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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

### July to Sept 2024; NPCC reduces RLNG demand for power generation

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The country's power system operator, the National Power Control Centre (NPCC) has reduced the Gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) demand for power generation from July to September 2024 due to reduced load pattern in previous months, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The decision to revise RLNG allocation downward for the power sector at a time when substantial ..... [more >>](#)

### Cut in petrol price; LHC approached against Finance Ministry for denying PM recommendation

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-02

LAHORE: A bar member has approached the Lahore High Court against the Finance Ministry for rejecting the recommendation of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to reduce the petrol price by Rs15 per litre. The petitioner Azhar Siddique contended that prices of petroleum products had fallen significantly at the international level. The petitioner challenging the action of the ministry asked the ..... [more >>](#)

### Failure to retrofit IPPs causes loss of UN carbon credits: report

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-06-11

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has failed to harness the UN carbon credit facilities from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) because the government did not push Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to retrofit their plants to reduce carbon emissions. This failure is primarily due to a lack of understanding within the ministries, government departments, and regulatory bodies reg..... [more >>](#)

### Ministry corrects fuel prices after PM okays 'old figures'

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-01

ISLAMABAD: After causing massive confusion, the government on Friday ended up reducing the prices of petrol and high speed diesel by Rs4.74 and Rs3.86 per litre, respectively, a far cry from the figures released just hours earlier by the Prime Minister's Office. In an earlier statement, the PMO notified a Rs15.39 and Rs7.88 per litre reduction in the prices of petrol and high speed diesel..... [more >>](#)

### KP govt devises plan to recover dues from power consumers

Source: [Manzoor Ali, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-01

PESHAWAR: As part of a plan to check power theft and reduce outages, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to ask consumers using illegal connections (kundas) and defaulters to pay two years of outstanding bills with a three-month upfront payment. The remaining amount will be collected in easy installments, according to officials. They told Dawn that as the federal gov..... [more >>](#)

### Govt reduces petrol price by Rs4.74 per litre

Source: [Web Desk, The News, International](#), 2024-06-01

ISLAMABAD: The price of petrol has been reduced further by Rs4.74 per litre, the Finance Division said on Friday, making it the third successive fortnightly review drop. The new petrol price stands at Rs268.36 per litre. Meantime, the high speed diesel also has been slashed by Rs3.86 per litre to Rs270.22/lit from its previous price of Rs274.08/lit. "The prices of Petroleum product..... [more >>](#)

### How controversy around petrol price unfolded?

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-01

Pakistanis' joy from hearing the news of major cut in petrol price was dashed within hours as the controversy surrounding reduction in petrol price surfaced after midnight. Two different POL prices were announced by government offices — first of a massive cut by the Prime Minister House and then a marginal decrease by the Ministry of Finance. Although, the PMO seconded the price annou..... [more >>](#)

### NEPRA jacks up power rates by Rs3.25/unit Power consumers to face burden of Rs34 billion

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

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra) hiked on Saturday the per unit price of electricity by Rs3.25 per unit, leading to an additional burden of Rs34 billion on power consumers. The power authority issued an official notification in this regard stating that the increase was made in the context of quarterly fuel adjustment, which will be applicable for the three ..... [more >>](#)

### After initial gaffe, govt notifies cut in fuel rates Petrol reduced by Rs4.74; HSD by Rs3.84/litre

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

ISLAMABAD: After an initial confusion about the fuel rates caused by the premier's "directives" that was hurriedly clarified, the government on Friday slashed the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs4.74 and Rs3.84 per litre, respectively. The Finance Division, which usually issues a notification for the new prices of the petroleum products by 11:30 pm, was un..... [more >>](#)

### Neptra supports over Rs60bn KE write-offs

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

ISLAMABAD: Chairman, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra), Waseem Mukhtar has reportedly supported write-offs of over Rs 60 billion of K-Electric, saying that since Discos are government-owned, this loss is parked in the circular debt or is ultimately received from the consumers through the imposition of a surcharge, well informed sources told Business Recorder. He shared the..... [more >>](#)

### Power consumers to pay up to Rs1.90/unit more in June-August

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-02

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has authorised the collection of an additional Rs46.613 billion from power consumers nationwide, including K-Electric customers, as part of the third quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA) for the fiscal year 2024. This increase, set to be implemented over three months from June to August 2024, includes a per-unit hike of up to Rs1.90..... [more >>](#)

### Supplying smooth power supply, claims Iesco

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-02

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) is supplying smooth and uninterrupted power supply on 1344 feeders despite severe heatwave. However, severe heat wave caused increase in complaints of transformers tripping and individual complaints, told Iesco spokesperson here Saturday. He said the complaint staff were fully alert to promptly clear any faults. Additional, meters, transformers..... [more >>](#)

### More fuel outlets coming up despite oil smuggling from Iran

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-02

KARACHI: Amid hue and cry over influx of smuggled Iranian oil, the oil marketing companies (OMCs) continued to add new retail outlets across the country, while many CNG retail outlets are being closed and converted into fuel stations. Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has developed 37 new retail outlets during 9MFY24, taking its total nationwide footprint to 3,555. The company completed the construct..... [more >>](#)

### Regulator allows Discos to mop up Rs47bn under quarterly tariff adjustment

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-02

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved up to Rs1.90 per unit additional quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA) starting June across the country, including Karachi, to facilitate power companies' mopping up another Rs46.6 billion from consumers. Under a judgment issued late night by the regulator on Friday, the consumers would be paying Rs1.90 per unit ad..... [more >>](#)

### An underrated enemy

Source: [Imran Jan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-02

The one singer that has sung more hit songs than any other top-notch artist in the world has not been able to earn credit for the beauty added to the music for their work. That singer is called bird. Leading pop stars such as Michael Jackson, Nicki Minaj and many others have used bird sounds in their songs. Yet, it has remained hidden in plain sight, or music, if you will. I guess it would be fair..... [more >>](#)

### Oil, gas explorer awaits attractive shale gas policy

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-02

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's largest hydrocarbon explorer Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) is looking for an attractive, incentives-laden policy for tapping shale gas deposits as such ventures require high investments in field development. OGDCL has already invested \$30 million to exploit the shale gas reserves and is now awaiting a lucrative policy to expedite the development ..... [more >>](#)

### Kohala's Revival

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-02

Efforts to get the Chinese back on track for Kohala Hydropower Project have been underway for some time. Ahead of the Prime Minister's much-awaited visit to China, the Chinese corporation are ready to get the work started after a three-year delay. The project forms part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor's green and clean energy initiatives. Another one is in primitive stages in G..... [more >>](#)

### Power generation from Thar coal reaches 2,640MW, set to hit 3,280MW by year's end

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-02

HYDERABAD - Thar coal is currently contributing approximately 2,640MW of electricity to the national grid from its two blocks, with power generation expected to reach about 3,280MW by the end of this year. Azhar Malik, Vice President of Site Operations at Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC) for Thar Coal Block II, disclosed this while speaking to the media in Islamkot, Tharparkar. Malik men..... [more >>](#)

### Iesco operation against power theft continues

Source: [Press Release, The News, International](#), 2024-06-04

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) Chief Executive Dr Muhammad Amjad Khan in a statement said that in May during different raids Iesco's operation, meter testing and surveillance teams apprehended 237 connections using direct power supply and 49 meter were found tampered, says a press release. On the account of using direct power supply and tampered meters, fine of Rs29.44..... [more >>](#)

### KE seeks another fuel cost adjustment

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-04

ISLAMABAD: As the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Monday notified Rs1.90 per unit additional cost to nationwide consumers for June, followed by 93 paise each in July and August, K-Electric piled up another fuel cost claim for April on top of its existing Rs18.6 per unit petition for the past nine months pending before the power regulator. In its fresh request to Nepra, K..... [more >>](#)

**LPG shops to stay shut, for now New NOCs will be issued under OGRA, Civil Defence guidelines**

Source: [Z Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-04

HYDERABAD: Following the recent tragic explosion at a Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) decanting shop in Pareetabad, the district administration has decided to keep all these shops shut until they comply with the guidelines of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) and the Civil Defence Department. Reportedly, a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Zainul Abedin Memon on Monday came to the c..... [more >>](#)

**'Upgrade agreements with domestic refineries'; CCoE yet to schedule deliberations on Petroleum Division plea**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-04

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) has yet to schedule deliberation on the request forwarded by the Petroleum Division for an extension in the deadline for signing upgrade agreements with five domestic refineries for six months until October 2024, sources in the ministry disclosed to Business Recorder. The Petroleum Division moved a summary in May to the CCoE, days after the de..... [more >>](#)

**'Penalising honest consumers'**

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-04

How on earth is the power minister going to "bring transparency to the power sector" if the government's policies insult its own laws and badly compromise the position of the power regulator? It does look like a bad joke, after all, that the minister insists on revenue-based load shedding while Nepra (National Electric Power Regulatory Authority) is issuing notices to Discos for ..... [more >>](#)

**99,700 booked for power theft**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-06-05

LAHORE: Punjab police registered more than 99,700 cases against electricity thieves across the province, including Lahore. More than 71,600 suspects involved in electricity theft were arrested from across the province. Challans of more than 69,500 cases of electricity theft were completed and 17, 800 have been punished and fined. Punjab IG said that 660 police personnel in every district including ..... [more >>](#)

**Petroleum levy collection target surpassed**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-05

KARACHI: The government has collected more than Rs900 billion in petroleum development levy on the sale of petroleum products, surpassing the full-year collection target of Rs869 billion in 11 months of the current fiscal year. As demand for petroleum products spiked to a nine-month high at 1.4 million tons in May 2024 in the wake of reduction in prices, total consumption reached 13.8 million to..... [more >>](#)

**Looking back but moving forward**

Source: [Shafqat Mahmood, The News, International](#), 2024-06-06

There are necessary controversies and some that should at best be avoided. Our power woes and what to do about the alleged loot of independent power producers falls in the necessary category. With circular debt choking us, we must debate and hold to account those that have put us in this jam. The events of 1971 and who is responsible for the breakup of Pakistan is a controversy best avoided. It i..... [more >>](#)

**Govt cuts key relief for power consumers**

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2024-06-06

ISLAMABAD: Power consumers in Pakistan face a new setback as the government has significantly curtailed a crucial relief mechanism for bill payments in instalments. Under the new regulation, consumers can only avail themselves of this option once annually, with subsequent instalments subject to a hefty 14 percent markup. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) issued a notificati..... [more >>](#)

### Hydropower 'crown jewel' may remain offline for another two years

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-06

ISLAMABAD: More than two months after a mishap that led to the complete shutdown of the 969-megawatt Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHPP), the exact cause and veracity of the problem remains unknown. Officials privy to the development told Dawn that the problem appeared to be larger than anticipated and could keep the Rs500bn NJHPP — located near Muzaffarabad ..... [more >>](#)

### Power consumers will have to pay 14pc markup on instalments

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-06

ISLAMABAD: Braving the highest-ever electricity tariff, hapless consumers seeking instalments to pay heavy bills because of financial difficulties are now legally bound to pay a 14 per cent markup on delayed payments and will be disqualified from subsequent part-payment facilities for a year. This is in addition to a 10pc late payment surcharge (LPS) if a bill is not paid within the deadline pres..... [more >>](#)

### Capacity payments trap

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-06

Fresh electricity rate hikes are increasing anger and frustration among citizens, with the impact of the new rates made even worse by the fact that the peak summer months have just begun. Nepra's decision to hike rates by up to Rs3.76 per for the third quarter of FY25 unit aims to squeeze another Rs46 billion out of consumers in the third quarter of the fiscal year, mainly to punish the publ..... [more >>](#)

### Electricity price raised by Rs3.33 per unit

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

ISLAMABAD: The cost of electricity for consumers rose by Rs3.33 per unit on Thursday owing to monthly fuel adjustment charges, according to a notification issued by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA). The increase in electricity prices will be applied to the bills of the current month, excluding K-electric and lifeline consumers. Electricity prices have been surging fo..... [more >>](#)

### Payments to IPPs; PPIB urges SBP to make \$758m available

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

ISLAMABAD: Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has urged dollar-starved State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to make available \$758 million for foreign payments of power projects, majority of them set up under the umbrella of CPEC. Managing Director PPIB Shah Jahan Mirza, sources said, in a letter to Governor, SBP, Jameel Ahmed, days before Prime Minister's official visit to China, ..... [more >>](#)

### Oil sales recover

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

Monthly petroleum consumption has picked up a bit when looked at the monthly trend, year-on-year trend recently. The growth is more noticeable on a month-on-month basis during May-24. However, overall, the OMC sales remain weak. Sales by the oil marketing companies during May-24 saw a rise of 7 percent year-on-year and a jump of 26 percent month-on-month to 1.39 million tons. The monthly volu..... [more >>](#)

### The burgeoning burden of capacity payments

Source: [Kamran Arshad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-06

As Pakistan prepares for a significant increase in electricity prices next year, driven by further rupee devaluation and capacity payments of over Rs 2.1 trillion, addressing these issues that have bogged down the entire economy has

become a question of survival. One of the biggest contributors to prohibitive power tariffs is the heavy burden of capacity payments of over Rs 2.1 trillion per annum,..... [more >>](#)

### **Nepra allows one-time power bills instalment a year**

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

ISLAMABAD - Further screwing the electricity consumers, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has restricted the instalment of the bills to just one time during one year, while officially allowed the power distribution companies to levy 14 per cent interest on the instalment. In a fresh amendment in the consumer service manual (CSM) 2021, NEPRA has withdrawn the flexibility ..... [more >>](#)

### **Rs3.33 per unit hike for April notified**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-07

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday notified Rs3.33 per unit additional fuel cost against consumption in April to enable ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) to raise another Rs29 billion in June as the government confirmed on record a minor impact of solar net metering on electricity sales. Nepra “has reviewed and assessed a National Averag..... [more >>](#)

### **NEPRA announces electricity rate hike for Karachi**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-07

KARACHI: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Friday announced a significant increase in electricity rates for Karachi, raising the tariff by Rs10.1 per unit. The notification specifies that the rate hike is part of monthly fuel cost adjustment (FCA). Consumers will face an additional charge of Rs2.68 per unit in June, which will further increase to Rs3.11 per unit in July..... [more >>](#)

### **President removes hurdle to sacking DISCOs' boards**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-07

ISLAMABAD: Hours before the start of parliamentary sessions, President Asif Ali Zardari promulgated an ordinance to remove a legal hurdle that had prevented the government from sacking the boards of all loss-making power distribution companies (DISCOs). President Zardari promulgated the State-Owned Enterprises Governance and Operations Amendment Ordinance 2024 with effect from June 5, 2024. The ..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil stutters: Bounce back likely**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-07

Having dropped to the lowest since February 2024 – Brent oil is staging a comeback of sorts, and all signs indicate it will be back to the mid-80s as there is too much at stake for Opec Plus alliance. The Opec meeting outcome took the market by surprise, and it was widely construed as signs of weakness in terms of members' capacity to continue curbs, and also an acknowledgement of supp..... [more >>](#)

### **Ogra organises seminar on future of LNG in Pakistan**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-07

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) successfully hosted an insightful seminar titled “Navigating the Future of LNG in Pakistan,” bringing together key stakeholders, policymakers, and industry leaders from the LNG sector. The seminar aimed at knowledge sharing and unlocking the potential of LNG in Pakistan, especially in the context of depleting indigenous natura..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt amends act to remove legal glitch in removal of independent directors from XWDiscos boards**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-07

ISLAMABAD - To remove legal glitch in the removal of the independent directors from the boards of the Ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (XWDiscos), the federal government has amended the State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Act 2023. The federal government has promulgated Ordinance, State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024, aimed at paving the way for the dissolut..... [more >>](#)

### **Karachi citizens to pay inflated power bills from June to Sept**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-08

ISLAMABAD: The residents of Karachi will face inflated electricity bills over the next four months starting in June 2024, as the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday approved a nine-month combined net fuel charges adjustment (FCAs) of Rs10 per unit. The decision is provisional and subject to adjustment, including any related working capital impacts, based on Nepra'..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil industry asks COAS, SIFC to help recover over Rs91bn dues**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-08

ISLAMABAD: The oil industry has written a letter to the Chief of Army Staff and the forum of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) seeking intervention to help recover over Rs91 billion from the government so that the worsening liquidity situation could improve. In a letter to the SIFC secretariat, Chairman Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP) Tariq Wazir Ali has requested SI..... [more >>](#)

### **Electricity tariff for Karachiites raised by Rs3.23 for June-September**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday notified up to Rs3.23 per unit additional increase in electricity rates for consumers of K-Electric for four months — June to September — to clear a nine-month backlog offuel cost adjustments(FCA). KE had sought about Rs18.6 per unit cumulative FCA for three quarters (July 2023 to March 2024) of the outgoing..... [more >>](#)

### **PM Office steps in on OMCs' request**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-08

ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister's Office has approached the Petroleum Division to draw its attention towards the unrecovered exchange rate loss of Rs26 billion being faced by the oil industry. It has also pointed to the reduced sales tax, which prevents the recovery of paid sales tax, resulting in Rs65 billion being held back, which impacted the cash flow. The oil industry is seeking in..... [more >>](#)

### **Ogra allows three refineries to export HSFO in June, July**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-08

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has allowed three refineries to export up to 120,000 MT of low and high sulphur furnace oil (HSFO) in June and July 2024, well informed sources told Business Recorder. According to Ogra's Senior Executive Director (OSC), Atif Sajjad, in a letter to National Refinery Limited (NRL) has stated that the latter may proceed to export 40,0..... [more >>](#)

### **Ogra holds seminar on 'Navigating the Future of LNG in Pakistan'**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-08

ISLAMABAD - The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) successfully hosted an insightful seminar titled "Navigating the Future of LNG in Pakistan," bringing together key stakeholders, policymakers, and industry leaders from the LNG sector. The seminar aimed at knowledge sharing and unlocking the potential of LNG in Pakistan, especially in the context of depleting indigenous natural ga..... [more >>](#)

**To rein in Rs2.9tr circular debt in gas sector: Hike in petroleum levy from Rs60 to Rs80 per litre suggested**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-09

ISLAMABAD: The top authorities are currently working on a set of doable suggestions, including increasing the petroleum levy on Mogas and diesel from Rs60 to 80 per litre, imposing another levy on PoL products and getting a hold of the amount of gas infrastructure development cess (GIDC) held with the Finance Division. They are also considering an increase in the gas tariff over and above the rev..... [more >>](#)

**Political chaos, exorbitant energy cost listed as key challenges**

Source: [Gohar Ali Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-09

KARACHI: Sindh's former caretaker minister for industries and commerce Muhammad Younus Dagha has said that if two main challenges including political instability and high energy cost are brought under control, the country can grow by leaps and bounds. He said the caretaker government had made efforts to improve the performance of government departments despite a limited time and won..... [more >>](#)

**The key to stable power tariffs**

Source: [Dr. Muhammad Fahim Khan Jadoon](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-09

According to experts, there will be no need to raise power tariffs on a regular basis if losses amounting to hundreds of billions rupees could be reduced via the implementation of a plan that successfully addresses the issue. Considering the fact that large-scale thefts of energy have been occurring for a considerable amount of time in many regions of the country and that previous administrations ..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan's energy shortfall stands at 5,543 megawatts**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-09

The energy shortfall in the country stands at 5,543 megawatts. According to sources in the Power Division, the demand for electricity in the country is recorded at 25,000 megawatts, while electricity production stands at 19,457 megawatts. Of this, 6,890 megawatts are being generated from hydropower, while thermal power plants are producing 685 megawatts and private sector powerhouses are adding ..... [more >>](#)

**Iesco publishes list of defaulting govt institutions**

Source: [Hanif Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-10

ISLAMABAD: Timely payment of utility bills is definitely indispensable for uninterrupted power supply and timely completion of ongoing projects for system up-gradation. IESCO has issued the list of defaulter government institutions under letter No. 3886-99 dated 7 June 2024. The government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir is defaulter of Rs54.86 billion, Ministry of Defence Rs5.29 billion, CDA 4.6 billi..... [more >>](#)

**Iesco claims zero electricity shortfall**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-10

Islamabad : The electricity demand in Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) on Sunday stood at 1,997 megawatts (MW) at 06: 00 pm against the allocation quota of 2,100 MW from the national grid system. According to Chief Engineer Operation Director Muhammad Aslam Khan, currently there was zero shortfall of electricity in Iesco and zero load management was being observed across all the six circ..... [more >>](#)

**Oil industry protests Railways' tender specs favouring imported diesel**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-10

ISLAMABAD: The oil industry is protesting the Pakistan Railways' "strange tender specifications", which practically bar the procurement of high-speed diesel (HSD) from local refineries and, instead, favour imported products at a substantial foreign exchange cost. Adil Khattak, chairman of the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) and CEO of Attock Refinery Ltd, has formally co..... [more >>](#)

### Improving state-owned Discos

Source: [Afia Malik](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-10

A story about the privatisation of electricity distribution companies (Discos) is circulating in print and social media. It says that the prime minister has approved a plan to privatise Discos, starting with the Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco), Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (Fesco), and Gujranwala Electric Power Company (Gepco) in the first phase. The argument in favour is that d..... [more >>](#)

### KE issues stern warning to Sindh govt over dues

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-10

ISLAMABAD: Karachi Electric (KE) has warned the federal and Sindh governments of massive power breakdowns and disconnections in the megacity in the days to come if provincial government fails to pay Rs 9 billion reconciled billing, which the company intends to spend on improvement of its system, well informed sources told Business Recorder. This warning has been conveyed to top political and ..... [more >>](#)

### Fuel reference: Do FY25 better

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-10

As the power regulator (Nepra) okayed Rs3.33/unit in lieu of monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) for April 2024 – the positive monthly adjustment stretched to 14 straight months– with the year-to-date FCA averaging Rs3.4/unit or 15 percent of base tariff. The longest stretch of relentless monthly fuel charges adjustments comes despite the PKR remarkably holding the turf against the g..... [more >>](#)

### Incentives likely for solar panel making, net-metering

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-11

KARACHI: The government may provide some incentives to encourage local assembly of solar panels in the budget 2024-25. Pakistan Solar Association (PSL) Senior Vice-President Mohammad Zakir Ali, who was part of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent delegation to China, said, "I do not think the government will impose any new taxes and duties on solar panels, which already have zero ..... [more >>](#)

### LPG filling shops to be moved out of residential areas, Sindh Assembly told

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-11

KARACHI: The Sindh Assembly was informed on Monday that following the death of 27 persons, including 19 children, in an explosion in a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder filling shop in Hyderabad, the provincial government had decided to shift all such facilities from residential areas. Home Minister Zia Lanjar announced what he called the government's "principled decision"..... [more >>](#)

### SEPRa to cut power tariff in province, says energy minister

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-11

KARACHI: Sindh Electric Power Regulatory Authority (SEPRa) will be a fully authorised of power generation-distribution and transmission in the province, said Energy Minister Nasir Hussain Shah. SEPRa will be the first autonomous provincial organisation in the country which will make its own decisions instead of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA). He expressed these views p..... [more >>](#)

### Sindh energy minister chairs meeting on Sepra legislation, promises cheaper electricity

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-11

KARACHI: Sindh Provincial Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has said that Sindh Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Sepra) will be a fully authorised in Sindh of power generation-distribution and transmission and it will be the first autonomous organisation in Sindh, besides being the first autonomous body in the provinces across the country which will make its own decisions as compared to ..... [more >>](#)

**Country holds surplus electricity, ready for 24-hour supply: Leghari**

Source: [Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-11

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Energy Sardar Awaiz Ahmad Khan Leghari informed the National Assembly on Monday that the country has surplus electricity and we are ready to provide 24-hour power supply to feeders with zero losses. Speaking at the National Assembly forum, he said, "The system has enough generation and transmission capacity to meet the electricity demand, and we are ready to ..... [more >>](#)

**How to fix the power sector**

Source: [Hafiz Ahsaan Ahmad Khokhar, The News, International](#), 2024-06-12

Power purchase agreements (PPAs) with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), made under various regimes without careful consideration of the potential consequences, are the primary cause of Pakistan's power crises. These contracts stipulate that you must purchase a minimum and fixed quantity of power from the IPPs. The tariff structure indicates that fuel charges, under the 'take or pa..... [more >>](#)

**Installed electricity capacity stands at 42,131MW**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-12

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's total installed electricity capacity stood at 42,131-MW as of March 2024 with percentage shares of hydel, nuclear, renewable, and thermal at 25.4 percent, 8.4 percent, 6.8 percent, and 59.4 percent, respectively. According to Economic Survey 2023-24, the share of thermal power as a dominant source of electricity supply has declined over the past few years, showing..... [more >>](#)

**LNG price stabilises – reforms awaited**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-12

The relative calm in international energy commodity prices could not have been timed better for the likes of Pakistan. The energy commodity prices have come full circle. Pakistan's largest import outside of petroleum products, LNG has shown signs of market equilibrium, that could last as long as the entire decade. Such is the supply glut that even an unprecedented rise in demand from India an..... [more >>](#)

**Rs719.59bn PL collected in Jul-Mar**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-12

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has collected Rs719.592 billion petroleum levy (PL) on petroleum products in the first nine months (July-March) of the fiscal year 2023-24 against a PL budgeted target of Rs869 billion, according to Pakistan Economic Survey 2023-24. The government raised the PL ceiling on petroleum products from Rs50 to Rs60 per litre in the current fiscal year to meet the bu..... [more >>](#)

**Power transmission: challenges**

Source: [Omer Rizwan, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-12

The power sector in Pakistan is facing a crisis of public perception amid the litany of technical challenges prevailing within Pakistan's sector. While the popular media focuses on the capacity payments to power plants and use of expensive fossil fuels, deeper problems exist in the transmission sector, which acts as the nervous system transporting electrical energy from generating units to l..... [more >>](#)

**Country faces gap of over 25pc in power generation, consumption in nine months**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-12

ISLAMABAD - A gap of over 25 percent has been revealed in the generation and consumption of the electricity in the country as against the total generation of 92,091GWh only 68,559GWh was consumed during the first nine months of the ongoing fiscal year 2023-24. Pakistan Economic Survey 2023-24 released here Tuesday revealed that the consumption of petroleum products and electricity has declined ..... [more >>](#)

### **Privatising power distribution**

Source: [Shahid Kardar, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-13

A WIDELY held perception, if not an unshakeable belief, is that the energy sector presents an existential threat to Pakistan's economy, with no likely respite if it remains fixated on its poor policies and a mode of governance managed by over 20 organisations. A key area of concern is the high 17 per cent transmission and distribution losses of the system — with a 50pc share of the ..... [more >>](#)

### **Another cut in petrol prices expected**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-13

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is likely to alleviate the consumer burden by lowering petrol prices by up to Rs9 per litre starting June 16. According to media reports, diesel and kerosene oil could also see reductions of Rs4 and Rs2 per litre respectively. At the start of the ongoing month, the government slashed the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs4.74 and Rs3.84 per ..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt targets Rs1,281b from petroleum levy**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-13

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has set an ambitious target of Rs1,281 billion on account of Petroleum Levy (PL) on petroleum products for the upcoming fiscal year 2024-25. This projection marks an increase of Rs321 billion over the revised estimate of Rs960 billion for the current fiscal year 2023-24. While the originally budgeted PL for the current year was Rs869 billion, the actual increase ..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan's Energy Woes**

Source: [Saleem Qamar Butt, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-13

Pakistan undergoes excruciating power shortages, causing 18-hour blackouts in rural areas and 6 to 10- hour load-shedding in cities. Although Pakistan has made substantial investments in power generation and distribution through IPPs, in January 2023, the country suffered a breakdown in the national grid. Another blackout occurred in October 2022. According to the World Bank, an unreliable supply ..... [more >>](#)

### **Relief in petrol, diesel prices on the cards**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-06-14

ISLAMABAD: After presenting a heavily tax-loaded budget in the National Assembly, the government is set to benefit further from the oil price slump in the international market and is likely to reduce the price of petrol by Rs9.28 to Rs259.08 per litre from the existing Rs268.36 per litre and of high speed diesel (HSD) by Rs4.02 per litre to Rs266.20 from Rs270.22 per litre from June 16 for the nex..... [more >>](#)

### **US team to explore potential collaboration in Pak energy sector**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-06-14

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the US Department of Treasury, led by Assistant Secretary Brent Neiman, met with Pakistan's Federal Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Leghari, on Thursday to explore potential collaboration in the energy sector. During the meeting, Awais Leghari detailed Pakistan's comprehensive reform plan aimed at addressing deficiencies in the power sector. These reforms a..... [more >>](#)

### **Wapda awards Rs10.6bn contract for Dargai rehabilitation project in KP**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) has awarded a Rs10.6 billion contract for the rehabilitation of Dargai Hydel Power Station in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The contract, which covers both civil and electro-mechanical works, was granted to a joint venture comprising two Chinese firms and a Pakistani company. The signing ceremony featured Ihsan Ullah, Wapda's General Mana..... [more >>](#)

**Petrol rates expected to go down by Rs9 tomorrow**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The government is expected to pass on the impact of lower international prices to consumers with a cut in the rates of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD). In the upcoming fortnightly review of prices on June 15, petrol is expected to go down by about Rs9 and HSD by Rs5 per litre. According to sources, the prices of petrol and HSD had declined in the international market by about \$..... [more >>](#)

**LPG may get costlier by Rs30 per kg**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-14

KARACHI: The Pakistan LPG Marketers Association (PLPMA) has predicted a potential increase of Rs30 per kg in the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). This projection is based on a significant rise in the petroleum development levy (PDL) and an additional 18 per cent sales tax imposed on imported LPG. In a statement, Vice-Chairman Ali Haider said the association calls for an immediate review of..... [more >>](#)

**Refineries denounce diesel import decision**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-14

ISLAMABAD: Refineries have hit back at the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) for allowing import of diesel by an oil marketing company (OMC) in what the industry says in "suspicious circumstances". They point out that the refineries are already facing acute storage constraints owing to thin purchases of petroleum products, caused by smuggling and an economic downturn. In this..... [more >>](#)

**Power sector: Reforming with subsidies**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-13

You have long been told the energy subsidy reforms are in full swing. There are talks of limiting energy sector subsidies to the neediest and phasing it out. And then you have a budget that lays out the highest-ever subsidy for the power sector at a colossal Rs1.19 trillion. The revised estimated for the ongoing fiscal year is Rs584 billion – which makes the FY25 allocation doubled from the ..... [more >>](#)

**Govt proposes increase in PL rate**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-13

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has proposed an increase in petroleum levy to Rs 80 per litre on petrol and diesel (HSD) in the Finance Bill, as opposed to the current maximum limit of Rs 60 per litre, to generate Rs 1,281 billion for the next fiscal year 2024-25. This amount is Rs 201 billion higher than what was projected for next year under this head by the International Monetary Fund in..... [more >>](#)

**Nepa avoids indulging in govt policy matters**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-13

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) on Wednesday avoided indulging in government policy matters with respect to expeditious fixing of interconnection points between KE and National Grid (CPPA-G) meant to supply 250-MW cheap electricity from renewable energy plants. During discussion on KE's FCA request of negative adjustment of Rs 1.18 per unit (Rs 1.667 bill..... [more >>](#)

**Is Ogra listening?**

Source: [Zofeen T. Ebrahim, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-15

I HAVE a confession to make. For the last two years, I had been involved in an illicit activity — getting an LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) cylinder refilled for use at home, every 10 days from a makeshift shop in Karachi's Shirin Jinnah Colony in the Clifton area. Till a few days ago, I found out that this refilling, which is called decanting (the process of filling a cylinder by trans..... [more >>](#)

### **Nepra hikes national power tariff by 20pc**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-15

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday announced an increase of almost 20 per cent in the uniform national tariff to ensure about Rs3.8 trillion in funding for the 10 ex-Wapda electricity distribution companies (Discos) during the fiscal year 2024-25. The Rs5.72 per unit increase, which will come into force from July 1 after formal notification by the gove..... [more >>](#)

### **Petrol rate down Rs10, diesel drops over Rs2**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-15

ISLAMABAD: Thanks to continuing decline in the international market, the government on Friday reduced the prices of petrol and high speed diesel (HSD) by Rs10.20 and Rs2.33 per litre, respectively, with immediate effect for the next fortnight ending June 30. Because of Eidul Azha holidays ahead, the government announced the price cuts a day earlier instead of June 15, said a statement issued by t..... [more >>](#)

### **PM okays Rs10.69 tariff cut for industries**

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-15

ISLAMABAD: In a significant move to boost local production and exports, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday approved a substantial reduction of Rs10.69 per unit in electricity tariff for the industrial sector. This decision brings the new electricity price for the industrial and export sectors down to Rs34.99 per unit. According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the National Electri..... [more >>](#)

### **Petrol price slashed by Rs10.20 per litre**

Source: [Monitoring Desk, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-15

KARACHI: The government announced on Friday a significant reduction in petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) prices for the upcoming fortnight, providing relief to consumers grappling with inflation. Effective from June 15, petrol prices will decrease by Rs10.20 per litre, bringing the new price to Rs258.16 per litre. HSD will see a reduction of Rs2.33 per litre, with the new rate set at Rs267.8..... [more >>](#)

### **The Neelum-Jhelum disaster**

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-15

So, it turns out that the "crown jewel" 969-megawatt Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHPP), which has a history of breaking down and causing problems more often than functioning normally, will most likely be offline for a good two years because the "mishap" that shut it down once again more than two years ago remains a mystery. All the press has been able to report so fa..... [more >>](#)

### **High octane; Senate body recommends hike in PL to Rs100/litre**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi / Sohail Sarfraz, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-15

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue has recommended increasing petroleum levy on high octane to Rs100 per litre. The meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was held under the chair of Senator SaleemMandviwalla on Friday. The official of the Petroleum Division informed the committee that we had made extensive consultation with stakeholders a year ago on giv..... [more >>](#)

### **Dargai Rehabilitation Project; Wapda awards Rs10.6bn contract for civil, electro-mechanical works**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-14

LAHORE: Wapda has awarded the contract for civil and electro-mechanical works for rehabilitation of Dargai Hydel Power Station worth Rs10.6 billion to a Joint Venture (JV), comprising two Chinese and a Pakistani firm. General Manager (Hydel Development) Wapda Ihsan Ullah and authorized representative of the JV Nabeel Tahir signed the contract on behalf of their organizations. Chairman Wapda E..... [more >>](#)

**Study of transmission line SCS; NPCC may send engineers as Chinese team not coming**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The National Power Control System (NPCC) is likely to despatch its two engineers to China to study Stability Control System (SCS) of north and south transmission line, as Chinese company M/s PMLTC has refused to send its engineers citing security concerns after the Dasu Project attack, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Sharing details, sources said, Stability Control Sy..... [more >>](#)

**Incentives to deserving classes; Ogra, ministry asked to elucidate mechanism**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi / Sohail Sarfraz, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Finance has directed the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) to find a practical way to provide incentives to deserving classes other than providing subsidies at petrol stations or introducing two rates for different classes of society. The inaugural session of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue was convened at the Parliament H..... [more >>](#)

**'Pakistan to benefit from Qatar in energy sector'**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-06-05

LAHORE: The Ambassador of Qatar to Pakistan, Ali Bin Mubarak Al Khatar called on Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider, at Governor's House on Tuesday. They discussed cooperation between the two countries in trade and other fields. Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider said that Pakistan and Qatar have brotherly relations. He said that cooperation with Qatar would ..... [more >>](#)

## Renewable Energy

**The Decoupling Imperative**

Source: [Danish Bhutto, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-11

For eons, humans have relied heavily on natural resources for survival and development, harnessing them to maximize energy output. However, this pursuit has led to over-extraction and misuse of resources, resulting in ecosystem depletion and environmental degradation. These consequences present a new conundrum for humankind, as an established maxim decrees that material growth is not infinite. The..... [more >>](#)

**400 kw solar system opens at PU**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-06-02

LAHORE : A state-of-the-art 400-kw solar system installation was inaugurated in the university's Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB) on Saturday. Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood was the chief guest on this occasion. Director CEMB Dr Moazur Rahman, Dean Health Sciences Academy Prof Dr Shahid Baig, Secretary of the Pakistan Science Foundation Dr Raja Razi u..... [more >>](#)

**Solar panels factory to be set up in Punjab: Shafay**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-06-04

LAHORE: A delegation of Chinese solar company Zonergy Corporation met Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain at Punjab Investment Board in which investment opportunities in the province and special incentives for foreign investors were discussed during the meeting. The opportunities of investment in solar energy sector in the Punjab province were also discussed. The minister ..... [more >>](#)

**Govt to provide free solar system to poor households in KP**

Source: [Umer Farooq, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-04

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur on Monday announced the provision of free solar systems to families living below the poverty line in the province. He also said his government would offer

subsidised solar systems to lower-middle-class families, with half of the costs to be shared by both. “Unlike the federal government that doesn’t care about the poo..... [more >>](#)

### **UNHCR to solarise 125 public facilities**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-05

Islamabad: On World Environment Day, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency has announced that it will solarise 125 educational and health facilities across Pakistan this year. These state-of-the-art solar systems will provide clean and sustainable energy, benefiting refugees and their hosting communities. The facilities being solarised include 103 girls and boys public educational institutions, 16 public h..... [more >>](#)

### **Mystery continues to shroud net metering regime**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-06

ISLAMABAD: Mystery continues to shroud the government’s bid mentioned in official documents to introduce changes in solar panel policy and replace net metering with gross metering system. Federal Minister for Power Division Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari has consistently denied that there will be no change in the existing net metering system. The minister vehemently said that net metering..... [more >>](#)

### **For a net-zero future**

Source: [Ali Tauqeer Sheikh](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-06

ENERGY has become a critical national security issue for Pakistan. The present policy prescriptions have brought us to a dead-end street. It has not only become hard for us to extricate ourselves from them, but they are also fast limiting our options to harness alternative energy. Solar and wind energy are cleaner, cheaper, and much faster to install and operationalise. Energy sector policymake..... [more >>](#)

### **Prince Rahim launches two solar power plants in Hunza**

Source: [Jamil Nagri](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-10

GILGIT: In order to help mitigate the difficulties created by the electricity shortage in the region, Prince Rahim Aga Khan launched two solar power plants in Hunza on Sunday. Prince Rahim, who is on a visit to Pakistan these days, launched the development of Duiker Solar Power Plant Phase II and Nasirabad Solar Power Plant, which have a combined capacity of 3.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp). With a g..... [more >>](#)

### **Prioritising sustainable energy**

Source: [Haaris Mahmood Chaudhary](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-10

Pakistan stands at a crossroads as the two-pronged challenge of looming climate change and a lingering energy crisis burdens our economic future. They strain our land and livelihoods, threatening to dampen any hopes for a sustainable and self-reliant future. But is there a flicker of hope? The fiscal year 2024-25 budget is an opportunity that can be used for course correction. Can this year&rsquo..... [more >>](#)

### **Massive installation of solar systems; Govt facing an impossible situation?**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-10

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is reportedly facing a catch-22 situation with respect to massive installation of solar systems across the country, as bureaucracy portrays solarisation as catastrophic for the country’s existing power sector, whereas politicians occupying high offices are not buying this mantra. Background interaction with bureaucrats, dealing with this hot issue and offici..... [more >>](#)

**Pak-Iran wind project: minister orders removal of impediments**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-12

KARACHI: Sindh Provincial Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has said that Sindh province is rich in natural resources particularly in energy sector and is very suitable for domestic and foreign investment. He expressed these views Tuesday at his office during a meeting with a delegation headed by Consul General Iran Hassan Nourian. First Counsel Amir Jafri, CO Pakistan-Iran Wind Power P..... [more >>](#)

**More Green Energy**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-12

Receiving a \$1 billion loan in additional finance from the World Bank for the Dasu Hydropower Project is a crucial moment. This will help expand the project and add more electricity to the national grid. The ultimate benefits of reducing power tariffs and dependency on imported fuels will benefit Pakistan as a whole. One of the largest hydropower projects, Dasu in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is not just o..... [more >>](#)

**Ogra allows import of 15,000 metric tons of high-speed diesel despite strong opposition of local refineries**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-14

ISLAMABAD - The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority has made a decision to allow the import of 15,000 metric tons of high-speed diesel, despite the fact that local refineries are producing sufficient amounts and have expressed strong objections to the move, which in turn will lead to the closure of the country's refineries. "Local refineries are the backbone of heavy industrial develop..... [more >>](#)

**Experts urge innovative financing to derisk renewable energy investments**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-15

KARACHI: Renewables First, a leading think tank for energy and environment, successfully hosted a pivotal event titled 'Renewable Energy Finance Insights - Assessing Risks in a Changing Landscape' in Islamabad on Tuesday. This initiative was aimed at bridging the gap between financial sector stakeholders and power sector policymakers and fostering a collaborative dialogue on critical ..... [more >>](#)

**Country's first and one of world's largest; 550MW floating solar energy project launched**

Source: [Ahmed Malik](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-14

KARACHI: Pakistan's first and one of the world's largest 550MW floating solar energy project has been launched in Sindh. Sindh Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah said this project will be an important milestone of affordable electricity as per the vision of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto. Sindh Energy Minister Syed Nasir Shah on Thursday participated in the signing ceremony..... [more >>](#)

**MoEA, Wapda seal \$25m deal for Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project**

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-15

ISLAMABAD - The Ministry of Economic Affairs (MoEA) and Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) signed a Subsidiary Loan Agreement (SLA) amounting to \$25 million for the Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project. This agreement was signed on Friday at the Ministry of Economic Affairs. The Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Dr Kazim Niaz, signed on behalf of the ministry, while Chairman WAPDA, Lt..... [more >>](#)

# SDPI's Engagement

## MoUs News

### **SDPI, CUST ink MoU to promote joint research endeavours harnessing innovation, tech-revolution**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-06-04

ISLAMABAD, Jun 4 (APP): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the Capital University of Science and Technology (CUST) on Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote joint research endeavours aimed at harnessing innovation and technology revolution. SDPI Joint Executive Director of SDPI Dr. Vaqar Ahmed and Dean of ORIC at CUST Professor Dr. Nayyer Masood signed t..... [more >>](#)

### **MoU inked to promote joint research endeavours harnessing innovation**

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### **SDPI, CUST Ink MoU To Promote Joint Research Endeavours Harnessing Innovation, Tech-revolution**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2024-06-04

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## SDPI Articles

### **Fixing the automobile sector**

Source: [Tahir Dhindsa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-02

Given its sensitive dependence on a bailout by the International Monetary Fund, the federal government is likely to unveil a budget for the financial year 2024-25 in line with the reforms advocated by the Fund. No wonder multi-national businesses having exposure in Pakistan are trying to persuade the IMF to recommend lower interest rates and oppose hi..... [more >>](#)

### **Restoring degraded ecosystems**

Source: [Maryam Shabbir Abbasi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-02

This year's World Environment Day is focusing on land restoration, desertification and drought resilience. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the global host this year because of their Saudi Green Initiative and the Middle East Green Initiative. The triple planetary crisis comprises climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution; together they are wreaking havoc on the world's ecosystem..... [more >>](#)

### **Trans fats hamper public health**

Source: [Fatima Muzammil](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-02

Industrially Produced Trans Fatty Acids (iTFA), which are found in every local diet, are a public health concern and a big challenge ahead. They are causing a notable increase in cardiovascular diseases and other chronic illnesses because of their harmful ingredients mainly produced after hydrogenating vegetable oils. In Pakistan's ongoing fight against non-communicable diseases, the culpri..... [more >>](#)

**Deserts, droughts and determination**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, The News, International](#), 2024-06-05

While the people of Pakistan are yet again braving severe heatwaves, the theme of this year's World Environment Day (which falls today) – 'Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience' – is not just a call to action but a dire warning. Experts predict that by next year, nearly three-quarters of the world's population may be affected by drought. For..... [more >>](#)

**Can our cities survive the climate crisis?**

Source: [Zainab Naeem, The News, International](#), 2024-06-07

"Only when the last tree has been cut down, the last fish been caught, and the last stream poisoned, will we realize we cannot eat money." This prophetic warning resonates deeply as we reflect on the environmental catastrophes that plague Pakistan. From devastating floods to relentless heatwaves and severe droughts, our nation stands at the front lines of climate change, grappling wit..... [more >>](#)

**Achieving growth in export of services**

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EVEN in 2024, women stand a long way from accessing equal opportunities with men. The persistent gender disparities across various spheres of life — education, employment, healthcare, and beyond — are stark reminders of the structural barriers confronting women in Pakistan. Despite efforts, the nation consistently lags on gender parity indices, raising concerns about the adequacy and s..... [more >>](#)

**Budget FY25: Test of fiscal discipline**

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Walking a tightrope to balance income against expenditure without hurting the people and losing political capital has always remained a challenge for the finance minister of Pakistan who is making the federal budget for Pakistan. In the good old days, a common practice was to overstate revenue estimates, understate proposed expenditures, and at least in the budget documents adhere to the fiscal d..... [more >>](#)

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**Pakistan budget sets big tax target ahead of IMF talks**

Source: [Gibran Naiyyar Peshimam, Asif Shahzad and Ariba Shahid, Reuters](#), 2024-06-12

ISLAMABAD, June 12 (Reuters) - Pakistan has set a challenging tax revenue target of 13 trillion rupees (\$46.66 billion) for the year starting July 1, a near 40% jump from the current year, in its national budget on Wednesday that looked to strengthen the case for a new bailout deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The ambitious revenue targets for the fiscal year through June 2025, pre..... [more >>](#)

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As Pakistan's government prepares to present its annual federal budget for 2024-25, it faces the daunting task of balancing domestic needs and the demands of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The government aims to increase the GDP growth rate to over 3.5 per cent from 2.38 per cent, following a nearly two-year economic slump caused by political instability. Prime Minister Shehbaz Shari..... [more >>](#)

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Islamabad, Pakistan – The Pakistani government will present its annual budget on Wednesday, seeking to balance domestic commitments to the country's 240 million people and demands of fiscal prudence from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) – a key source of loans. Aiming to increase its gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate to more than 3.5 percent from 2.38 percent in th..... [more >>](#)

**China helps Pakistan move towards knowledge-based economy**

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-13

The second phase of CPEC focuses on enhancing people-to-people interaction to drive advancements in Pakistan's social sector. Key focus areas include education, vocational training, poverty alleviation, health and agriculture. Speaking to WealthPK, Dr Hassan Dawood Butt, former project director at CPEC and a senior adviser at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), said Pakistan, w..... [more >>](#)

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## Seminar News

**Pak-China working group crucial for green energy transition**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid, The News, International](#), 2024-06-01

Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), on Wednesday has said that Pakistan and China can collaborate for exploring the untapped potential of 'Green Minerals' under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as it is the future fuel of the world. Dr Suleri was addressing high-level policy dialogue on "Reforms agenda ..... [more >>](#)

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**Collective action urged to adapt to 'new age of global warming'**

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-06

ISLAMABAD: With temperatures already crossing 52 degrees Celsius in many parts of the country, the United Nations (UN), Wednesday, called for collective action to adapt to the new age of global warming. Addressing the World Environment Day here, jointly organised by the UN, the Aga Khan Foundation, and the Ministry of Climate Change, Mohamed Yahya, the UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan said th..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD: The government intends to increase the levy on tobacco products by 30 percent in the upcoming budget in a bid to discourage smoking. This was stated by Muhammad Aftab Ahmed, project manager Tobacco Control Cell Ministry of National Health Services and Regulation while speaking at an event organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on World Tobacco Day. He fur..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD - Expressing grave concern over the rising trend of smoking in Pakistan, stakeholders and anti-tobacco experts at a discussion have revealed that over 1200 youth opt smoking per day in the country which needs concerted efforts at all levels to control smoking as it heavily costing the human health. The discussion was organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) to..... [more >>](#)

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**Experts demand stakeholders' intervention to boost tax net**

Source: APP, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-10

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a workshop underscored the need for documentation of the national economy and income to drive a reformed taxation regime intended to enhance the tax net and regulate the untaxed sectors through a holistic and stakeholder-inclusive intervention. The Pre-Budget Consultative Workshop titled, "Optimising Revenue and Public Spending for Inclusive Growth" was organi..... [more >>](#)

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