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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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- Energy finance and economics
- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

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Energy Governance

Another 66 meters disconnected on gas theft

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-25

LAHORE - The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has cut off another 66 connections during its on going crackdown against gas pilferers in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad, imposing Rs1.8 million fines. According to a spokesman for the SNGPL, Lahore and Sheikhpura regional teams severed 10 connections on illegal use of gas and imposed a fine of Rs 0.9 million on pilferers. In Mul..... [more >>](#)

LESCO detects 95,950 power pilferers in 270 days

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-26

Lahore - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 95,950 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 270 days of grand anti-power theft campaign. The LESCO spokesman told media persons here on Tuesday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against..... [more >>](#)

Jl stages protests against high cost of power, outages, budget

Source: [Sabah](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-24

LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) organised nationwide demonstrations on Sunday against the high cost of electricity, prolonged loadshedding and the "anti-people budget". These protests were held on the call of JI Ameer Engineer Hafiz Naeemur Rehman, marking the commencement of the first phase of a peaceful national resistance movement. A large number of people participated in the rallies..... [more >>](#)

Hubco subsidiary ventures into EVs with China's BYD

Source: [Ahmed Malik](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-22

KARACHI: In a major development, Hub Power Holdings Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Hub Power Company Limited (Hubco), has announced to diversify its investment by entering in the business of electric vehicles, with Build Your Dreams (BYD), a leading Chinese EV manufacturer, through its associate company, Mega Motor Company (Private) Limited. "Hub Power Holdings Limited, a who..... [more >>](#)

Climate change, energy security and net metering

Source: [Arshad H Abbasi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-23

During the World Economic Forum in April 2024, the Prime Minister of Pakistan highlighted the detrimental impact of the energy sector and climate change, emphasising that it has led to an economic catastrophe. The Prime Minister may lack awareness of the strong connection between electricity generation and climate change. Climate change is science. Scientifically, human activities have been the..... [more >>](#)

Price bombs

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-17

There was a time not too long ago when the faces we see sitting in government today would cry themselves hoarse over a single rupee's increase in the per-unit price of electricity. They would beat their chests and take to the streets, threatening to send the government packing over its inability to manage runaway prices. Oh, how the times have changed. Days after dropping tax bombs that w..... [more >>](#)

Uch Gas Field; Wapda seeks PD's support for cut in fuel gas demandSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-17

ISLAMABAD: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) has sought Power Division's support to get approval to cut fuel gas demand for two weeks from Uch Gas Field by shutting down individual wells one by one for a tie-in of UCH gas flow lines crossing Kachhi Canal at RD 1251 (Location-A), well informed sources told Business Recorder. According to Wapda, Kachhi Canal Project, a major w..... [more >>](#)

Suki Kinari Hydropower Station; First Unit registers successSource: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-17

LAHORE: The first unit (Unit 4) of Pakistan Suki Kinari Hydropower Station, the largest hydropower power station invested and constructed by China Energy Construction Overseas Investment Co., Ltd, was successfully start-up and formally entering the wet testing phase. Personnel from China Energy Construction Overseas Investment Co., Ltd, SK Hydro Co., Ltd, and participating construction units [more >>](#)

Discos consumers; Govt all set to file motion with Nepra to adjust category-wise SoTSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-17

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is all set to file a motion with National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to adjust category-wise Schedule of Tariff (SoT) of Discos consumers in the light of newly determined base tariff for the fiscal year 2024-25 including relief to the industry. On Friday, the power regulator, uploaded tariff determinations of Discos, on its website, after seek..... [more >>](#)

Suki Kinari Hydropower Station's first unit enters wet testing phaseSource: [Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-17

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Pesco seeks action against PTI MNA for storming grid stationsSource: [Mushtaq Paracha, The News, International](#), 2024-06-20

NOWSHERA: The Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco) has requested the district police and administration to lodge a first information report (FIR) against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) MNA Zulfiqar Khan for forcibly restoring electricity supply to different areas. The development took place after the lawmaker stormed two grid stations, Pabbi and Taroja, with a group of his supporters and co..... [more >>](#)

KP CM storms into grid station, forcefully restores power to DI KhanSource: [Fawad Yousafzai / Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-20

Gandapur warns of strict action if power outage at any grid station exceeds 12 hours. Accuses federal govt of neglecting its responsibilities towards public issues. Protesting mobs attacked over 20 power distribution installations across the province during Eid days n Power minister seeks interior ministry's help for security of grid stations in KP. Mohsin Naqvi holds phone talk with KP CM t..... [more >>](#)

Nepra imposes fixed charges of Rs200-1,000 a month on domestic consumers from July 1Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-06-21

ISLAMABAD: Nepra has introduced a new electricity tariff design by imposing from July 1, 2024, fixed charges of Rs200-1,000 a month in the electricity bills of five residential consumers' categories depending upon the consumption of units a month. Nepra also increased the same by up to 300 percent for commercial and up to 355 percent for industrial consumers. This would help Discos to incre..... [more >>](#)

Massive shake-up: New heads, board members appointed to nine Discos

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-21

ISLAMABAD: Except for two power distribution companies, the government has dissolved the boards of nine Discos and approved the names of new chairmen and members of Board of Directors. Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb presided over a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on State-Owned Enterprises (CCoSOEs) at the Finance Division on Thursday. The summary presented..... [more >>](#)

Amid Gandapur's protests: Sindh, Balochistan face more outages than KP

Source: [Umar Cheema](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-21

ISLAMABAD: If noise created by Ali Amin Gandapur is taken as a guide, it appears and many tend to believe as if Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been singled out for loadshedding spanning over protracted hours. The reality on the contrary is quite opposite to it. Sindh comes first and KP is a distant third. Balochistan falls in between the two. The above-mentioned ranking is in terms of loadshedding which [more >>](#)

KP's 'power struggle'

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

AN ongoing dispute between Peshawar and Islamabad over loadshedding in KP has flared up once again, with the provincial government now demanding that power cuts not exceed 12 hours in any area. However, though the PTI's stance appears to be 'pro-people', it also risks creating impediments in the fight against electricity theft, and the party will soon realise it should reconsi..... [more >>](#)

Pesco raises alarm as more feeders forced to resume supply by PTI

Source: [Manzoor Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

PESHAWAR: National and provincial lawmakers from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa continued to forcibly enter grid stations and turn on power supply on Thursday even as the utility company warned such actions could seriously damage the transmission infrastructure. The provincial home and tribal affairs department has also directed district administrations to ensure no unscheduled loadshedding is ca..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA proposes fixed charges of up to Rs1,000 for domestic consumers

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has proposed implementing fixed charges of up to Rs1,000 for domestic electricity consumers, starting from July 1. According to sources, these proposals have been sent to the federal government, which will make the final decision. The proposed fixed charges are part of an average base tariff of Rs5.72 per unit. The fixed charges are struc..... [more >>](#)

Power production rises first time in 7 months Fuel cost falls 10% in May as hydel generation goes up

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

KARACHI: Despite a substantial reduction of 10% in the cost of fuel for power generation in May 2024, the electricity distribution companies (DISCOs) demanded a tariff increase of Rs3.41 per unit in the name of fuel charges adjustment (FCA). Higher capacity charges will also weigh on the final electricity tariff for the month. Electricity supplying companies have sought an upward revision in fu..... [more >>](#)

DISCOs' boards sacked again Distribution firms may suffer Rs589b loss; seaports declared strategic assets

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday again sacked the boards of nine power distribution companies (DISCOs) due to their roles in the colossal losses of Rs589 billion in this fiscal year and also declared Pakistan's three seaports, including Gwadar, as strategic assets. It was the second time in one month when the Cabinet Committee on State-Owned Enterprises (CCoSOEs) decided to dissolve t..... [more >>](#)

District admin bans LPG shops due to security

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

RAWALPINDI: Various LPG filling agencies and shops, both legal and illegal, operating on Adiala Road have been banned with immediate effect due to security concerns. According to the Rawalpindi district administration, the decision mandates the immediate sealing of illegal shops and agencies, with their goods confiscated. Licence holders are required to relocate their agencies to safer locations..... [more >>](#)

CM Gandapur warns of 'severe public backlash' in K-P over prolonged load-shedding

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur on Friday warned that prolonged load-shedding is making life unbearable for residents and could lead to an "uncontrollable public backlash." The chief minister chaired a meeting today focused on load-shedding, which was also attended by the chief secretary, additional home chief secretary, principal secretary to th..... [more >>](#)

Naqvi in contact with KP CM over loadshedding issue

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-20

ISLAMABAD: In a significant development, Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur held a telephonic discussion on Wednesday to address the loadshedding crisis in the province. The Chief Minister apprised the Interior Minister regarding his concerns. Both leaders agreed to hold consultation and negotiations on the issue of 12 hours load she..... [more >>](#)

Payment settlement between KE, govt entities; PM directs PD to present 'holistic' solution

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-20

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed the Power Division to present a holistic solution for settlement of historic receivables and payments between K-Electric (KE) and government entities/departments, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. He issued these directions at a recent meeting, wherein different issues of power sector came under discussion. The Power Divis..... [more >>](#)

Fuel adjustments: Better FY25 in sight

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-20

Power generation in May 2024 was the first monthly recording of year-on-year increase in eight months – as the grid generation at 12.2 billion units went up 2.2 percent from a year ago. Only an optimist of the highest order would read this as any sort of reversal in fortunes. Context helps here. For one, May 2024 was both, the driest and warmest month in at least 60 years of recorded history,..... [more >>](#)

Disrupting the Grid

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

Prolonged power outages during this extreme heat wave are an existential issue for Pakistanis who suffer from both the heat and electricity load shedding. The power shortage is structural, with two major contributing factors: power theft and dysfunctional power plants. Efforts to increase electricity supply to the national grid are underway, with projects like the Dasu and Kohala hydropower plants..... [more >>](#)

Developing an electricity market; ADB wing rates TA as successful and relevant

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-21

ISLAMABAD: The Independent Evaluation Department (IED) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has rated technical assistance (TA) for "Pakistan: Developing an Electricity Market" as successful and relevant. The IED in its

validation report stated that the objective of TA of \$1.2 million was to provide capacity building and policy advice on the introduction of market mechanisms for el..... [more >>](#)

Power struggle

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#) , 2024-06-22

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur is insisting on ultimatums, this time warning the Shehbaz Sharif-led federal government that things could get out of hand if KP's loadshedding is not reduced to a maximum of 12 hours. Power cuts have become frequent and longer in some areas, leading to protests in KP. Since power supply is a matter the federal government deals with, PTI law..... [more >>](#)

An unpleasant clutter of wires

Source: [Ibne Ahmad, The News, International](#) , 2024-06-22

On a sunny evening, I walked up to Fazal Town from Shah Khalid Colony Railway Bridge. Along the pavement, I repeatedly stumbled over dangerously lying cable wires in Butt Market. "After almost getting my neck caught in one such cable, I started taking photographs of the cityscape. It was cluttered with multiple fibre optic cables belonging to competing cable companies, ruining the city..... [more >>](#)

Iesco examines 1,310,874 meters across all six operational circles

Source: [APP, The News, International](#) , 2024-06-22

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) in the light of government and the Ministry of Energy Power Division directives has checked 1,310,874 meters since September 7, 2023 during anti-power theft campaign in all its six operational circles. Sharing details, Chief Executive Officer of Iesco, Dr Muhammad Amjad said that fines amounting to Rs627.75 million have also been imposed on the..... [more >>](#)

Power loadshedding in KP; Federal govt facing a catch-22 situation

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-22

ISLAMABAD: Federal Government is facing a catch 22 situation with respect to power loadshedding in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) as neither provincial administration is extending cooperation to stop forced restoration of electricity nor Peshawar Electric Supply Corporation (Pesco) can disconnect high loss feeders due to law and order situation, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Accordi..... [more >>](#)

OMAP writes letter to FBR chief; Concern voiced over budget implications for petroleum industry

Source: [Hassan Abbas, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-22

LAHORE: The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP) has written a letter to the Chairman of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), expressing concerns over the recent budget announcement and its implications for the petroleum industry. According to the letter, the association recommended that government should reinstate the sales tax on petroleum products, as was the case prior to their zer..... [more >>](#)

Defaulting govt departments

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-22

How ridiculous that government departments, ministries, even provincial governments, routinely default on their payments to power companies, leaving them to book losses, take loans to meet running costs, and inevitably burden ordinary consumers at the end of the day. And if there is a way of snapping out of this regular cycle, nobody seems to have found it yet because, no matter how you approach i..... [more >>](#)

45pc of KP domestic feeders facing upto 20-hour power outages

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-22

ISLAMABAD - The residents of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are facing severe load shedding in the scorching summer season, as over 45 percent domestic feeders are facing up to 20 hours loadshedding. Of the total 981 domestic feeders in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 443 are facing 12 to 20 hours load shedding, official documents available with The Nation reveal. On the remaining 538 domestic feeders, there is 2 to 7..... [more >>](#)

Energy challenges

Source: [Shaha Tariq](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-23

We no longer have the luxury to exist in an isolated ecosystem where we can pre-determine the effect of international events on our policies and strategies. It has, instead become a live biosphere where regional collaborations and active war zones have significant potential to influence and change global dynamics. The Russia-Ukraine conflict that escalated in 2021 has had a significant economic im..... [more >>](#)

50,500 power theft cases registered this year in Punjab

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-23

Lahore - The Punjab police said here on Saturday that more than 50,500 cases had been registered against electricity thieves from January 1 to June 21 across the province. A total of 26,686 suspects involved in electricity theft were arrested from all districts of the province. In the provincial capital, 15,533 cases were registered, and more than 15,000 suspects were arrested. Over 30,729 cases..... [more >>](#)

Powering Gwadar — a question of fuel

Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-24

At the last meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC), the highest decision-making body of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), in May, Pakistan requested Beijing to begin construction work on electricity generation projects and propose infrastructure schemes, like the Mainline-I railway project, for Chinese financing. The generation projects, according to Planning Minister Ahsan..... [more >>](#)

Power tariffs: There is some respite!

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-24

The base adjustment in Power Purchase Price (PPP) has been okayed by the regulator, and it is now a matter of days before the final revenue requirements and adjusted consumer end tariffs are notified for FY25. At Rs3.5 trillion, it is an increase of Rs500 billion in absolute terms or 17 percent from last year's reference PPP. In unit terms, the increase is 20 percent at Rs26.99/unit, as power..... [more >>](#)

KP's power woes

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-24

There appears to be little evidence, so far, of a sensible solution to the dispute that has erupted between the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and federal governments on account of the hours' long load-shedding the people of the province have been suffering through. The row escalated after KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur issued an ultimatum to the Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco) to red..... [more >>](#)

Fixed charges: boon or bane for electricity consumers?

Source: [Abubakar Ismail](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-24

With the recent Discos tariff determination by power regulator Nepra, fixed charges have been introduced for domestic consumers, and industrial fixed charges have been increased by almost 300%. On June 14, 2024, Nepra also determined the National Average Power Purchase Price as 27 rupees per unit and the Average Electricity Selling Tariff as 35.5 rupees per unit, which is nearly 19% higher than la..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's power sector crisis: strategic reforms and the case for local coal

Source: [Muhammad Wali Farooqi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-24

"The power sector can sink Pakistan's economy if not run properly" -- these were the remarks made by Miftah Ismail in a private ceremony back in June 2022 when he served as the federal minister of finance. These words perfectly capture the essence of the severe challenges faced by the country's power sector. As of November 2023, the power sector's circular debt alone..... [more >>](#)

Power theft

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-25

FEDERAL Energy Minister Awaiz Leghari's statement during a TV interview that electricity theft amounts to Rs600bn a year is quite revealing. Power theft is not confined to a single geographical territory or province, but extends across the country. According to him, the situation is forcing the distribution companies to impose 'forced load-shedding' for hours on end each day in &..... [more >>](#)

Oil industry rejects budgetary measures

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-25

ISLAMABAD: Claiming that the proposed federal budget 2024-25 practically cancelled the recently announced policy for setting up new and upgrading existing refineries, the oil industry has asked the government to revive the existing taxation regime, including continuing customs duty on diesel and sales tax laws on all petroleum products. In a representation to the federal ministers for finance a..... [more >>](#)

No cut in gas tariff from July 1

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-06-25

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided not to reduce the gas prices from July 1, 2024 in the light of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) decision to lower the gas price by 10 per cent for the next budgetary year. Rather it has decided to inflate the gas prices for captive power plants (CPPs) by Rs250 per mmBtu to Rs3000 per mmBtu from existing price of Rs2750 per mmBtu as per the line of [more >>](#)

PSO receivables hit Rs810bn mark

Source: [Ahmed Malik](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-25

KARACHI: The total receivables of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) have reached Rs 810 billion, however the management indicated that due to the significant increase in consumer gas prices, PSO's liquidity position is anticipated to improve. The PSO's receivables from SNGPL were over Rs 500bn, from GENCO Rs 150 billion and from Hubco and PIA were Rs 27 billion. PSO anticipates no further [more >>](#)

Power sector; Govt anticipates \$2bn financing by IFIs in 3 years

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-25

ISLAMABAD: The government has projected \$ 2 billion external financing in power sector from the international financial institutions during the next three years (2024-27) under OCR (Ordinary Capital Resources), COL (Concessional OCR Lending) of ADB, IPF (Investment Project Financing) of World Bank and loans from Islamic Development Bank and Korean EXIM Bank and KFAED, well-informed sources told Bu..... [more >>](#)

Power Division opposes levying of GST on power supply to AJK

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-25

ISLAMABAD - Disputing the levying of general sales tax on electricity supply to Azad Jammu and Kashmir by Federal Board of Revenue, the Power Division has termed it as violation of the agreement signed between governments of Pakistan and AJK in 2003, at the time of Mangla Dam raising, and proposed that no GST should be charged on the power supply. The dispute between the Power Division and Fede..... [more >>](#)

Lahore consumers irked by gas outages in summerSource: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-26

LAHORE: Already pestered by the Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) because of power loadshedding, tripping and fluctuations etc, squeezing of gas supply by the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), especially during the “cooking hours”, has further irritated the consumers in many areas of the city. Criticising the government for squeezing gas supply, the consumers have sou..... [more >>](#)

Ogra act amendment to bring \$200mSource: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-26

ISLAMABAD: The government is set to amend the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) Act aimed at allowing the operator of Energas Terminal to have monopoly over capacity utilisation in a bid to attract investment of \$200 million from Qatar. At present, the terminal operator is bound to permit the use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) infrastructure to the third party with the consent of Ogra, mean..... [more >>](#)

KE seeks Rs10.69/unit power price hikeSource: [Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-26

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE) has petitioned the government for permission to raise its power price by Rs10.69/unit, aiming to increase it to Rs44.69/unit for the fiscal year 2023-24. The proposed tariff adjustment is intended to partially offset losses and enhance working capital, necessitating increased subsidies from the government to the privatised entity. Spokesperson for K-Electric, Ovais Munsh..... [more >>](#)

POL import bill decreases by 0.28pcSource: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-26

ISLAMABAD - The imports of the overall petroleum group decreased by 0.28 percent during the first eleven months of the current fiscal year (2023-24) as compared to the corresponding period of the last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. The total imports of the petroleum group during July-May (2023-24) stood at \$15,338.947 million, as against the imports of \$15,382.307 million [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices likely to rise by Rs8 for next fortnightSource: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-27

ISLAMABAD: After four consecutive fortnightly price cuts, the major petroleum products — petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) — are estimated to become costlier by Rs7 and Rs8 per litre, respectively, with effect from July 1 for the next fortnight, mainly because of the higher international market. Informed sources said the prices of petrol and HSD had increased in the international m..... [more >>](#)

KE facing power supply issues due to Rs10.5bn dues to be paid by Sindh govtSource: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-06-27

K-Electric is grappling with significant issues in maintaining an uninterrupted power supply due to outstanding dues of approximately Rs10.5 billion from the Sindh government. The power utility in a press statement said that delay in payments has severely impacted K-Electric's ability to deliver consistent electricity to its consumers. The spokesperson urged the Sindh government to expedite..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff likely to increase by Rs3.41 per unitSource: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-27

The power tariff in Pakistan is likely to increase by Rs3.41 per unit due to the monthly fuel adjustment (MFA), according to media reports. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) is set to hear an application from the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) requesting the hike. The CPPA has cited an increase in the monthly fuel adjustment for May as the reason for the proposed t..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices expected to rise in Pakistan

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-27

Petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) prices in Pakistan are expected to rise from July 1 after four consecutive price cuts. Petrol is projected to increase by Rs7 per litre and HSD by Rs8 per litre due to higher international market rates. According to media report that international prices for petrol and HSD have risen by \$4.4 and \$5.5 per barrel, respectively, in the last fortnight. This could l..... [more >>](#)

Rs82bn TFCs issue; OGDCL sets stringent conditions for proposed rollover

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-27

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has set stringent conditions on proposed rollover of Rs 82 billion term finance facility with Power Holding Limited (PHL) till June 2024. Managing Director/CEO Ahmed Hayat Lak, in a letter to Secretary Power Division, referred to the long outstanding overdue Terms Finance Certificates (TFCs) of Rs 82 billion issued by Power Holdin..... [more >>](#)

SLB collaborates with OGDCL on geothermal resource development in Pakistan

Source: [Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

KARACHI - SLB (NYSE: SLB) is collaborating with Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Pakistan's largest oil and gas exploration and production company, to develop a strategy for exploiting geothermal resources in hydrocarbon fields across Pakistan. As part of the collaboration, SLB will help OGDCL develop a plan for evaluation of the geothermal potential of 25 fields in the Nor..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum prices likely to go up by Rs15

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-28

ISLAMABAD: After offering relief to consumers in the last three revisions of oil prices, the government is now likely to raise the prices of high-speed diesel (HSD) and petrol by Rs9.84 per liter and Rs7.54 per liter, respectively, for the next fortnight starting from July 1. This possible increase is attributed to fluctuations in global oil prices. The government also plans to increase the rate..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric seeks major tariff adjustments amid criticism

Source: [Israr Ahmad, The News, International](#), 2024-06-28

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has petitioned the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) for significant tariff adjustments, seeking a 15 percent dollarized return on equity and 16.67 percent for transmission and distribution over the next seven years under its multi-year tariff (MYT) plan. The utility, citing benchmarks in the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) sector, argued for indexed qua..... [more >>](#)

'I don't want to live': Rashid Mehmood reacts in agony over massive power bill

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-29

Pakistani showbiz industry senior actor Rashid Mehmood has expressed distress after he received an electricity bill of Rs45, 000. Mehmood hails a career in the Lollywood and drama industry of Pakistani showbiz industry in which he entertained the masses for '45 years'. His video of displaying his house's electricity bill went viral on social media where he revealed that for 7..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan considering proposal to sell Qatar LNG in spot market

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-29

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan is considering a proposal to sell LNG being procured from Qatar on long term contract in the spot market, and will be seeking Doha's nod for the purpose. The matter came under discussion in the public hearing, conducted by NEPRA, on the petition of CPPA-G for allowing to transfer the burden of Rs3.41 per unit to Discos consumers on account of monthly fuel charges adjustm..... [more >>](#)

Power politics

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Electricity supply is an enabler of development, greatly contributing to economic growth and wellbeing of a people. An imbalance in the demand and supply of electricity tends to exacerbate issues relating to the social fabric of a society. It can also have serious consequences for the viability of industrial and commercial sectors of the economy. Stemming from insufficient supplies and ineffic..... [more >>](#)

Of outages and optimism

Source: [Meeral Mansoor, The News, International](#), 2024-06-30

Here comes summer and the annual transformer explosion — a spectacle that rivals a teenager's 18th birthday. In a corner of the residence that shall not be named, this event has become as predictable as the upcoming knee-high Converse trend, though far less welcome. It starts off with the flickering of lights, transitions into sudden darkn..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

FEISCA emphasises more steps for solarisation

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-17

LAHORE - The Federation of Engineering Institutions of South and Central Asia (FEISCA) has appreciated various measures for solarisation in the country and called upon the government to provide soft loans for promoting renewable energy to meet ever-increasing demand of uninterrupted cheap electricity and mitigate emerging threat of climate change across the country. FEISCA Secretary General Engine..... [more >>](#)

Sindh announces solar electricity initiative

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-25

SUKKUR: Sukkur. Minister for Energy Syed Nasir Hussain Shah said that the electricity generated from the solar park will be supplied to people on Monday. He was speaking at the inauguration ceremony of newly constructed road with solar lights. He said that people of Sindh Province are the foremost priority of Sindh government. We are not in the federal government fold still we are running gove..... [more >>](#)

An energy policy premised on renewables is indispensable

Source: [Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-26

Pakistan has a lopsided energy policy, if at all, and is irrational to the core as it is solely import-reliant. The world's fifth populous country, with 245 million consumers, depends on a diverse mix of sources, prime among which is imported petrol and LNG, apart from indigenous fossil fuels, hydropower and renewable energy. The country's natural gas reserves, estimated at 18.3 trill..... [more >>](#)

Solarising Pakistan

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-06-27

Amid the myriad economic challenges facing the country and individual citizens, one bright light has come in the form of the government's decision to refrain from adding new duties to solar panels, which will hopefully translate into more affordable home-use hardware. It is well established at this point that the abundance of sunlight across the country makes Pakistan an ideal candidate for [more >>](#)

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A Report Launch

CPEC success story of resolve for continued Pak-China collaboration in diverse sectors, says Gilani

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CPEC a vision of prosperity jointly dreamed by Pakistan and China: minister

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a vision of prosperity which was jointly dreamed by the leadership of Pakistan and China. In very brief remarks at the launch of the Annual Sustainability Report 2023 here on Friday, he said that the completion of CPEC projects and the development of Gwadar port ar..... [more >>](#)

CPEC spurs economic transformation, unity in Pakistan: Pakistani officials

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ISLAMABAD, June 29 (Xinhua) -- Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan Yousuf Raza Gilani said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a transformative journey for Pakistan that catalyzed investment, technology transfer, knowledge sharing, and skill development with a cumulative investment of billions of dollars from China. Speaking at the launching event of the Annual Sustainability Repor..... [more >>](#)

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Federal budgets in Pakistan have historically been interpreted differently by various stakeholders. Governments invariably claim that their budgets are pro-people and pro-growth, while opposition parties criticise them as 'anti-poor.' The general public, meanwhile, feels that the expenses that affect them the most—such as electricity tariffs, petroleum prices, gas prices and the [more >>](#)

Decarbonisation for industrialisation

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Macroeconomic Stabilisation Efforts Government Policies and Fiscal Discipline: Pakistan's government initiated a series of robust policy measures to stabilise the economy amidst persistent challenges such as inflation, fiscal mismanagement, and external vulnerabilities. A renewed focus on fiscal discipline, coupled with comprehensive reforms at the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), was pivotal..... [more >>](#)

Building a climate-resilient energy future

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The transition to green energy in South Asia is a pressing and comprehensive effort, driven by the urgent need to address climate change impacts. This transition demands moving away from fossil fuel dependency and towards sustainable resources such as solar, wind and hydroelectric power. The region faces a complex set of challenges and opportunities [more >>](#)

Budget 2024-25: balancing growth and stability

Source: Abdullah Khalid & Dr Maaz Maqsood Hashmi, [The News, International](#), 2024-06-24

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has announced Pakistan's federal budget for 2024-25, targeting a modest 3.6 per cent growth for the coming fiscal year. This budget aims to satisfy the IMF and balance Pakistan's burgeoning books with higher taxation, as the country is in talks with the IMF for a larger, long-term programme to achieve permanent macroeconomic stability. The government..... [more >>](#)

Budget FY25 through the Laffer Curve

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [The News, International](#), 2024-06-26

The Laffer Curve, a concept named after American economist Arthur Laffer, expresses the relationship between tax rates and government revenue. This theory becomes particularly relevant in light of Pakistan's recently announced federal budget for FY25, which sets ambitious tax collection targets. The Laffer Curve suggests that there exists an optimal tax rate that maximizes government revenue,..... [more >>](#)

Panda bonds and Pakistan's economic renaissance

Source: [Zainab Babar](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-06-30

The government of Pakistan has announced the issuance of Panda Bonds worth \$300 million in the Chinese market over the next fiscal year. This policy development is a part of the economic roadmap that aims to revive the economic growth in the country over the next five years. Tapping into the Chinese capital market in the current scenario seems to be [more >>](#)

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ONE of the more notable claims made during the budget presentation process was the government's claim to keep inflation at 12pc in the coming fiscal year. On the face of it, this seems to be rooted in the many planned actions that will aim to keep the rate of inflation low. But the aggressive tax measures that form a major part of the revenue measures outlined, seem to be designed to do jus..... [more >>](#)

Budget 2024-25: a mixed bag for Pakistan's climate change efforts

Source: [Bilal Hussain](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-06-27

Pakistan's Finance Minister Mohammad Aurangzeb, in his budget 2024-25 speech, said Pakistan faces dangers due to the effects of climate change and therefore in an effort for climate mitigation, "the government has taken several measures". However, climate experts are skeptical and say there may be some measures but they aren't enough to achieve climate change mitigation [more >>](#)

Trade deficit with China grows by 34pc

Source: [Aimen Siddiqui](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-06-30

KARACHI: Pakistan's trade deficit with China grew by 34 per cent in the first eleven months of FY2024 as compared to the same period last year. Against the deficit of \$7.15 billion in July-May 2023, Pakistan recorded a deficit of \$9.6 billion in 11MFY2024. Financial experts see this deficit as a sign of the country's lack of preparedness at the domestic level, its limited exports bask..... [more >>](#)

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Stitching a future: billions in textile exports

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Pakistan's textile sector has experienced nothing short of a rollercoaster ride over the past few years. From a phase of remarkable growth and optimism in 2021-22 to entrenched deindustrialization, the industry's current state highlights the critical need for conducive policies to stimulate its revival. In the lead-up to 2022, buoyed by supportive policies such as the regionally co..... [more >>](#)

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Healthy diet policy to help control child disease proliferation: Shahzad

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