >>](#)

PSO says LNG business 'bleeding' its resources

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has claimed that LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) business is bleeding its financial resources as without this business, the company's equity up to last year would have been higher by approximately Rs. 45 billion, well informed sources told Business Recorder. This scenario was shared by PSO's Managing Director and CEO Syed Muhammad Taha, and Chief Fi..... [more >>](#)

Oil prices in for a surge?

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

International oil prices have hovered and remained steady over the last month only to be triggered by some recent geo-political developments as usual. The attacks in the Red Sea continue in the ongoing war in Gaza, while Ukrainian attack on Russian refineries has sent tremors across the international oil market. However, despite the geopolitical tensions like the Israel-Gaza war, and the conf..... [more >>](#)

Power firms seek to extract Rs35bn more from users

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD: Continuing with perpetual electricity price shocks suppressing demand, the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has sought about Rs5 per unit increase in fuel cost adjustment (FCA) in upcoming bills on account of electricity consumed in February to generate another Rs35 billion for ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (Discos). The additional FCA demanded by the CPPA, 113pc higher than [more >>](#)

The growing circular debt burden

Source: Arshad H Abbasi, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

Pakistan is encountering a serious political and economic turmoil amid record inflation, chiefly due to the high cost of electricity to the extent that it is now challenging national sovereignty. The majority of Pakistanis pay their bills that are far higher than their monthly income. One major reason behind the hike in power tariff is the galloping circular debt in the power sector. In 2006, the..... [more >>](#)

Company may sink if tariff hike delayed: SSGC

Source: Zafar Bhutta, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD: The management of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has warned that the public gas utility will sink financially if gas prices are not increased at an appropriate time. At a public hearing held by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Monday, SSGC sought a price increase of Rs274.40 per million British thermal units (mmBtu) effective from July 1, 2024 to meet its revenue requir..... [more >>](#)

Over Rs4/unit power tariff hike sought

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD: Consumers should brace themselves for another jolt in their electricity bills, as the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has requested a tariff increase of Rs4.9917 per unit due to fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for February 2024. Following a rise of over Rs7 per unit in January due to fuel adjustments, CPPA, representing Ex-Wapda Discos (XWDiscos), submitted a petition to the Nati..... [more >>](#)

Nawaz concerned over IMF's electric shock How much more can people endure, PML-N asks

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

LAHORE: PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif on Monday raised concerns over the impending surge in electricity and gas prices under the directives of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), questioning the extent to which the people could bear such burdens. Addressing a special meeting of the Punjab government alongside Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Nawaz Sharif stressed the pressing need to a..... [more >>](#)

Refinery likely to slash investment in plant upgrade

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan may lose a planned investment of over \$2 billion in the oil refining sector as a shareholder of Pak Arab Refinery Limited (Parco) has refused to give its backing to the original plant upgrade plan. Under the plan, Parco, a joint venture between the governments of Pakistan and Abu Dhabi, was poised to invest up to \$3 billion under the new refinery policy for setting up crackin..... [more >>](#)

Govt yet to firm up strategy to overcome electricity challenge

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-20

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is yet to firm up a strategy to deal with the prevailing power sector crises with conflicting signals from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif-led government appears double minded about which of the two proposals with respect to Distribution Companies (Discos) be taken: outsource Discos to private sector on long-term concess..... [more >>](#)

Gas price: End the cross subsidy

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-20

For the longest time, two-thirds of Pakistanis paid significantly more for their heating requirements than the other third. This went on till at least November 2023, when natural gas pipeline prices were rationalized to some meaningful extent – that too by the introduction of fixed rates for domestic consumers across categories. Even after two back-to-back rounds of substantial price increas..... [more >>](#)

Gerrymandering and the poor Discos

Source: [Engr Tahir Basharat Cheema](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-20

Come rain or storm, the political animal will never leave the chance to reap the best out of the economy of any sector. This pursuit is evident in treatment being meted out to the poor DISCOs and that too without understanding the issues and the fact that government itself is the problem. In other words, the government's relationship with the PSCEs (Power Sector Corporatized Entities) and sp..... [more >>](#)

Major potential shake-up in leadership of XWDiscos on the cards

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-20

ISLAMABAD - A major potential shake-up in the leadership of the Ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (XWDiscos) is on the cards as the newly appointed Minister for Power, Awais Leghari, while showing concern over their subpar performance, has ordered immediate assessment of the senior executives of these companies. In his first meeting towards energy sector reforms, the new Federal..... [more >>](#)

RLNG prices raised after two monthly reductionsSource: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-21

ISLAMABAD: With massive system losses of 14.5 per cent, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Wednesday notified up to 2.75pc increase in the sale price of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) for two Sui gas companies — SSGCL and SNGPL — for the current month with effect from March 1 owing to higher international prices. This is the first price increase after a gap of two..... [more >>](#)

LNG prices raised up to 2.6% for MarchSource: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-21

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority on Wednesday increased the tariff on imported liquefied natural gas up to 2.6% per million British thermal units for the two public gas utilities, namely Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited and Sui Southern Gas Company with retrospective effect from March 1, 2024. In a statement, the regulator said that the increase in monthly re-gasified LNG rates [more >>](#)

Industrialists push for govt action on energySource: Gohar Ali Khan, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-21

KARACHI: In response to the key objectives outlined in the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Staff-Level Agreement (SLA), Karachi's industrialists have urged the newly-elected government to adopt a fully-fledged strategy for reducing energy costs to revitalise the struggling industry. They also call for the formulation of better economic policies and comprehensive reforms. Expressi..... [more >>](#)

Discos' petitions for 2024-25; IMF asks PD to continue tariff rebasing on timeSource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-21

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has asked Power Division to continue tariff rebasing on time for which power Distribution Companies (Discos) have been directed to file tariff petitions for 2024-25, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. "The IMF's condition is timely filing of tariff petitions and timely results. We are a little late in filing of tariff pet..... [more >>](#)

PSO ramps up diesel imports ahead of harvest seasonSource: Tanveer Malik, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-21

KARACHI: Pakistan State Oil (PSO), the country's top oil marketing company, has placed substantial orders for diesel imports in anticipation of the agricultural harvesting season, industry officials said on Wednesday. "PSO has ordered around 400,000 tonnes of diesel for March and April shipments" an industry official told The News. "The state-owned oil marketing company has pla..... [more >>](#)

Eyebrows raised over massive tariff hike sought by gas firmsSource: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-22

ISLAMABAD: The new government functionaries have raised eyebrows over petitions of gas companies submitted to Ogra, seeking up to 380 percent hike in gas tariff for the next financial year 2024-25 applicable from July 1, 2024. Officials termed the projections in the petitions as highly exaggerated that need to be rationalized. According to well-placed official sources in the Energy Ministry, Sui [more >>](#)

Govt plans PMU for upgrades amid refineries pushbackSource: Tanveer Malik, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-22

KARACHI: The government is setting up a project management unit (PMU) to streamline the upgrade of the country's aging refineries under the oil refining policy, official documents showed. "Pursuant to the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCOE) decision, a PMU is being established by the ministry of Energy (petroleum division) (MOE) to facilitate the implementation of the upgrade projects as [more >>](#)

Gas supply issues to be resolved on priority, consumers assured

Source: [Staff Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-22

QUETTA: Ogra Chairman Masroor Khan on Thursday held out the assurance that issues being faced by consumers in Balochistan about gas supply, low pressure, loadshedding and excessive billing will be resolved on a priority basis. Addressing a public hearing, he said the complaints against Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd will be placed before the minister of petroleum, and steps will be taken to address..... [more >>](#)

FIA tasked to act against power, gas thieves

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-22

SLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) was given the task on Thursday to initiate a crackdown against power and gas thieves across the country, and tighten the noose around those involved in the Hundi and Hawala business and in human trafficking. Chairing a meeting, Interior and Narcotics Control Minister Mohsin Naqvi instructed the FIA, to take strict legal action against electri..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers brace for tariff surge

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-22

ISLAMABAD: Power consumers should brace themselves for another massive hike in electricity tariffs as six power utilities—DISCOs—have sought a revenue requirement of Rs967 billion on account of the indexation of tariff components and other costs for the year 2024-25. Indexation of tariff components refers to the practice of adjusting or linking various components of a tariff—su..... [more >>](#)

MYT components and other adjustments; Six Discos seek Rs5 raise in tariff

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-22

ISLAMABAD: Six power Distribution Companies (Discos) have sought increase in tariff of about Rs5 to recover about Rs750 billion, from their consumers for the year 2024-25 under indexation of Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) components and other adjustments. According to the petitions, filed with the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) has submit..... [more >>](#)

Power generation: Paying more for less

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-22

Electricity generation in February 2024 went down 9 percent year-on-year to 6.9 billion units – marking the fifth straight month of year-on-year decrease. Mind you, this comes after a stretch of 13 consecutive months of year-on-year decline only for 1QFY24 to break the sequence. So clearly, there is no base effect in play. If anything, power generation has gone down from a considerably lower..... [more >>](#)

Pipeline under fire

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

WHILE US Assistant Secretary of State Donald Lu's recent testimony before a Congressional panel contained no bombshells about the cipher saga, the American diplomat's replies to questions from lawmakers about the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline should certainly be cause for concern. American reservations over the gas project clearly infringe on Pakistan's sovereign right to take in..... [more >>](#)

Energy theft

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

BY involving the FIA in the exercise, the government has admitted that the ongoing crackdown against power and gas theft in the country has so far failed to produce the desired results since its launch last September. The anti-theft drive led by the utilities, with support from the provincial administrations, seems to have already lost its initial momentum. The decision to bring in the FIA to ener..... [more >>](#)

Oil industry seeks increase in margins

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Claiming over Rs130 billion stuck up funds against exchange rate and sales tax refunds, the country's oil industry has asked the government for correction in 'faulty' oil pricing mechanism and for a significant increase in sale margins to save oil marketing companies (OMCs) from imminent collapse. Both the associations of oil companies — Oil Companies Adv..... [more >>](#)

IMF proposes reviving 18% GST on petrol

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recommended reinstating an 18% general sales tax (GST) on petrol during the ongoing discussions with the government for the release of the last tranche of its bailout package. According to Express News, the IMF has proposed increasing the levy on petrol by Rs60 and reinstating the 18% GST previously abolished in March 2022. The amount of fede..... [more >>](#)

Two lending agreements on hydropower projects signed with SFD

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

ISLAMABAD: The government of Pakistan and Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) signed two loan agreements amounting 107 million dollars for hydropower projects. A delegation from the SFD, led by Sultan Bin Abdul Rehman Al Marshad, chief executive officer (CEO) SFD, during its visit to Pakistan (22-24 March, 2024), called on Ahad Khan Cheema, Minister for Economic Affairs on 22nd March 2024. [more >>](#)

Boards of Discos; Power Division fails to discourage 'conflict of interest'

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Power Division has reportedly failed to discourage 'conflict of interest' in Boards of power Distribution Companies as most of the incumbent Boards have deep links with ruling political parties. Chairmen of Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO), Engineer Qamarul Islam Raja has been elected Member Punjab Assembly but has not resigned from office. Likewise, Chairman, [more >>](#)

Energy crisis in Pakistan

Source: [Ali Hassan Bangwar](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-24

Energy security and self-sufficiency are fundamental prerequisites for the progress and prosperity of any nation. Given their inextricable link with holistic national development post-industrial revolution, the two promise a bright future for countries. Countries that are self-sufficient in their energy supplies enjoy prosperous status in the world's comity. As the capacity to do work, energ..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL's ESG committee reviews progress on policy implementation framework

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-24

ISLAMABAD - The Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Committee of the Board of Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) held a meeting under the chairmanship of Hassan Mehmood Yousafzai at the OGDCL Head Office in Islamabad. The committee discussed the company's ESG policy, Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the ESG committee, and the implementation framework. The committe..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan has capable human resource to support nuclear power infrastructure: Ishaq Dar

Source: [Saba](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-22

Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Thursday met Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Mariano Grossi, at the sidelines of the Nuclear Energy Summit in Brussels. The Foreign Minister appreciated IAEA's role in enhancing peaceful uses of nuclear technology and for organizing the First ever Nuclear Energy Summit. He highlighted that as a founder member, Pakistan att..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL seeks 147pc gas price hike, 3rd time in one year

Source: [Israr Khan & Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-03-25

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) is convening a public hearing in Lahore on Monday (today) on a petition submitted by the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL), seeking a huge 147 percent increase in gas prices for the Fiscal Year 2024-25. If the proposed third increase within a year is sanctioned, it is anticipated to substantially hike the inflation rates and overburden..... [more >>](#)

Making electricity affordable again

Source: [Ammar H Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-25

The country is stuck in a low-growth trap. A shift in the economic model from consumption to export-oriented growth necessitates the availability of affordable electricity. The age-old practice of passing on prices to the consumer will only add more burdens on the consumer and further restrict growth. Electricity consumption per capita has consistently declined over the last five years, wherein p..... [more >>](#)

Pak energy usage down by 18pc causing oil import bill cut by \$5.8b in 2022-23

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-25

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's energy consumption has declined by 18 per cent, resulted in reduction in oil import bill by \$5.8 billion, during the Fiscal Year 2022-23. However, Pakistan's total installed electricity capacity reached 45,605 MW, recording a hike of 10.15 per cent or 4203 MW, during the FY 2022-23, from the previous year's 41,402 MW, said Pakistan Energy [more >>](#)

PD revises price forecast for spot LNG

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-25

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) has revised price forecast for spot LNG with Sui gas companies and Power Division till September 2024. According to M/s Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) the projected JKM forecast price of spot LNG for April 2024 will be \$8.49/ MMBTU instead of \$ 8.52, for May \$8.22/ MMBTU as compared to previous projection of \$8.38/ MMBTU (\$ 0.17) , June \$7.89..... [more >>](#)

Industry sends SOS amid heavy influx of Iranian oil

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The increasing scale of smuggling of petroleum products has brought the country's oil supply chain — from import to refineries and from marketing companies to pipeline transport network — to its knees. With a massive drop in registered sales, the country's oil industry has sought emergent action from the prime minister and other state agencies to stop the smuggl..... [more >>](#)

Islamabad to seek US waiver for Iran pipeline

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The newly elected government has decided to seek exemption from potential US sanctions against Pakistani entities to be involved in the construction of Pak-Iran gas pipeline. "We will seek exemption from US sanctions. Pakistan cannot afford sanctions in the gas pipeline project," Minister for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik told journalists during an informal ch..... [more >>](#)

State-run Discos seek \$9.9bn in power rate adjustments for 2024-25

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2024-03-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's ten state-run power distribution companies (Discos) have formally requested approval from the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) for an annual adjustment or indexation of distribution/supply margin totaling Rs2.763 trillion (equivalent to \$9.9 billion) for the fiscal year 2024-25. The request, submitted by the utilities, encompasses comprehensive calc..... [more >>](#)

OCAC backs old price mechanism

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The oil industry has called for reverting to the old methodology of price revision based on the current value of dollar indexation. In a letter written to the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) chairman, the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC), a lobbying group of oil industry players, called for re-establishing the old mechanism where the current dollar rate was taken into con..... [more >>](#)

XWDiscos seek Nepra nod to meet revenue requirement of Rs2.76 trillion for next fiscal year

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-26

ISLAMABAD - Preparing for revision in base electricity tariff, ex-WAPDA distribution companies (XWDiscos) have sought the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) nod to meet revenue requirement of Rs2.763 trillion for the next fiscal year 2024-25. Earlier, six Discos submitted their petitions for their revenue requirements seeking total Rs 967 billion on account of..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL proposes 3rd price hike in a year

Source: [inp](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-25

The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) For the third time in a year has proposed a significant increase in gas prices. A hearing regarding the increase in gas prices is scheduled to take place in Lahore on March 25th. According to sources, the SNGPL has recommended a price of 4489 rupees per MMBTU. Reports suggest that this increase in gas prices could result in an average hike of up to 15..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL seeks 147% gas price hike, 3rd time in a year

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-26

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10 Discos seek Rs2.765trn tariff adjustment

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The country's 10 power Distribution Companies (Discos) have approached the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to further burden consumers with Rs 2.765 trillion for adjustment/indexation of different tariff components of tariff for the year 2024-25 multi-Year Tariff (MYT) components. According to the petitions filed with the National Electric Power Regulator..... [more >>](#)

Power sector challenges

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-26

Lending agencies insist that power sector reforms must ensure full-cost recovery, an economically viable policy, that administration after administration has defined as raising tariffs, which, in turn, has not only led to persistently high inflation but also a rise in input costs of industrial units making our products uncompetitive in the world market. Pakistani administrations on the other hand [more >>](#)

Energy conservation body in peril as execs face the axe

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The state of affairs at the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (Neeca) has become a true depiction of the country's energy sector challenges. The government has suddenly notified abolition of key executive positions at Neeca, the agency tasked with efficiency and conservation of the energy sector that was already extremely understaffed — operating with ju..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL finds oil, gas in KP

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

KARACHI: Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) on Tuesday announced that it had discovered hydrocarbon reserves in Kohat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, according to a stock filing. "The OGDCL, the operator of the Kohat Exploration Licence, governed under the Pakistan Petroleum and Exploration Rules 2001, in Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has discovered hydrocarbons in..... [more >>](#)

Throngs at Karachi cylinder shops after gas 'disappears' from kitchens

Source: [Shazia Hasan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

KARACHI: The anger of people in the city, which is facing a gas crisis and undergoing hours-long loadshedding and low pressure in Ramazan, is visible at the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder filling shops. Before the advent of Ramazan, the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) had announced that it would ensure gas supply from 3am to 9am for Sehri and from 3pm to 10pm for Iftar. However, almo..... [more >>](#)

Energy supply chain under threat

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has warned that the country's entire energy supply chain may get disrupted as circular debt is uncontrollably rising in sales of liquefied natural gas (LNG). In a letter written to the managing director of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), oil marketing giant PSO said that outstanding dues against the sale of LNG to the public gas utility had..... [more >>](#)

Lesco recovers over Rs 2.75b from 94,958 defaulters in 185 days

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has recovered more than Rs 2.75 billion from 94,958 dead defaulters in all the five districts- Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara- during 185 days of its recovery campaign. LESCO spokesman told media here Tuesday that during the 185 days, the LESCO, under the supervision of Director (Customer Services) Rai Muhamma..... [more >>](#)

Early completion of Gwadar power plant ordered

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal directed the authorities concerned to expedite the construction of the Gwadar Power Plant. The minister made these directions while chairing a meeting to review the progress of Gwadar Power Plant. The meeting was attended by the officials of the ministry, managing director Private Power Infrastructu..... [more >>](#)

Use of System Charges; Higher unit cost will make power trade unfeasible?

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The higher cost of about Rs 26 per unit Use of System Charges (UoSC) to be recovered from key consumers under the long-awaited Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM) may make the entire electricity trade market unfeasible. The CTBCM is likely to be in place by May or June 2024. This was the crux of background interaction with officials and as per the briefing giv..... [more >>](#)

NTDC asked to expedite work on power evacuation projects

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Sardar Owais Ahmad Khan Leghari has directed National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) to expedite work on power evacuation projects to transmit cheap electricity to consumers. He issued these directions at a meeting with Chairman Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani (ret'd) here on Tuesday. During the meeting, there wa..... [more >>](#)

Police directed to send challans of power theft cases to court

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

LAHROE: Additional IG Investigation Punjab Muhammad Idrees Ahmad presided over a video link meeting on investigation matters at the Central Police Office, in which all the SSPs, SP Investigation and other supervisory officers of the province participated. During the meeting, Additional IG Investigation Punjab reviewed the progress report of last 10 years of cases and challans. In the meeting,..... [more >>](#)

Utilize power plants fully, IMF advises Lender proposes lowering power tariffs strategy

Source: [Irshad Ansari](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has proposed measures to lower the power tariff for various consumer categories, suggesting an enhancement of the energy mix and a reduction in capacity charges by fully utilizing new power plants. Sources within the Ministry of Finance revealed that the IMF has advised the government to operate new power plants at their maximum capacity to address..... [more >>](#)

CEOs of Discos ordered to stop electricity theft

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awaiz Ahmad Leghari has termed power theft “economic terrorism” and directed Discos to take decisive action against the electricity thieves. He was addressing the chairmen and the chief executive officers (CEOs) of the power distribution companies through a video link. The discussion centred on combating electricity theft, which th..... [more >>](#)

Thatta Cat-III wind projects; PPIB develops ‘new arrangements’

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

ISLAMABAD: Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) is said to have developed new arrangements for Category-III wind projects in Thatta, according to which K-Electric (KE) will purchase 300-MW electricity using its own transmission network, well informed sources in NEPRA told Business Recorder. This was revealed by Managing Director, PPIB, Shah Jahan Mirza in a letter to Chairman Natio..... [more >>](#)

Outstanding dues; Iranian firm Sunir seeks PM’s help

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

ISLAMABAD: Iranian firm M/s Sunir has sought Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif’s support for payment of outstanding amount of National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC). In a letter to Prime Minister, Managing Director M/s Sunir, Hasan Gholinezhad stated that the company has completed the Gwadar Pak-Iran 220KV interconnection transmission line for the import of additional 100MW elect..... [more >>](#)

Electricity (price) shock incoming

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

One of the key objectives of the IMF’s next Extended Fund Facility (EFF) to Pakistan will be “restoring the energy sector’s viability by accelerating cost reducing reforms”. By the time Pakistan enters the desired bigger and longer EFF, it will likely have undertaken the biggest of all base tariff adjustments in the electricity market. It is another thing how the IMF even t..... [more >>](#)

Nepa okays hike in electricity tariff in terms of ‘quarterly adjustment’

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-28

Power consumers will now have to bear an additional burden of Rs2.75 per unit as the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) approved hiking the tariff for the current quarter of the fiscal year 2023-24. The latest hike was approved in terms of quarterly adjustment worth Rs85.2 billion in total for the second quarter of FY2023-24, having a uniform impact Rs2.75 per unit on each consu..... [more >>](#)

Our energy quagmire

Source: [Shahzad Tahir](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-03-29

As the country prepares for another scorching summer, the perennial question looms large amongst the hoi polloi: why does the country still struggle to meet its energy demands despite 67 years of the geographic stretch enjoying abundance in solar, hydro and wind power generation potential? The answer is intricately woven into a labyrinth of regulatory hurdles, commercial inefficiencies, administr..... [more >>](#)

Consumers to face Rs7.63 per unit additional fuel costs for Feb

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-29

ISLAMABAD: Flabbergasted by the non-compliance of its orders and the rising fuel costs, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday expressed concern that the impact of fuel costs for February consumption actually meant a Rs7.63 per unit tariff increase, instead of the Rs5 per unit sought by power companies in their petitions. At the same time, the regulator advised the g..... [more >>](#)

LNG diversion leads to gas price hike

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-29

LAHORE: Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has emphasised that the cost of human resources accounts for only 4% of the total gas price, where 94% is the cost of gas and the remaining is the return on capital expenditure. According to an SNGPL spokesperson, one of the key reasons behind the increase in gas prices is the continuous depletion of domestic gas resources, which has necessitate..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers to pay extra Rs85b

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-29

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved an increase of Rs2.7492 per unit in electricity tariffs on account of second quarterly adjustment for financial year 2023-24. The quarterly adjustment will have a total impact of Rs85.2 billion on consumers for the October-December period of FY24. The currently applicable two quarterly adjustments of Rs4.43 per kil..... [more >>](#)

Abettors of electricity theft will be given exemplary punishment, warns PM

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-29

Govt decides to install smart meters on transformers under PSDP n Shehbaz Sharif lauds Pakistan Navy for safeguarding country's maritime interests n APNS delegation calls on PM n Shehbaz Sharif assures to resolve issues faced by journalist community. ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Thursday chaired a high level meeting to control electricity theft and directed the conce..... [more >>](#)

Inflation-hit power consumers to pay Rs125b extra as adjustments

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#) , [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-29

ISLAMABAD - The electricity consumers of the country will pay an additional Rs125 billion in next three months (April to June) on account of quarterly and monthly adjustments. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Thursday allowed an increase of Rs2.7492 per unit in tariff for the consumers of Distribution Companies and K-Electric on account of second quar..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price set to surge by Rs10, diesel to dip in upcoming review

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-03-30

KARACHI: The price of petrol is poised to rise by nearly Rs10 per litre in the upcoming fortnightly review of petroleum prices, in line with a surge in international crude prices, industry officials said on Friday. The price of petrol is likely to go up to Rs289.69 per litre in the next review of prices from the existing Rs 279.75 per litre, according to the estimates of the oil industry. Howeve..... [more >>](#)

Neelum-Jhelum project achieves maximum capacity after repair

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-30

LAHORE: Neelum Jhelum Hydroelectric Project has achieved its maximum generation capacity of 969 MW after completion of repair work on one of its tunnels. Following resumption of its operation early this month after inspection of the tail race tunnel (TRT), the project is continuously in operation as per the availability of water and contributing electricity to the National Grid, especially during..... [more >>](#)

Hike in power rates

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-30

SUMMER is fast approaching and bringing with it more hardships for the working classes. Already grappling with a severe cost-of-living crisis, low-to moderate-income households were in for another shock on Thursday when Nepra hiked the price of electricity they had consumed during October-December 2023 by almost Rs2.75 per unit. The latest increase in power prices has been made under the quarterly..... [more >>](#)

Petrol may hit Rs290 ahead of Eid

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-30

ISLAMABAD: Ahead of Eidul Fitr, the petrol price is estimated to go up by about Rs10-11 per litre on Sunday (March 31) for the next fortnight, owing mainly to higher import premiums and global prices. However, the price of another key fuel, high-speed diesel (HSD), is likely to drop by up to Rs2 per litre. Given petrol's current ex-depot price of around Rs280 per litre, the coming review m..... [more >>](#)

Nepra approves Rs85.275bn QTA for Q2FY24

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-29

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved the quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA) of Rs85.275 billion for the 2nd quarter of FY 2023-24, having a uniform impact of Rs2.7492/kWh. The amount of Rs85.2 billion has been determined on account of variation in capacity charges, variable O&M, additional recovery on incremental sales, use of system charges, mar..... [more >>](#)

3 lots of Dasu project; EAD directs NTDC to complete construction by end-Dec 2025

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-30

ISLAMABAD: Taking serious notice of undue delays in projects funded by the World Bank, Economic Affairs Division (EAD) has directed the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) to ensure completion of construction work on Lot-1, Lot-2 and Lot-3 of Dasu hydropower project by end December, 2025, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. These directions were issued at a recent meet..... [more >>](#)

Is there more misery in the offing?

Source: [Engr. Tahir Basharat Cheema](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-30

Presently, the power sector is stuck with 43,000MWs of available generation capacity, while the power division informs us that our demand hovers between 10,000MWs in dead winters and a maximum of 26,000MWs in high summers. Further, it is informed that 16,000MW being the cooling load, the consumers are being burdened with the raw capacity charges for the unutilized MWs averaging 8,000 to 10,000MWs [more >>](#)

OGDCL, Saif Energy discover new hydrocarbon reserves in Kohat Block

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-30

ISLAMABAD - OGDCL (Oil and Gas Development Company Limited) and Saif Energy Ltd (SEL), a joint venture partner, have discovered new hydrocarbon reserves in Kohat Block on a sole risk basis. The well was spudded on August 28, 2023, and successfully reached its target depth of 2414 meters in the Chichali-I Formation on November 18, 2023. JV (M/s OGDCL, M/s SEL, M/s MPCL) dec..... [more >>](#)

'Iesco implements customer friendly policies'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-31

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) Chief Executive Dr Muhammad Amjad Khan in his statement said that Iesco achieved best power distribution company position this is because of the stable power distribution system and because of implementation of customer friendly policies throughout Iesco region, says a press release. In continuation of the Federal Minister for power division di..... [more >>](#)

MoU signed to supply 500MW of solar hybrid inverters to Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-28

As part of the ongoing renewable energy collaboration between Pakistan and China, Knox Solar and Voltronic Power, an electronic device exporter in Taiwan, China, inked Pakistan's largest MoU for the supply of inverters totaling a monumental 500MW. The groundbreaking partnership, which took place last week in Shenzhen, China, signifies a major step towards sustainable energy development in P..... [more >>](#)

US warns Pakistan of sanctions over gas pipeline project with Iran

Source: [inp](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-28

The United States has declared that it does not support the Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline project going forward and cautioned Islamabad about the risk of sanctions in doing business with Tehran. The Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline, known as the Peace Pipeline, is a long-term project between Tehran and Islamabad, and has faced delays and funding challenges for several years. Pakistan and Iran had signed [more >>](#)

Power tariff jacked up by Rs2.75 per unit

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-29

The government on Thursday increased the electricity price by Rs2.75 per unit. According to the notification issued by National Electricity Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), the electricity prices have been increased on account of quarterly adjustment. The increase will be applicable on the months of April, May and June bills. The price will be applicable on all the consumers of Discos and K-Elec..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL's stance on Gas Price determination

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-03-29

Reference news items published in the media regarding inclusion of inflated HR cost in the gas pricing and increase in gas price three times in the current year. In this respect it is highlighted that the Operating Cost including the HR cost is only 4% of the total gas price. 94% is cost of gas alone, while rest is return on CAPEX. Key Reasons for Increase in Price: i. Our indigenous gas reso..... [more >>](#)

Privatisation of Discos, various IPPs projects under study

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Privatisation and Board of Investment Abdul Aleem Khan and Federal Minister for Power and Works Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari held a detailed meeting in which they discussed the privatisation of DISCOs and various projects of IPPs for the purpose of privatisation. It was decided that the process of privatisation would be accelerated. Similarly, the pace of hand..... [more >>](#)

Private sector's participation in Discos; IFC in talks with Power Division

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-24

ISLAMABAD: The International Finance Corporation (IFC), an arm of the World Bank, is engaged in discussions with the Power Division to help promote private sector participation in power Distribution Companies (Discos), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The IFC's engagement with the Power Division was reflected in a letter written by the Country Manager Zeeshan Sheikh to the [more >>](#)

Coal shortage period; Chinese may be allowed to declare OFME

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to allow Chinese coal power plants to declare coal shortage period as Other Force Majeure Event (OFME) in line with settlement done in the past with other IPPs facing fuel shortages, well-informed sources in PPIB told Business Recorder. This understanding, sources said, will be part of minutes of next Energy Planning Expert Panel (EPEP) of China Pakistan Ec..... [more >>](#)

Minister urges speedy work on Gwadar plant

Source: APP, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal directed the authorities concerned on Tuesday to expedite the construction work on the Gwadar Power Plant. The minister issued these directives while chairing a meeting to review the progress of the Gwadar Power Plant. The meeting was attended by ministry officials, the Managing Director of the Private Po..... [more >>](#)

Security reasons: Chinese company suspends work on power project

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-28

HARIPUR: A Chinese construction company working on the Tarbela-5th Extension Hydropower Project in Haripur has suspended activities and laid off workers for security reasons, sources said on Wednesday. The decision was conveyed to office staff and site workers through an "Office Order" issued on Tuesday from the Power Construction Corporation China Ltd (PCCCL) after Tuesday's su..... [more >>](#)

Chinese companies suspend work on Dasu, Diamer-Bhasha dams

Source: Arshad Aziz Malik, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-29

PESHAWAR: After Tarbela Dam, Chinese companies have also suspended civil work on the Dasu and Diamer-Bhasha Dams. Approximately, 991 Chinese engineers working on both projects have stopped operations. Local staff of both projects have been directed to stay home till further orders. However, the Chinese engineers are still working on the Mohmand Dam in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Five Chinese engineers w..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers; President confirms FTO's decision

Source: Sohail Sarfraz, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-19

ISLAMABAD: President of Pakistan has confirmed Federal Tax Ombudsman's decision to alleviate miseries of power consumers by rationalizing income tax and sales tax on electricity bills of low-income earners across the country. In this regard, the President has issued a ruling against the FBR here on Monday. The FTO's directive, urging the formation of a committee by the Federa..... [more >>](#)

IMF wants 18pc GST on top of PDL on petroleum products

Source: Mateen Haider, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-22

ISLAMABAD: The IMF has recommended the government to apply the same rate of Federal Excise Duty (FED) on the locally manufactured cigarettes regardless of whether the manufacturer is local or foreign and slap Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) on machinery input polluting the environment. The IMF has also asked the FBR to progressively raise excises on domestically produced cars and on luxury goods..... [more >>](#)

Illegal oil business thriving as smuggling reaches 120000 metric tons per month

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-26

ISLAMABAD - While the legal petroleum business in the country has considerably declined by up to 21 percent, the illegal petroleum business is thriving as smuggling of petroleum products has reached 120000 metric tons per month, costing the national exchequer billions of rupees in taxes, duties and petroleum levy annually. The oil industry continues to lose business to [more >>](#)

Smuggling back in surge

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-27

Petrol smuggling is back. Earlier this week, Chairman Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) wrote a hard-hitting letter to Secretary Petroleum where he alleged that illicit trade from Iran has reached a staggering 4,000 tons in petroleum products every day. This amounts to approximately 15 percent of the average daily consumption of high-speed diesel (HSD) in FY22. The smuggling network on bo..... [more >>](#)

FPCCI for building farm infrastructure Presses govt to speed up provision of electricity in farming areas under SIFC

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-20

LAHORE: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Standing Committee on Agriculture recommends the Fauji Foundation to set up roads, canal systems, and electricity infrastructure in corporate farming areas under the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), which were identified for investors, especially in the Cholistan belt. The Convenor of FPCCI Agriculture St..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Sharp decline in solar panel rates in Lahore markets

Source: [inp](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2024-03-21

The prices of solar panels have been slashed significantly in the Lahore markets on Wednesday as the cost of the system ranging from seven to 15 kilowatts has been reduced by Rs200,000. Price of a system of seven kilowatts has been decreased by Rs100,000 to Rs825,000 while the new price of a 10-kilowatt system has been fixed at Rs1.125 million. The cost of 12-kilowatt system has been fixed at Rs1..... [more >>](#)

Railways decides to go solar; 100 sites identified

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#) , [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways (PR) has finalised a plan to shift to solar energy, for which, 100 sites with heavy electricity consumption have been identified and once shifted to solar energy, it would save at least Rs1 billion a year for the entity. According to senior PR officials, the management is taking various steps to increase revenue generation and reduce financial losses of PR includi..... [more >>](#)

DGTO revokes solar association licence

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-16

ISLAMABAD: The director general of trade organisations (DGTO), which works under the Ministry of Commerce, has revoked the licence of Pakistan Solar Association (PSA), allegedly because of its involvement in irregularities and gross violation of rules. In an order, the DGTO barred key PSA members from taking membership of any other trade organisation as well as imposed a fine. Officials working..... [more >>](#)

Green energy; NEECA prepares 'concept note' to seek assistance

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The National Energy Efficient and Conservation Authority (NEECA) has prepared a concept note to seek technical assistance from International Development Partners on development of Green Hydrogen Policy and Framework for Pakistan as the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has shown willingness to extend \$14 million funding for clean hydrogen, official sources told B..... [more >>](#)

Renewable energy sources: Pakistan should turn to China

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

Pakistan has a serious shortage of reasonably priced energy which is affecting the rate of growth of the economy and causing hardship to the people across the country. At the same time, the country is short of foreign funds with which to buy oil and gas from the outside. It has abundant reserves of low-quality coal buried in the deserts of Sindh. Using this resource for producing electricity would..... [more >>](#)

PSA rejects smear campaign, reaffirms commitment to its mission

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

LAHORE: Pakistan Solar Association (PSA), dedicated to the advancement of renewable energy in Pakistan, reaffirms its commitment to its mission amidst recent attempts to tarnish its reputation. With over 600 registered members, PSA has been instrumental in propelling the solar industry forward in the country. In the light of recent events, PSA has been subjected to a malicious propaganda camp..... [more >>](#)

NTDC acquires land for installing 600MW solar project in Kot Addu

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-18

MUZAFFARGARH - National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) acquired 2553 acres of land for establishing 600 Mega Watt solar power project in the Kot Addu district. According to NTDC spokesperson, the 600 MW solar power project will be installed in Tehsil Chowk Sarwar Shaheed of Kot Addu. NTDC spokesperson stated that the project will help reduce dependence on ex..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's path to energy independence

Source: [Asad Mamood](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-24

The pricing of petroleum products plays a crucial role in shaping the overall costs and inflationary trends in any developing economy. The pressing question for Pakistan's vulnerable economy currently is about the choice between indigenising or importing. The strategy or approach to tackling this challenge is of great importance. Pakistan's..... [more >>](#)

Renewable electricity revolution

Source: [Omar S Cheema](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-28

Pakistan has the potential to double its electrical power generation per capita within three to five years and simultaneously achieve stable and reduced electricity prices. The country's entire national electricity infrastructure is ultimately financed by consumers through their bills – from power generation plants to transmission and distribution lines. This is why the electricity [more >>](#)

Govt focusing on promotion of solar technology: minister

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-30

LAHORE: Provincial Minister of Industry and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain said Punjab government is focusing on the promotion of solar technology in the province. Industry, government institutions, homes and agricultural tube-wells are being shifted to solar technology. He expressed these views during his visit to Raya Golf and Country Club Defence on Friday where he along with the officials of..... [more >>](#)

Businessmen call for powering industry with green energy

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-31

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan can tackle energy shortages and environmental pollution by promoting green energy. "All industrial units, large or small, need to shift to green energy to make them more sustainable and productive," said Zulfiqar Ahmed, head of the media and communication wing of Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI). He said, "RCCI has installed a..... [more >>](#)

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Beyond the digital shift

Source: Dr Muhammad Usman & Abdullah Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-24

At the heart of the bustling digital marketplace, a significant transformation is under way, heralding the dawn of a new era in Pakistan's export-oriented IT and IT Enabled Services sectors, including the flourishing freelance economy. This evolution, driven by generative artificial intelligence, promises a future brimming with boundless potential..... [more >>](#)

From Abu Dhabi to Islamabad: Translating MC13 outcomes for Pakistan's trade agenda

Source: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, [Arab News](#), 2024-03-25

The 13th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference (MC13) in Abu Dhabi marked an important moment for global trade governance. The declaration notably highlighted the often-overlooked role of women in trade, recognizing their participation as both a fundamental right and an economic driver. This acknowledgment holds particular significance for countries like Pakistan, which advocate for..... [more >>](#)

Transforming Taxation in Pakistan, Integrating the Transport Sector into Tajir Dost Tax Scheme

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The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) recently introduced the Tajir Dost Tax Scheme, aimed at incentivizing tax compliance among retailers. This initiative represents a significant milestone in Pakistan's efforts to modernize tax administration and expand the tax base. A year ago, I wrote an article titled "Trade Policy and Tax Reform Policy," which was published in newspapers. In..... [more >>](#)

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The food systems challenge

Source: Rabia Tabassum & Faiz Rasul & Salah Ud Din Yousaf, [The News, International](#), 2024-03-31

The agriculture sector in Pakistan is the primary employer for approximately 37.4 percent of the country's labour force, contributing about 22.9 percent to the GDP. It is also the biggest driver of greenhouse gas emissions in Pakistan accounting for 41 percent of the total (second only to energy at 44 percent). Despite this significant role, Pa..... [more >>](#)

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SDPI's initiative: A Sustainable Future for Pakistan's Brick Kilns

Source: [Engr Asghar Hayat](#), [Daily Parliament Times](#), 2024-03-16

While traditional brick kilns have long been synonymous with air pollution in Pakistan's urban centers, recent initiatives spearheaded by the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) have heralded a new era of environmental consciousness. In Islamabad, the capital city, the conversion of 49 out of 63 conventional brick kilns to environmentally friendly zigzag technology represents [more >>](#)

Child marriages perpetuate poverty

Source: [Wajiha Hyder](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-03-17

Shaista* was 10 when she was married to a man more than 25 years older than her. He was a labourer. Now 23, she is a mother of four. Her husband has a cataract and can no longer work. She has been working as an ayah (helper) at a school, but that was never enough to cover even their house rent. Things got worse a few months ago when their landlord asked them to vacate the house. "I never [more >>](#)

Analysts predict Pakistan to request \$8 billion IMF bailout following successful loan conclusion

Source: [Khurshid Ahmed](#), [Arab News](#), 2024-03-20

KARACHI: With Pakistan expressing interest in a bigger International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout program following the successful completion of a short-term loan facility, independent financial experts believe the South Asian state could follow in the footsteps of Egypt by seeking about \$8 billion in the coming days. Earlier this month, Egypt signed an expanded \$8 billion program with the IMF in [more >>](#)

'Difficult, but necessary': analysts weigh in on future with IMF

Source: [Ali Ahmed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-20

In a key development on Wednesday, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reached a staff-level agreement with the Pakistani authorities for the final review of the \$3 billion Stand-By Arrangement (SBA). The agreement, contingent upon the IMF's Executive Board approval, will make the remaining \$1.1 billion available for Pakistan, the lender said in a statement. The development, although..... [more >>](#)

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Unaware of air pollution, the suffocating child suffers from malnutrition

Source: [Sabahat Khan](#), [Samaa tv](#), 2024-03-20

Air pollution has become a challenge in Pakistan for the last few years. According to experts, brick kilns are causing immense pollution by emitting highly toxic fumes in the air. The government has also directed these brick kilns to shift to new technology. The toxic fumes of kilns are not only proving to be an environment-friendly enemy of air pollution, but also a threat to human lives. Especi..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's central bank keeps interest rate on hold at 22%

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Times](#), 2024-03-20

PAKISTAN'S central bank on Monday (Mar 18) held its key interest rate at 22 per cent as expected for a sixth straight policy meeting as inflation risks continued to loom. The decision was in line with the expectations of a majority of analysts, although most are also expecting rate cuts from the second quarter of this year. The bank said that although the inflation rate had eased in Februa..... [more >>](#)

Taxing tobacco to be helpful in saving health

Source: INP, [The News, International](#) , 2024-03-20

Islamabad: To prevent public health, the calls for raising taxes on tobacco are gaining momentum as Dr. Muhammad Zaman endorses the policy that imposing taxes on tobacco saves lives as was advocated by the SDPI. Founding Chairman of the Department of Sociology at Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU) and head of the Zaman Research Center, Dr Muhammad Zaman has underlined the need for imposing more taxes t..... [more >>](#)

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Experts urge higher tax on cigarettes

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ISLAMABAD—The call to increase tobacco taxes is gaining momentum, with Dr. Muhammad Zaman endorsing the policy. He argues that imposing taxes on smoking saves lives, as advocated by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Dr Zaman, the founding chairman of the Department of Sociology at Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU) and head of the Zaman Research Center, underlined the need to [more >>](#)

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Bridging savings and investment gap to make Pakistan solvent: Experts

Source: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-03-23

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan stands at a critical juncture, grappling with economic dependency and the urgent need to foster self-reliance. Experts have emphasized the importance of robust policies that can bridge the gap between savings and investment. Economic researcher at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Dr Ahsan Satti said over the years, Pakistan had heavily depe..... [more >>](#)

Moving Towards Fair Taxation: FBR's Retailer Tax Web Portal

Source: Rana Irfan Rafi, [China Connect](#) , 2024-03-26

Taxation stands as the cornerstone of economic development in any nation, providing the essential financial resources for public services, infrastructure, and societal advancement. In countries like Pakistan, however, the tax system faces numerous challenges, particularly concerning taxes for merchants. Despite taxation being a national duty, there are significant gaps in revenue collection due to..... [more >>](#)

Stakeholders back proposal for high taxes on tobacco products

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-30

ISLAMABAD - Stakeholders have put their weight behind the international lender's recent proposal to Pakistan to slap uniform taxes and duties on cigarettes, emphasizing the need to generate maximum revenue from tobacco sector. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recently proposed a uniform taxation on tobacco sector in Pakistan to tackle the significant econ..... [more >>](#)

Tobacco taxation restructuring: Health activists support IMF's recommendation

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-03-30

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has suffered economic losses due to the dominance of the cigarette industry, high consumption rates and subsequent health cost over the years. Health activists Friday supported International Monetary Fund's (IMF) recommendation of restructuring tobacco taxation in Pakistan. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its report, urged Pakistan to implement uniform taxatio..... [more >>](#)

Call for increasing tax on tobacco gains momentum

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There is a growing demand for raising tax on tobacco in order to save lives. Dr Zaman, the founder chairman of the Department of Sociology at Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU) and Head of Zaman Research Center, says that tobacco taxation saves lives and diverts resources to essential public health initiatives, as cigarettes are unnecessary and dangerous. Cheap cigarettes are the leading cause of ove..... [more >>](#)

Seminar News

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