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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

33 illegal gas connections severed

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-20

LAHORE: IN a continued effort to combat gas theft, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has conducted extensive raids across Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad, resulting in the disconnection of 33 illegal gas connections and the imposition of fines totaling Rs0.3 million. In Lahore, SNGPL teams disconnected eight illegal gas connections and filed three FIRs against offenders. In Multa..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 503 power pilferers

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-21

LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 503 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) on the 294th day of grand anti-power theft campaign. The Lesco spokesman told media here Saturday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electrici..... [more >>](#)

Power plants rake in Rs10b monthly with zero power output: NEPRA data reveals shocking truth

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

The former caretaker minister for Commerce and Industries Dr Gohar Ejaz, while referring to National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) data has stated that at least four power plants which are receiving Rs10 billion per month are running without supplying any electricity at all. In a post shared on X (formerly Twitter) on Sunday, Dr Gohar Ejaz referenced NEPRA's data from January [more >>](#)

59,000 power theft cases registered in 7 months: IGP

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-23

LAHORE: Inspector General Police (IGP), Punjab Dr Usman Anwar Monday said in seven months 59,000 cases were registered against electricity thieves across the province. He said some 31,227 suspects involved in power theft were arrested, and challans of more than 36,119 were completed and 4,744 got sentences. The police spokesperson said in Lahore 17,555 power theft cases were registered and more tha..... [more >>](#)

61 meters disconnected on gas theft; Rs1.2m fine imposed

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-23

LAHORE: The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) cut off another 61 connections during its ongoing crackdown on gas pilferers in Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad, imposing a Rs1.2 million fine. According to a spokesman for the SNGPL, in Lahore and Gujranwala, the regional teams severed six connections on illegal use of gas and imposed heavy fines against gas pilferers. In Sahiwal and..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to conduct forensic audit of IPPs

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-28

KARACHI Chairman of the FPCCI Advisory Board and National Business Group Pakistan, President of Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum Mian Zahid Hussain said that the Government's silence on the issue of IPPs despite heavy criticism and losses of thousands of billions of rupees is incomprehensible. He said this problem would not be solved by delaying it or issuing statements; ste..... [more >>](#)

IHC to look into 'irregularities' in coal purchase by power plants

Source: [Malik Asad, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-17

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) will look into alleged irregularities in the purchase of coal for power plants, which increased the cost of electricity generation. A group of petitioners filed an application with the court, raising questions over the bidding process for procurement of the coal. They urged the court to order the Ministry of Energy to conclude its inquiry initiated after [more >>](#)

LHC seeks response from federal government on hike in petroleum prices

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-19

The Lahore High Court (LHC) has sought response from the federal government on hike in petrol and diesel prices. LHC's Justice Shahid Karim heard the application filed by Judicial Activism Panel. Azhar Siddique, representing the applicant presented the arguments during the case hearing. Petitioner's lawyer contended that electricity and petrol had become out of reach from the publi..... [more >>](#)

SIFC endorses refineries' demands

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-26

ISLAMABAD: The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) on Thursday backed plans to withdraw the budgetary measures that could lead to the closure of refineries and spoil a \$6 billion plant upgrade programme. Sources told The Express Tribune that the SIFC held a high-level meeting, attended by representatives of refineries and officials of the Petroleum Division, Ministry of Finance..... [more >>](#)

Protest continues against inflation, hike in power tariffs

Source: [Fazal Sher / Zulfiqar Ahmad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-28

RAWALPINDI: The Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), on Saturday, continued its sit-in at Liaquat Bagh for the second day to press the government for a reduction in inflated electricity bills and to take effective measures to bring down skyrocketing inflation. A large number of JI workers gathered at Liaquat Bagh carrying party flags and banners inscribed with slogans against high electricity prices and tax..... [more >>](#)

JI chief blasts past governments for crippling IPP deals

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

ISLAMABAD: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) leader Hafiz Naeemur Rehman criticized previous governments, including those led by former military ruler General (ret'd) Pervaiz Musharraf, PPP, PML-N, and PTI, for making agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) that are detrimental to the public. Addressing a press conference at the JI sit-in at Rawalpindi's Liaquat Bagh, which entered its fifth da..... [more >>](#)

JI demands govt to renegotiate agreements with IPPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

ISLAMABAD - As the protest sit-in of Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) entered its fourth day, the party Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Monday warned to expand protests to Karachi, Quetta and Peshawar within two days if their immediate demands regarding reduction in inflation and electricity bills were not met. He also called on the government for renegotiating agreements with the independent power producers (IP..... [more >>](#)

APTMA demands transparency on IPPs deals

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-07-30

ISLAMABAD: In a new move, the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has formally requested detailed information about independent power producers (IPPs) from the government. Citing the Right of Access to Information Act, the APTMA has sought transparency in the power sector. This request has been made in the public interest to promote transparency and accountability in matters of public [more >>](#)

Textile millers seek details of IPP deals

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

ISLAMABAD: As the independent power producers (IPPs) come in for a lot of flak for receiving billions of rupees in capacity charges, the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma) has approached government institutions including the Power Division and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), asking them to provide details of IPP deals. In a letter, Aptma Secretary General S..... [more >>](#)

70pc KE service territory exempted from load-shedding, SHC told

Source: [Jamal Khurshid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-16

Seventy percent of K-Electric's service territory is exempted from load-shedding, while active steps are being taken to expand the exempted zone further, KE told the Sindh High Court (SHC) on Monday. Filing comments on a petition filed by the Jamaat-e-Islami against frequent load-shedding in the city, KE said that according to the power utility's investment plan, it is estimated tha..... [more >>](#)

Trade, industry urge govt to revisit pacts with IPPs

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

KARACHI: Businessmen were up in arms against the independent power producers (IPPs), urging the government to revisit the agreement in the larger interest of consumers and industries to bring down the electricity tariffs to help revive industrial and export activities. At a press conference held at the Federation House on Monday on unbearable electricity tariffs due to capacity charges of IPPs, U..... [more >>](#)

Sapphire signs pact to buy power firms

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

KARACHI: Sapphire Fibres Ltd (SFL) has entered into an agreement with UPLHC I Ltd and UPLHC II Ltd, both companies incorporated in the UAE, to acquire 50 per cent share of UCH Power Private Ltd which is fully owned by UPLHC I and II. In a notice to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Monday, SFL said its consortium partner had signed a similar agreement to acquire the remaining 50pc shares of UC..... [more >>](#)

Push to exit Oil & gas reserves discovered in Attock

Source: [Muhammad Hamid Zaman](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

On the coast of the Aegean sea, at a small town, not far from Athens is a seafood restaurant known among the locals for its fresh fish and reasonable prices. I was in Greece not too long ago for work and a colleague, who is from Greece, had recommended the place. Soon after I had placed the order, I saw a young man rushing to me. He looked like someone in his early twenties, and from his facial fe..... [more >>](#)

Reeling from 'electric shock' consumers hit by 'petrol bomb'

Source: [Irshad Ansari](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

ISLAMABAD: The federal government further squeezed people's purchasing power by raising petrol and diesel prices on Monday, a day after notifying a hike in electricity tariff for both domestic and commercial consumers. According to a finance ministry notification, petrol prices rose by Rs9.99 per litre, while high-speed diesel (HSD) increased by Rs6.18 per litre for the next fortnight star..... [more >>](#)

PM dismayed by oil, gas losses

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has expressed dismay over the loss of billions of rupees caused by the reduction in indigenous gas supply due to delay in payments by public gas utilities to hydrocarbon explorers. In a recent meeting, oil and gas exploration and production (E&P) companies informed PM Sharif that they had suffered a loss of Rs14 billion owing to a reduction in [more >>](#)

Oil & gas reserves discovered in Attock

Source: [Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

KARACHI: Pakistan has discovered significant new oil and gas deposits in the northern part of the country, specifically in the Attock District of Punjab. This discovery is expected to slightly reduce the country's heavy energy imports and help conserve precious foreign exchange reserves. According to a notification, Pakistan Oilfields Limited (POL) reported on Monday that it has encountered..... [more >>](#)

Industrialists demand forensic audit of IPPs

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

KARACHI: Local traders and industrialists have lodged a strong protest against the supply of expensive electricity and demanded a forensic audit of independent power producers (IPPs) as well as revision of their contracts. At a press conference at the Federation House on Monday, representatives of trade and industry regretted that energy costs had become the biggest problem for Pakistan's [more >>](#)

OGRA seeks action against CO2 mixing with LPG

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), while taking serious notice of the mixing of carbon dioxide (CO2) with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), has urged provincial chief secretaries, the Attorney General of Pakistan and provincial advocate generals to take appropriate action against illegal decanters. In that regard, Ogra conducted a high-profile meeting, headed by its Chair..... [more >>](#)

Neelum-Jhelum project – apportioning blame

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

The saga of the Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHPP) appears set to remain a never-ending one, as a meeting chaired by the prime minister and held to look into the recent challenges it has faced has brought to light some disturbing facts. It emerged that the project – which has remained off-grid since May 2 due to defects in its headrace tunnel (HRT) causing financial losses worth Rs55 b..... [more >>](#)

HCCI chief voices concern over domestic shut-off of gas connections

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

HYDERABAD: President Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industry, Muhammad Farooq Shaikhani, has voiced serious concerns over the ongoing domestic shut-off of Sui Southern Gas connections, highlighting it as a major contributor to the increasing LPG gas cylinder accidents across the country. This issue has persisted for the past three years without any strategic planning or policy init..... [more >>](#)

Criminal Negligence

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

A hydel power project is a massive critical infrastructure domain. Both from the perspective of cost and utility, from planning to construction, there is no room for half-done work or miscalculations. The Neelum-Jhelum hydel power project, unfortunately, is becoming a burden because the initial ground surveys were faulty, causing the plant to shut down. This multi-million-dollar project was ideal..... [more >>](#)

LESCO lifts ban on green meters for solar systems

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has lifted the ban on green meters used in solar systems. According to sources, LESCO has issued the notification to lift the ban on green meters for solar systems. According to the notification, the temporary installation of bi-directional green meters is permitted until October 15. The notification said consumers will be given a No Objection Certificate [more >>](#)

SNGPL procures rotary meters to cut line losses

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-17

LAHORE: Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL) will start receiving over 5,000 rotary gas meters and allied material, including electronic volume correctors (EVCs), in September, as the order has been placed with a Canadian firm. This procurement is a crucial part of a project to significantly reduce Unaccounted-for Gas (UFG) or line losses. In phase 1, 1,470 meters were successfully insta..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's power crisis

Source: [Simra Sohail, The News, International](#), 2024-07-17

Pakistan has been grappling with a severe energy crisis for several years. Energy demand continues to soar while the supply of conventional energy sources remains inadequate. This imbalance has resulted in frequent power outages, which not only hinder economic growth and disrupt daily life but also impede technological advancement. As the gap between energy supply and demand widens, the nation fa..... [more >>](#)

Fault in grid station leads to power suspension

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-07-17

LAHORE: A fault in grid station caused a fire, resulting in the suspension of power in several parts of the city in the Southern areas. It is learnt that incoming 11KV feeder trolley flashed late last night due to which two employees on duty also got affected. They were taken to Jinnah hospital. An employee Ammar was discharged this morning while Adeel's treatment is still underway. Meanwhil..... [more >>](#)

Gohar Ejaz slams govt over high electricity capacity charges

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-18

Former caretaker federal minister Dr Gohar Ejaz has criticised the government for imposing excessive capacity charges on electricity consumers. He pointed out that while electricity consumption has remained unchanged since 2015, consumers are now paying ten times more in capacity charges. In a statement made on social media platform X on Wednesday, Ejaz highlighted the inefficiencies in the energ..... [more >>](#)

Need to revise power pacts

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-17

The recent outcry from the business community against the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) highlights an urgent issue that demands the government's attention. With electricity tariffs soaring due to exorbitant capacity charges, the sustainability of Pakistan's industrial sector is at stake. These contracts, initially aimed at addressing power shortages and attracting private investme..... [more >>](#)

Foreign firms not interested in offshore oil, gas drilling

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-19

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly's Standing Committee on Energy (Petroleum Division) was informed on Thursday that no company was interested in offshore oil and gas exploration in the country after Kekra-1, an exploratory well, remained dry in 2019. The session was chaired by Syed Mustafa Mehmood, the committee's chairman. The members enquired about reasons for the lack of inte..... [more >>](#)

Iesco holds open courts

Source: [Press Release, The News, International](#), 2024-07-19

Islamabad: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) has started open courts (Khuli kucharies) in all operation sub-division offices on daily basis from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for rectifications of valuable customers electricity related issues on priority and without any delays, says a press release. Iesco Chief Executive Muhammad Naeem Jan in his statement on Thursday said that in accordance with [more >>](#)

Businessmen urge govt to revoke IPP deals

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-19

LAHORE: Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has underscored the critical importance of cancelling all agreements with independent power producers (IPPs) and procuring electricity from cheaper sources without any capacity charges. A consensus in that regard was reached at a think tank session of the PCJCCI held at the Chamber Secretariat on Thursday. "Des..... [more >>](#)

'Country produces more power than demand'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-19

KARACHI: Senior Leader of Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan Syed Mustafa Kamal has said that the power sector's issues in Pakistan are bigger than any terrorism. The most expensive electricity in the region is in Pakistan. There is no electricity, but inflated bills are being sent to consumers. Government should declare an emergency and resolve the electricity crisis. Kamal expressed these..... [more >>](#)

Buyback rate of net metering likely at average energy cost

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-19

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to fix the buyback rate of net metering at average energy cost aimed at increasing the payback period to five years instead of three years. These thoughts were shared in an online seminar titled, "Net Metered Distributed Generation; Challenges Solutions and Way Forward", organised by The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbe..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum group imports witness negative growth during FY2023-24

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-19

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum group imports witnessed a negative growth of 0.61 percent during the fiscal year 2023-24 and remained \$16.910 billion compared to \$17.014 billion during 2022-23, says the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The data of exports and imports released by the PBS revealed that petroleum group imports in June 2024 remained at \$1.571 billion compared to \$1.577 billion in May an..... [more >>](#)

Production from new development well, Adhi South-8 begins: PPL

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-19

KARACHI: Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has informed about the commencement of production from new development well, Adhi South-8, drilled in Adhi mining lease with joint Venture partners OGDCL and POL. "We are pleased to disclose that as part of our continuous efforts towards increasing production of oil and gas, production has commenced from Adhi South-8, a new development well dril..... [more >>](#)

Officials recovering power dues to get up to 30pc reward

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-20

ISLAMABAD: The government has increased the reward amount from 5 percent to 30 percent for the officials who would help recover electricity arrears of more than two years from defaulters. The system braves Rs589 billion loss every year in the head of electricity theft, transmission and distribution losses, and inefficiencies that add to circular debt. Electricity theft has already been declared a..... [more >>](#)

'Technical fault at Kunnar Pasakhi field affects gas supply'

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-20

Owing to a technical fault faced by the Kunnar Pasakhi deep field that supplies gas to the Sui Southern Gas Compnay (SSGC), the normal supply of gas and LPG has been affected, the SSGC spokesperson said in a statement on Friday. The spokesperson said that the technical fault has affected the operations at the SSGC's LPG-Air Mix Plants in Noshki, Surab and Gwadar in Balochistan and in Kot Gh..... [more >>](#)

94,000 customers assisted at 304 camps in FY2024: KE

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2024-07-20

Timely payment of bills and reduction in power theft are pivotal for an uninterrupted supply of electricity, the K-Electric said in a statement on Friday. To raise awareness regarding these critical issues, K-Electric established 309 facilitation camps during the financial year 2024, assisting 94,000 customers. The purpose of these camps is to facilitate customers with their electricity bill in..... [more >>](#)

17,371 power theft cases registered

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2024-07-20

LAHORE: The Lahore police registered 17,371 cases over electricity theft so far this year and arrested 16,841 suspects. A spokesperson said on Friday that 2,322 suspects were arrested in Iqbal Town, 2,836 in Saddar, 4,947 in Cantonment, 2,727 in Model Town, and 957 in Civil Lines division. [more >>](#)

Industrialist offers to cut tariff of his two IPPs

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-20

LAHORE: Eminent businesspersons who gathered under the banner of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) on Friday rejected expensive contracts with the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and sought an independent energy tariff recommended by any international auditing firm of good repute. They termed the expensive energy tariff unacceptable, unviable and a disaster..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's unfair IPP deals

Source: [Majid Burfat, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-20

Imagine this: flipping a switch in your home, expecting light, but instead a dark bill with a sky-high number materialises. This harsh reality confronts millions of Pakistanis thanks to a web of shadowy deals known as Independent Power Producer (IPP) agreements. These agreements, shrouded in secrecy and riddled with unfair terms, were supposed to be the answer to crippling power shortages. Instead..... [more >>](#)

OMAP urges PM Shehbaz to save petroleum industry from 'brink of collapse'

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-20

LAHORE: The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP) has penned a letter to the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif stating that the petroleum industry in the country is "on the brink of collapse." In the letter written to the PM on Saturday, Chairman of the Association Tariq Wazir Ali appealed to the premier to intervene in the matter of foreign exchange losses amounting to Rs26 [more >>](#)

Oil & Gas Setback

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-20

In a blunt statement, Petroleum Minister Musadik Malik informed the Standing Committee on Energy that foreign firms are disinterested in oil and gas exploration mainly due to security reasons and the extensive costs of creating facilities for on-site workers and engineers. This confirms once again that investments and booming business are not possible unless the security situation improves. Even i..... [more >>](#)

Govt to review existing power purchase agreements

Source: [Mushtaq Ghuman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-20

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) headed by the Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Leghari, to review the existing Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) template to protect consumers against losses caused by inadequacies on the part of power producers, sources close to the power minister told Business Recorder. The decision to formulate the c..... [more >>](#)

Murad reviews plans for free electricity to low-income consumers

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-20

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, presiding over a meeting, has decided to implement the PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto's programme to provide free-of-cost electricity to consumers living off-grid and to those using 50 to 100MW electricity by implementing the solar energy solution. This decision was taken in a meeting held at the CM House in which different proposals were [more >>](#)

Approval of Rs72bn project by Discos BoDs a must; CDWP bars PPMC from negotiating APMS project with ADB

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

ISLAMABAD: The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) is said to have barred Power Planning and Monitoring Company (PPMC) from negotiating APMS project with Asian Development Bank (ADB) sans approval of over Rs72 billion project by the Boards of eight DISCOs, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The decision was taken by the CDWP which met under the chairmanship of deputy chairman [more >>](#)

Gas sector problems

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

As if the power sector's chronic circular debt wasn't bad enough – just one of the many completely unnecessary and unforgiveable leakages that have become a normal part of Pakistan's economy – now we have to deal with an out-of-control gas sector circular debt as well; and they both share some common reasons. It turns out that an estimated Rs40bn worth of gas is stole..... [more >>](#)

FPCI demands 'forensic audit of IPPs'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

KARACHI: Chairman of the FPCI Advisory Board and National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, Mian Zahid Hussain, said that it is impossible to do business in the current situation. IPPs are draining the country's treasury; they receive an annual payment of Rs2000 billion as a capacity payment, despite the fact that the closed factories do n..... [more >>](#)

Dichotomous behaviour

Source: [Muhammad Amir Rana](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

PAKISTAN'S power elites are grappling with a 'Jekyll and Hyde syndrome', showcasing starkly different behaviour in their attention and actions. Their purported focus on fixing the economy is contradicted by their actual measures, and the same applies to their efforts in addressing political and security issues in the country. Recently, an interesting piece by Shahbaz Rana in an [more >>](#)

Oil industry seeks Rs26bn compensation

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

ISLAMABAD: The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (Omap) has written to the prime minister requesting the release of Rs26 billion to compensate for the industry's loss due to deficiencies in the current foreign exchange gain/loss recovery mechanism. The Omap has said that the matter had already been brought to the notice of the PM's Office, and it was a matter of concern that has..... [more >>](#)

Save Pakistan from IPPs' exploitation: Kati chief

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

KARACHI: Trade and industry leaders frustrated by the high capacity payments to independent power producers (IPPs) have asked the government to review the power purchase agreements and demanded a reduced electricity tariff of 9 cents per unit for industry survival. Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (Kati) President Johar Ali Qandhari and other office-bearers and former presidents told a..... [more >>](#)

Rs150bn a month paid to IPPs as capacity charges since Jan: ex-minister

Source: [Aimen Siddiqui, The News, International](#), 2024-07-21

KARACHI: Former energy minister Gohar Ejaz has once again sparked debate about capacity payments made to independent power producers (IPPs) in the country. In a tweet on Saturday (July 20), Ejaz shared data from the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) covering January to March 2024. The data shows that IPPs received billions in capacity payments in the three months despite genera..... [more >>](#)

Electricity consumers in for another shock

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

ISLAMABAD: The consumers of power distribution companies (DISCOs) as well as the people of the country's economic hub—Karachi—are in for another shock as the power regulator may further raise the prices of per unit electricity. K-Electric, the power utility that supplies electricity to Karachi, has requested Nepra for an increase of Rs5.45 per unit in the price of electricity o..... [more >>](#)

Oil marketers seek PM's help for loss recovery

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

LAHORE: The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP) has appealed to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to intervene immediately and facilitate the recovery of foreign exchange losses of the petroleum industry. In that regard, OMAP Chairman Tariq Wazir Ali wrote a letter to the prime minister to draw his attention to the unrecoverable exchange losses of the petroleum industry, which had been pend..... [more >>](#)

Over 40% Sindh households rely on fuel wood for cooking

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

KARACHI: A huge portion of households in Sindh rely on wood as a primary fuel in their kitchens, reveals the statistics recently released by the Federal Bureau of Statistics (FBS). Out of the total 9.862 million households in the province, 4.418 million use wood as fuel for cooking. This includes 3.677 million households in rural and 740,891 in urban areas. Interestingly, even in Karachi Divisio..... [more >>](#)

Electricity bills have become a burden to everyone, admits Nawaz Sharif

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

LAHORE - Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Muhammad Nawaz Sharif said Saturday urged the government to take all possible measures to provide maximum relief to citizens. "No one can pay the electricity bills as it has become a burden not only for the poor but also for everyone," the PML-N leader said. "We ended loadshedding in our tenure and kept the electricity bi..... [more >>](#)

KE seeks Nepra's nod to transfer additional burden of Rs5.45 per unit to consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

ISLAMABAD - K-Electric has sought National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) nod to transfer an additional burden of Rs5.45 per unit to power consumers on account of monthly fuel adjustments for two months. In a petition, KE has requested NEPRA to increase tariff under the fuel charges adjustment (FCA) mechanism for the months of May and June, 2024. K-Electric has sought NEPRA's a..... [more >>](#)

Electricity rates soar by Rs22.53 per unit in two years

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has witnessed a historic increase in the basic electricity tariff over the past two years, amounting to Rs25.76 per unit, according to official sources. This surge includes a fixed surcharge of Rs3.23 per unit

imposed on consumers, contributing to the significant rise in costs. From July to October 2022, the basic tariff per unit of electricity increased by Rs7.91, fol..... [more >>](#)

Islamabad wants Chinese utilities to use Thar coal

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-07-22

ISLAMABAD: This month, Pakistan will ask Chinese power plants operating in the country to shift to using Thar coal rather than imported coal, the power minister said on Sunday. The government may also begin talks on re-profiling the energy sector debt during the visit to Beijing, Awais Leghari told Reuters. Mr Leghari will be part of the delegation to discuss structural reforms to the power [more >>](#)

Iesco maintains zero load management in all six circles

Source: [APP](#), [The News](#), [International](#), 2024-07-22

Islamabad: Despite sultry weather, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) continued to maintain zero load management across its six circles including Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). The electricity demand in Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) on Sunday stood at 2,032 megawatts (MW) at 12: 00 pm against the allocation quota of 2,250 MW from the national grid system. Chief Engineer Operatio..... [more >>](#)

Exploring oil and gas

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-07-22

The oil and gas exploration sector of Pakistan suffered a major setback in 2019 when the much-touted Kekra-1 offshore well turned out to be a bust, with the international consortium drilling the wells at the site disagreeing with then-premier Imran Khan's claims of the possibility of "massive reserves". In the most recent revelation, the National Assembly Standing Committee on En..... [more >>](#)

IPP built for Rs50 billion has received Rs400 billion in payments: FPCCI

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-07-22

Abdul Mohamin, the acting president of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), has called for public disclosure of details related to agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs). During a press conference on Monday, Mohamin highlighted that IPPs are receiving monthly capacity payments amounting to Rs150 billion, including payments to non-operational and pa..... [more >>](#)

No 'capacity payments' for small hydel units

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-07-22

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to eliminate the concept of 'capacity payments' for small hydropower projects, aiming to reduce the financial burden on power consumers. Currently, consumers are shouldering 70% of electricity costs due to these payments made to Independent Power Producers (IPPs), totalling around Rs2.2 trillion annually to those not producing a single unit o..... [more >>](#)

CPPA seeks Rs2.11/unit hike in power tariff as FCA

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

ISLAMABAD - In a bid to give another shock to the inflation- hit electricity consumers, Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has sought a hike of Rs2.11 per unit in the power tariff on account of fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for the month of June, 2024. In a petition submitted to NEPRA, on the behalf Ex-Wapda Discos (XWDiscos), the CPPA- G said that for the month of June the reference fuel ch..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 105,878 power pilferers in 295 days

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 105,878 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 295 days of grand anti-power theft campaign. The LESCO spokesman told media here Sunday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electricity t..... [more >>](#)

Smoke and mirrors

Source: [Ali Khizar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-22

Pakistan's energy sector is in a peculiar mess. On paper, the electricity supply is sufficient at a lower energy cost compared to the past. However, the total power purchase price has become unaffordable. Demand is falling due to price increases, and even with constrained demand, the actual supply is insufficient to provide power across the board. Lately, frustration has been directed a..... [more >>](#)

High tariffs push down power demand

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

KARACHI: The country's power generation fell by 2 per cent to 127,259GWh (14,504MW) year-on-year during FY24 owing to a slowdown in overall economic activity and lower demand amid rising power tariffs. Hydel contributed the most to power generation (31pc in FY24 versus 28pc in FY23), followed by RLNG (19pc in FY24 versus 17pc in FY23) and coal (16pc in FY24 versus 16pc in FY23) based power [more >>](#)

Trade and industry decry costly electricity

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

KARACHI: Trade and industry people have asked the government to seriously look into the matter of high electricity tariffs for all categories of consumers, particularly export and general industries, and rationalise the same to bring down the cost of production. SITE Association of Industry President Muhammad Kamran Arbi said there is much unrest amongst the business community due to high electri..... [more >>](#)

Moot in Hyderabad demands environment-friendly, cheaper electricity for people

Source: [Staff Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

HYDERABAD: Environmentalists at a consultative meeting called for cost-effective and environment-friendly electricity to be provided to people to save them from the hazards being created by hydel power projects. The meeting on 'Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP)' was held on Monday in a local hotel under the aegis of the Alliance for Climate Justice and Clean Energy..... [more >>](#)

Consumers attack Lesco office over severing connections

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-07-23

LAHORE: Consumers of Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) on Monday vandalised Halla Subdivision office over severing power connections. According to a spokesperson of power utility, the electricity connections were cut off due to non-payment of electricity bills. The attackers came to the local office and started a bitter conversation to restore their connections in Halla subdivision. The hooli..... [more >>](#)

IPP agreements to be challenged in Supreme Court

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

ISLAMABAD: Former Interim Commerce Minister Dr Gohar Ejaz has announced that the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) will approach the Supreme Court to challenge the agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPP). In a tweet, Ejaz revealed that the FPCCI, representing Pakistan's business community, will file a formal petition in the SC that will request..... [more >>](#)

Power generation falls 2% YoY

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

KARACHI: Pakistan's power generation dropped to 127,259 GWh (14,504 MW) during FY24, a 2% year-over-year (YoY) decline attributed to reduced economic activity and lower demand due to rising power tariffs, according to a report by Topline Research released on Monday. The report indicates that hydropower contributed the most to power generation, increasing to 31% in FY24 from 28% in F..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz directs energy ministry to reduce power costs

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday instructed the Ministry of Energy to present a comprehensive plan to reduce electricity costs. Chairing a meeting of the National Export Development Board in Islamabad, the PM emphasised the necessity of lowering power expenses to boost industrial growth. During the briefing, officials noted that Pakistan's exports surpassed \$30 billion this ye..... [more >>](#)

Activists find fault with govt's power generation plans

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

HYDERABAD: The federal government's Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP), 2024, seems to be receiving flak from the social and environmental activists. A discussion forum in Hyderabad, organised at a hotel on Monday by Alliance for Climate Justice and Clean Energy (ACGCE), found the plan shorn of the green energy projects. "The IGCEP won't just lead to a shar..... [more >>](#)

New gas reserves discovered from Balochistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

KARACHI: Mari Petroleum Company has successfully integrated new gas reserves from five wells in Balochistan into Pakistan's national gas network. The company has completed the testing, production, and transmission of an additional 3 million metric standard cubic feet per day (MMSCFD) of gas. This development was announced following the submission of detailed reports to the Pakistan S..... [more >>](#)

Energy Conservation Building Code, 2023 to be launched today

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Awais Leghari is to launch the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC), 2023 on Tuesday (today) to be organised by the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA). Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenar-beit (GIZ) GmbH operates in Pakistan on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is pr..... [more >>](#)

IPP debate

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-24

A FIERCE debate blaming the exorbitant electricity prices on expensive power purchase agreements with IPPs has been raging for the past couple of weeks. The issue itself is not new. The media has long been highlighting it while urging successive governments to undertake serious reforms to fix the collapsing power sector. Contracts with IPPs — that also include fixed capacity payments and gua..... [more >>](#)

The problem with power

Source: [Hassan Baig](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-24

Pakistan's power sector currently faces a severe crisis owing to multiple reasons, right from generation to transmission and distribution. Circular debt is at its peak and apparently seems insurmountable. This sector has never been in such bad shape as it is today. Inefficiencies, political interference, and outdated infrastructure, along with soaring fuel costs, are some of the problems be..... [more >>](#)

Policing power theft

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-24

Efforts to eradicate power theft in Pakistan face significant challenges, despite much more aggressive policing in recent weeks. Although the nationwide anti-power-theft campaign has yielded positive results, with Rs105 billion recovered and 83,000 pilferers arrested, the road to completely eradicating the problem is fraught with obstacles. Tackling power theft, which has become a pervasive norm, [more >>](#)

\$13.3bn needed for universal power access: WB

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-24

ISLAMABAD: The total capital investment required to achieve universal electricity access in four provinces of Pakistan is estimated to be \$13.3 billion, says the World Bank. The bank in its latest report, "Pakistan Least-Cost Electrification Study", noted that to achieve universal access to electricity by 2030, Pakistan will need to serve approximately 40 million total electricity..... [more >>](#)

Static demand, costly power

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-24

Power generation in June 2024 at 13 billion units stayed lower 2 percent year-on-year—and so did the FY24 net generation at 123 billion units. June's generation is close to that of June 2020 when Covid related restrictions were still in place and the economic activities were near standstill. The fiscal year generation is the lowest in four years. All this while the system's capac..... [more >>](#)

MPCL announces completion of appraisal programme for Ghazij gas discovery

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-24

ISLAMABAD: Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL) announces the successful completion of the appraisal program for Ghazij gas discovery, a significant stride towards addressing Pakistan's energy needs and enhancing food security. Discovered in January 2023 within the Mari Development and Production Lease area, the Ghazij gas field has unlocked new hydrocarbon opportunities in the mature [more >>](#)

Kamal urges govt to cancel capacity payment accords with local IPPs

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-24

Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan senior leader Mustafa Kamal says Pakistan cannot progress under the current conditions of capacity payments, urging the government to scrap the accords with local independent power producers (IPPs). Speaking to the media after visiting the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) office on Wednesday, he highlighted the rising energy costs as the bigge..... [more >>](#)

Govt to mull petroleum prices deregulation

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-07-25

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has decided to do away with the government powers to fix the prices of petroleum products and directed the Petroleum Division to come up with the deregulation framework to help him reach the final decision. The deregulation of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) pricing would mean an end to uniform pricing across the country and the oil companies would be f..... [more >>](#)

'Paying 2,000bn to IPPs is daylight robbery'

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-07-25

Islamabad: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry has called for a forensic audit of Independent Power Producers (IPPs), decrying the annual payment of Rs2,000 billion in capacity charges as 'daylight robbery.' This, he argues, deprives consumers of their hard-earned income and putting them severe hardships to meet their day to day affairs. In a sta..... [more >>](#)

The billionaires bash

Source: [Khurram Husain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-25

THERE is nothing quite like a punch-up among the billionaires. That is exactly what we have going on these days with the whole 'capacity payments to Independent Power Producers' (IPPs) issue. If you're confused about what exactly is going on and trying to figure out who is right in all of this, let me help you with one simple line: this has nothing to do with you. Relax. Here is..... [more >>](#)

Energy ministry calls for framework to deregulate fuel prices

Source: [Kalbe Ali, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-25

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Energy has instructed the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) to finalise the framework for transferring the responsibility of determining petroleum prices to the oil industry. In a letter issued on Wednesday, the ministry directed the Ogra chairman to convene a meeting today (Thursday) to discuss the analysis, implications, and way forward for deregulating petroleum..... [more >>](#)

Govt to decide on deregulation of petroleum products in crucial meeting today

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-25

A meeting is set to take place today regarding the potential delegation of fuel price-setting authority to oil marketing companies (OMCs), sources within the Petroleum Ministry confirmed. Petroleum Minister Musadik Malik will preside over the meeting, which will examine the transfer of power to determine petroleum product prices to OMCs, following an office order issued yesterday by Prime [more >>](#)

Oil marketers may set fuel prices

Source: [Irshad Ansari, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-25

ISLAMABAD: The PML-N led federal government has decided to deregulate the prices of petroleum products, allowing oil marketing companies (OMCs) to set the prices based on various factors including demand and supply. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Petroleum on Wednesday, the federal energy minister is going to hold a meeting in this regard today (Thursday) in view of an..... [more >>](#)

IPPs: why leaders must lead from the front

Source: [Engineer Abubakar Ismail, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-25

Be it a newspaper, X (formerly Twitter) or any WhatsApp group, one would find a barrage of criticism on the GoP for the rising capacity charges with a strong push for renegotiating agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs). While the debate on the other side of the fence is centering around the justification of capacity payments and their construction. However, before delving into specifi..... [more >>](#)

Ogra chalks out proposals stripping govt off powers to fix fuel prices

Source: [Ashraf Malkham, The News, International](#), 2024-07-26

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has prepared proposals stripping the federal government of its authority to fix petroleum product prices in the country, sources told Geo News on Friday. The regulatory body, the sources say, has formulated two suggestions with the first one seeking the authority to decide fuel prices itself as a regulator. The second proposal provisions tha..... [more >>](#)

Discos seek additional fuel cost adjustment of Rs2.63

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-26

ISLAMABAD: In light of the recent increase in base tariffs, government-owned power distribution companies (Discos) have sought an additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of Rs2.63 per unit to extract about Rs35 billion more from consumers in the next billing cycle for the electricity consumed in June. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA), a subsidiary of the power division, has filed a formal..... [more >>](#)

SSGC launches new high-pressure pipeline

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-26

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has launched a dedicated pipeline, investing Rs3.86 billion, to supply fuel at high pressure to industrial consumers in the western part of Karachi. This new phase aims to address low-pressure gas issues for industrial customers in the region. According to a press statement, the gas utility integrated a 31-kilometer-long, 24-inch diameter pipeline [more >>](#)

PM urges lawmakers to help govt stop electricity theft

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-26

Shehbaz Sharif announces Danish Schools for the poor in KP province. Orders strategy for youth to get equitable job access. Reaffirms Pakistan's support to ECO in boosting intra-regional trade. ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said Thursday that the development of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, especially the merged districts, is one of the top priorities of his government. He was talkin..... [more >>](#)

75pc of capacity payments to go to nuclear, hydel, coal power plants

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-26

ISLAMABAD - Approximately 75 per cent (Rs1.563 trillion) of the total capacity payments of Rs2.091 trillion, projected for the Fiscal Year 2024-25, will be paid to hydropower, nuclear and imported coal-based power projects. The share of the remaining energy sources including gas, RLNG, furnace oil, solar, wind and bagasse-based power plants in the capacity payment has been projected to be just [more >>](#)

'Public-power cos confrontation increasing due to inflated bills'

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-26

KARACHI Chairman of the FPCCI Advisory Board and National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, Mian Zahid Hussain said that the risk of confrontation between the public and electricity companies is increasing due to inflated bills. People now have to pay electricity bills that exceed their income, leading to quarrels in their homes, he said. Mi..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices likely to drop on Aug 1

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-27

ISLAMABAD: After two consecutive increases, the prices of petrol and high speed diesel (HSD) are estimated to decline by about Rs3 and Rs8.50 per litre, respectively, from Aug 1 for the next fortnight, mainly because of lower international market and import premiums. Informed sources said the prices of these major products had decreased in the international market by about \$2 and \$3 per barrel,..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 504 power pilferers

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2024-07-27

LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has detected a total of 504 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) on Friday. The Lesco spokesman told media here Friday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electricity thieves, out of which 177 FIRs have been re..... [more >>](#)

Time to scrap the deal with IPPs — now

Source: [Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-27

The nation is reeling under the shock and awe of supra-inflated electricity bills. They are being fleeced to the core, and there is no remedy in sight. This expensive power tariff has shunted businesses and made civic life miserable. The prime reason listed behind this affliction is that the country is dependent on imported products, including machinery and fuel, for generating thermal energy, cou..... [more >>](#)

Retailers decry highest tariff of Rs77 per unit

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-27

LAHORE: The operators of chain stores have called on the government to take serious notice of the ever-rising power tariff for the commercial consumers, which has surged to the peak of Rs77.15 per unit, the highest tariff for all electricity consumers in the country. "Soaring electricity costs pose a major threat to retailers, traders and exporters, severely impacting their competitiveness..... [more >>](#)

IPPs: one of the most difficult conundrums

Source: [Farhat Ali, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-27

For decades the public at large has been agitating in futility against electricity tariff hikes and power cuts. This summer, bitten by IMF's withdrawal of multiple concessions to the industry, the elite industrialist and business chambers of the country too have unleashed their wrath against independent power producers (IPPs). The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPC..... [more >>](#)

Gas pipeline for industrial consumers: SAI praises SSGC

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-27

KARACHI: Members of SITE Association of Industry have highly appreciated laying of dedicated 24 inch dia, 31-KM long high pressure gas pipeline for industrial consumers of SITE area, Karachi. In a reception hosted in honour of SSGC Managing Director Muhammad Imran Maniar at SITE Association of Industry, members very much praised the dedicated efforts of MD SSGC made during past three years fo..... [more >>](#)

Miftah Ismail proposes plan to cut household electricity costs by 24%

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-27

Former finance minister and leader of the newly formed Awam Pakistan Party, Miftah Ismail, has proposed a formula to reduce electricity costs. Speaking at the Karachi Press Club on Saturday, Ismail suggested that the government eliminate sales tax and advance income tax on electricity bills for domestic consumers from July to September. This measure, he claimed, would reduce household electr..... [more >>](#)

Govt mulls ending free electricity for public sector, officials

Source: [Irshad Ansari, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-27

ISLAMABAD: The government is considering ending the provision of free electricity to government officials and agencies, according to sources from the power division. The federal government, under severe public and political pressure, has decided in principle to work on an emergency plan in the Ministry of Energy. The plan proposes terminating the free electricity facility for all government..... [more >>](#)

Gas of late

Source: [Amn Zain-ul-Abidin, The News, International](#), 2024-07-28

"Most days, we don't have gas for over 18 hours; we'd have it for an hour between 2-3 pm, and then the stoves would be off till 5 am [the next day]," says a discontented housewife in Gulberg, Lahore. It's not a local problem. The entire country has faced acute gas outages for the past couple of years. The natural gas reserves are said to have been deplet..... [more >>](#)

Govt weighs scrapping free electricity for officials

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2024-07-28

ISLAMABAD: The government is considering ending the provision of free electricity to government officials and agencies, including bureaucrats, judges and parliamentarians, according to sources from the Ministry of Energy. Facing intense public and political pressure, the federal government has decided, in principle, to develop an emergency plan within the Ministry of Energy. According to sources [more >>](#)

Miftah asks govt to waive taxes on power bills for four months

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-28

Former federal finance minister Dr Miftah Ismail has urged the government to waive off the advance income tax and sales tax being recovered from domestic consumers as part of their power bills for the next four months in order to phenomenally decrease the electricity rates in the country. Speaking at a press conference at the Karachi Press Club on Saturday, Ismail, who is also a leader of the new..... [more >>](#)

Bisham people storm grid station, restore power supply

Source: [Dawn Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-28

SHANGLA: A large number of residents led by Bisham tehsil council chairman Sadeedur Rehman on Saturday barged into the area's grid station and got restored power supply on two feeders, which were switched off for load management. The protesters, who also included political activists, were protesting against the Peshawar Electric Supply Company for issuing a new loadshedding schedule, increa..... [more >>](#)

China approves use of local coal for three Pakistan power plants

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-28

China has approved the conversion of three coal-fired power plants in Pakistan from imported coal to local coal, a significant move aimed at reducing energy costs. Sources confirmed that Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and Energy Minister Owais Leghari, currently visiting China, facilitated the agreement. The plants affected include the 1,320 MW Sahiwal Coal Power Plant, the 1,320 MW Hub Pow..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, HSD prices likely to fall

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-28

The prices of petroleum products in the country are expected to decrease from August 1. According to media reports, petrol prices might drop by up to Rs3 per litre, while high-speed diesel (HSD) prices could see a reduction of Rs8.50 per litre. Additionally, the price of kerosene oil is anticipated to decrease by Rs9.11 per litre due to the decrease in global crude oil prices. Read Mini..... [more >>](#)

Energy-efficient fans; Govt asks PEFMA to share its business plan

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-28

ISLAMABAD: The government has asked Pakistan Electric Fan Manufacturers Association (PEFMA) to share its own business plan to replace inefficient fans as the government is unable to extend any financial support in this regard due to financial constraints, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The decision was taken at meeting held on July 19, 2024 under the chairmanship of Additional [more >>](#)

PESCO conducts raids against 'Kunda' mafia

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-28

DERA ISMAIL KHAN - Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) Sub-division Paharpur teams, led by Assistant Commissioner Paharpur Allah Noor, conducted raids against the 'Kunda' mafia on Saturday. During the operation, PESCO teams removed direct hooks, issued warnings, and registered cases against those using illegal electricity. Under the direction of Engineer Fida Muhammad Khan Mehsud,..... [more >>](#)

Cut in petrol price by Rs5.50, diesel by Rs11.06/ litre likely from Aug 1

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-29

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to reduce the price of petrol by Rs5.50/litre and diesel by Rs11.06/litre from August 1, 2024, for the next fortnight, the government and industrial sources told The News. The price of kerosene is projected to go down by Rs5.84 per litre and Light Diesel Oil (LOD) by Rs5.07 per litre. "This relief in POL [petrol, oil, lubricants] prices is being attribut..... [more >>](#)

5 Hesco officials injured in clash with residents

Source: [Aftab Ahmed, The News, International](#), 2024-07-29

HYDERABAD: An unruly situation was witnessed in the Peon Colony on Saturday evening when the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (Hesco) officials faced resistance offered by residents in what Hesco claimed to be an anti-theft operation. Hesco said more than 300 illegal Kunda connections were removed in the operation, after which residents protested and blocked the road. They also pelted Hesco offi..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to revisit IPPs contracts

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2024-07-29

LAHORE: Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) former vice president Chaudhry Zahid Iqbal Arain has called upon the government to review and restructure the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) contracts to align their payments more closely with actual electricity production and demand. Speaking at a roundtable conference on 'Impact of high power tariffs and huge pay..... [more >>](#)

No free electricity given to lawmakers, says power division

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-29

ISLAMABAD: Following a recent uproar over an allegation of free electricity facility to parliamentarians, the power division on Sunday claimed no such facility is being given to lawmakers. "Not a single parliamentarian is given free electricity," the power division said in an official announcement. The division also claimed that not a single government institution or department is be..... [more >>](#)

Miftah vows to move court against sky-high electricity tariff, overbilling

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-29

KARACHI: The newly launched Awam Pakistan party staged its first public show in the metropolis on Sunday by organising a protest outside the headquarters of the K-Electric. Speaking at the demonstration, former finance minister and one of the party founders Miftah Ismail demanded that the KE be stopped overbilling. He said that electricity tariff had been increased by 350 per cent since 2015..... [more >>](#)

Legislation urged to exit electricity deals

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-29

LAHORE: Pakistan's former cabinet members, main negotiators of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor energy deals and industrialists have recommended a slew of measures to reduce electricity prices, including by declaring political force majeure through legislation to scrap some of the contracts. In a unified front, all six seasoned participants in the Grand Debate on Energy Crisis, hosted by E..... [more >>](#)

Power mess: It is beyond capacity charges

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-29

This is not the first time that electricity sector is shaping up the political sphere in Pakistan, and not the first time it is being given considerable airtime on national TV either. Previously, it used to be the electricity shortfall, these days it is unaffordability. IPPs are the villains again and capacity charges nearly a sin. From former caretaker ministers to industries' associati..... [more >>](#)

IPP agreements main reason behind power challenges: PBF

Source: [Nayyar Zuberi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-29

KARACHI: Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) stated that the power purchase agreements (PPAs) with Independent Electricity Producers (IPPs) were made without proper consideration of the potential consequences and is the main reason for Pakistan's electricity and capacity charges problems. Consequently, the nation and industry are currently experiencing and are on the brink of economic collapse. [more >>](#)

KP gov urged to supply cheap hydroelectricity to industries

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-29

PESHAWAR: Speakers here at seminar urged the provincial government to instead of selling hydropower produced by its upcoming hydel power projects to the federal government and either working in its provision to the industries of the province through wheeling or utilizing its own recently established KP Grid Transmission Line Company. The seminar was organized under the auspices of the Nationa..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 484 power pilferers in 24 hours

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-29

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 484 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) on the 302nd day of grand anti-power theft campaign. The LESCO spokesman told the media here Sunday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against elec..... [more >>](#)

Power rates may be cut in Sindh once Sepra becomes operational

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

KARACHI: Provincial Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah on Monday announced that electricity prices in the province would be significantly reduced once the Sindh Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Sepra) becomes operational next month. He said this while speaking at a consultative workshop — Solar Wind Hybrid Project B2B Arrangements — jointly organised by the Sindh energy dep..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA to launch mobile app for quick resolution of electricity complaints

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has announced the launch of a new mobile application to facilitate the swift resolution of electricity complaints, an official press release said. Named "NEPRA Aasaan Approach", the app aims to provide a user-friendly platform for consumers to report and address their electricity issues promptly. The app, which will be official..... [more >>](#)

Power sector; Work begins to remove major bottlenecks

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

ISLAMABAD: Power Division has reportedly started working on sorting out 23 fault lines, identified in the country's generation, transmission and distribution systems, sources in Power Division told Business Recorder. The proposed reforms have also been shared with the Prime Minister and Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC). The sources said in generation, Power Division h..... [more >>](#)

The 40 Thieves

Source: [Ahsan Munir](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, while recently chairing a meeting on enhancing investment and economic growth, emphasised the government's commitment to bolstering investment in the country and underscored efforts to create a business-friendly environment for traders and investors. The PM further instructed the relevant authorities to establish a steering committee dedicated to monitoring pro..... [more >>](#)

Electricity cost set to increase for Karachi citizens

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

K-Electric submitted on Tuesday a request to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) for an increase in electricity prices by Rs5.45 per unit under the monthly Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA). The power utility seeks this increase for the months of May and June, citing rising fuel costs. Specifically, K-Electric has requested an increase of Rs2.53 per unit for May and an additional Rs..... [more >>](#)

Govt to launch 'NEPRA Asaan Approach' app to address electricity-related issues

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has planned to introduce a mobile application called "NEPRA Asaan Approach" to facilitate power consumers. The NEPRA Asaan Approach application is expected to be launched on Wednesday. This app will enable users to register complaints related to electricity issues such as power outages and fluctuations, electrical fires, line faults..... [more >>](#)

Large oil, gas reserves discovered in KP

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

ISLAMABAD - Large reserves of oil and gas have been discovered in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to the spokesman of Pakistan Oilfield Limited (POL), oil and gas reserves have been found in Razgir well in TAL Block. The well will yield 250 barrels of crude oil and 20 million cubic meters of standard cubic gas per day. Drilling of the well was started in January this year. The statement added that [more >>](#)

LUMS Energy Institute organises event on energy efficiency

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

LAHORE - The LUMS Energy Institute, under the leadership of Dr Naveed Arshad, organised an event on energy efficiency at its School of Science & Engineering. Distinguished speakers from academia and industry spoke at the event. Saqib Sajjad, a distinguished energy efficiency and decarbonization expert, and the winner of numerous international awards, was invited as a guest speaker. He highlig..... [more >>](#)

Beyond the billionaires bash: Pakistan's real crisis

Source: [Asif Inam](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-30

In a recent op-ed published in a national daily, a noted author has made several claims to misrepresent fundamental issues at the heart of Pakistan's energy sector and overall economic crisis. One of these is that "the core problem here is not capacity charges. The core problem is devaluation, because the dollar value of your electricity bills has not risen by much more than 30 pe..... [more >>](#)

Nepra faces backlash as KE seeks Rs5.50 per unit FCA

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-31

ISLAMABAD: Amid a fresh push for a Rs5.45 per unit additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for Karachiites in two months, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) came under criticism from political and business circles of the country's commercial and industrial capital on Tuesday. At a public hearing, the Karachi-based private power utility, K-Electric, demanded an additional..... [more >>](#)

Major reduction in fuel prices expected

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-31

Following a decline in global crude oil prices, Pakistan is expected to see a significant reduction in petroleum product prices. Sources indicate that from August 1, petroleum prices could decrease by up to Rs11 per litre. The price of petrol may drop by Rs5.50 per litre, while high-speed diesel (HSD) could see a reduction of up to Rs11 per litre. Kerosene is anticipated to become cheaper by [more >>](#)

Increase in power rates expected by Rs2.63 per unit

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-31

Electricity prices are likely to increase by Rs2.63 per unit for consumers, as the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has submitted a request to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA). The proposed hike is aimed at adjusting monthly fuel costs. The government-owned distribution companies have already been charging higher rates, and this adjustment will add to the burden on [more >>](#)

Subsidy package for those consuming up to 200 units announced

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-31

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik said on Tuesday that a Rs 50 billion energy subsidy package for low-income households has been announced for those consuming less than 200 units of electricity. The minister said there were 86 percent of households which consume less than 200 units of electricity. "Therefore the prime minister retained the last year's power tariff [more >>](#)

Major reduction in petrol price expected from Aug 1

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Following a decline in global oil prices, Pakistan is expected to see a significant reduction in petroleum product prices from August 1. Petroleum prices likely to decrease by up to Rs11 per litre from the next fortnight The petrol price may drop by Rs5.50 per litre, while high-speed diesel (HSD) could see a reduction of up to Rs11 per litre. Kerosene is expected to become cheaper by Rs5.84 per..... [more >>](#)

Nepra's poor performance once again echoes in public hearing on KE's petition

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-31

ISLAMABAD - The poor performance of NEPRA has once again echoed in a public hearing, as the stakeholders, while showing no confidence over the regulator and calling it 'rubber stamp', sought the resignation of chairman of the Authority. The criticism from stakeholders came in a public hearing, conducted by NEPRA, on K-Electric's petition for Rs5.45 per unit hike in electricity..... [more >>](#)

Enough is enough!

Source: [S M Tanveer](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-31

Overwhelmed by the relentless surge in electricity costs, Pakistan's business community is at its wits' end. These skyrocketing bills are crippling production, pushing industrialists and traders to the brink. Maintaining operations and providing employment has become a Herculean task. As the Chief Patron of the United Business Group (UBG) under the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Co..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Govt announces free solar systems for 100,000 families

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-16

The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government on Tuesday announced a decision to provide free solar systems to 100,000 families struggling with load-shedding. KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur has directed that solar systems be distributed to impoverished families across the province. Under this initiative, the provincial government will provide a 2 KW solar system to each eligible family, aiming..... [more >>](#)

CM seeks proposals for solar parks, solar home systems

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-20

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has decided to implement Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's plan to provide free-of-charge electricity to those living off-grid and to the consumers using less electricity by implementing solar energy solutions. The decision to this effect was taken at the CM House on Friday during a meeting in which different proposals were discussed..... [more >>](#)

Renewable electricity to outstrip coal next year: IEA

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-20

PARIS: The amount of electricity produced from renewable sources worldwide is set to surpass output from coal-fired plants for the first time in 2025, the International Energy Agency said Friday. The forecast comes as electricity

demand is set to rise four percent this year and next, up from 2.5 percent in 2023. That would be the highest annual growth since 2007, excepting spikes seen af..... [more >>](#)

Islamabad schools go green: 100 primary schools to be powered by solar energy

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-21

Islamabad: In a significant effort to reduce electricity costs and promote sustainability, the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has announced a plan to convert 100 primary schools to solar energy in the next two months. The initiative is part of a larger effort to harness renewable energy sources and reduce the city's carbon footprint. "This project will not onl..... [more >>](#)

A quest for resilient energy landscape

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-22

Islamabad: Pakistan strides towards a future defined by sustainable development and energy security, the spotlight turns to a diverse array of renewable energy (RE) sources, including hydropower, wind, solar, and bagasse. These resources collectively emerge as pillars of hope in Pakistan's quest for a greener and more resilient energy landscape to curtail ever-increasing country's fuel..... [more >>](#)

KP to shift 100 schools, 3050 mosques on solar energy

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-22

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has begun work on several solar energy projects to solve the problem of electricity in the merged tribal districts, some of which have been successfully completed. While, 900 mosques and places of worship in the merged tribal districts have been shifted on solar energy wherefrom 1.73 MW electricity is being generated daily and millions of rupees are bei..... [more >>](#)

Sindh to distribute 200,000 solar panels in August Funds for 500,000 solar panels allocated, says Nasir Hussain Shah

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-25

The Sindh government will distribute 200,000 solar panels in August in collaboration with the World Bank. According to media reports, Provincial Energy Minister Nasir Hussain Shah announced the initiative, stating, "We are trying to introduce a policy for cheaper electricity supply in Sindh. We are also considering providing 300 units of free electricity, which requires cooperation fr..... [more >>](#)

Solar disruptions

Source: [Asha Amirali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-27

PAKISTAN is not usually an early mover on global climate concerns. But at least from one perspective, that is exactly what is happening as rich Pakistanis defect from a fossil-fuel and hydro-dominated power grid to rooftop solar self-generation. Much has been made of net-metering policies in recent months and the implications of grid defection have been hotly debated, but the basic reality underl..... [more >>](#)

CM's 'Khailta Punjab' projects to be solarised

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-28

LAHORE: Secretary Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial has said that the solar system will be installed in the newly constructed sports complexes and facilities under Punjab Chief Minister's 'Khailta Punjab' Programme. He said this while presiding over a meeting of Departmental Development Sub-Committee (DDSC) at Punjab Stadium. The construction and maintenance of 100 sport..... [more >>](#)

NA panel told; Rs40bn gas stolen from SNGPL's, SSGC's systems

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-19

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel on Thursday was apprised that an estimated Rs 40 billion worth of gas is stolen from the gas companies - Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) systems. Director General (DG) Gas Petroleum Division revealed in a meeting of the Standing Committee on Energy (Petroleum Division) held here on Thursday. The meeting w..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

A Report Launch

Pakistan's digitisation, end to gender digital divide PM's top priority: Shaza Fatima Khawaja

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-07-23

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ISLAMABAD, Jul 25 (APP): The speakers at a result validation workshop on humanitarian partnership landscape in Pakistan on Thursday underscored the need to harness the potential of international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) to strengthen local leadership at all community level for improved disaster response. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with Oxf..... [more >>](#)

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Local Leadership May Be Strengthened For Improved Disaster Response: Speakers

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Dialogue News

Strategic tariff rationalization, shift towards RE essential to overcome Pakistan’s power sector challenges

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ISLAMABAD, Jul 26 (APP): The speakers during a policy dialogue on financial strategies for energy sector on Friday said strategic tariff rationalization and a shift towards renewable energy is essential to overcoming the challenges of Pakistan’s power sector. The policy dialogue titled “Fiscal Strategies for Energy Sector FY25: Budgetary Allocations and the Tariff Dynamics” was..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, July 26 (SABAH): During a policy dialogue titled “Fiscal Strategies for Energy Sector FY25: Budgetary Allocations and the Tariff Dynamics,” speakers emphasized that the challenges in the power sector could be effectively addressed through strategic tariff rationalization and the promotion of renewable energy solutions. The Pakistan Renewable Energy Coalition in collaboration..... [more >>](#)

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‘Only 40pc of lowest-income households receive 28pc of subsidies’

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-29

Islamabad: Ahtasam Ahmad, Energy Finance Associate at Renewables First has said that despite improvements due to multiple tariff hikes, a World Bank analysis revealed that only 40 per cent of the lowest-income households received 28 per cent of the subsidies, indicating inefficiency. Mr Ahtasam said this during a policy dialogue on “Fiscal strategies for energy sector FY25: budgetary alloca..... [more >>](#)

Elite bargain for structural transformation, governance way forward for economic progress: Haroon Sharif

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-07-29

ISLAMABAD, July 28 (SABAH): Former Minister of State, Board of Investment (BOI), Haroon Sharif has said that the only way forward for economic progress is to embrace a structural transformation prevailing in the economic system of the country through an elite bargaining insulating the beneficiaries of the status quo with improved governance responding developing regional trends. The former Chairm..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-07-30

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Islamabad: In a bold vision for Pakistan's future, Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Prof Dr Ahsan Iqbal, declared that the country has the potential to emerge among the top 10-15 largest economies globally by 2047. Addressing the inaugural "Data for Development" (D4D) high-level policy dialogue, Prof Iqbal emphasized the need for a decade of stability..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Sadia Ishrat Satti](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-21

Women have a crucial role in the development and growth of any economy. In Pakistan, despite the ongoing challenges, women continue to strive for their rights and fight for greater economic empowerment, contributing significantly to the country's economic progress and future prosperity. In the Global Gender Gap Index 2024, Pakistan ranked 145th out of 146 countries, representing a decline..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-29

Thar coal is considered a local energy source that could potentially solve Pakistan's energy problems and boost the economy. However, upon exploring financial architecture and environmental externalities behind Thar coal, one realizes it may not truly make Pakistan energy independent as many believe. And it also weakens the case of climate action, finance and indigenization. Indigenization is..... [more >>](#)

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Elite bargain for structural transformation, governance way forward for economic progress: Haroon Sharif

Source: APP, [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2024-07-28

ISLAMABAD, Jul 28 (APP): Former Minister of State, Board of Investment (BOI), Haroon Sharif has said that the only way forward for economic progress is to embrace a structural transformation prevailing in the economic system of the country through elite bargaining insulating the beneficiaries of the status quo with improved governance responding developing regional trends. The former Chairman BOI [more >>](#)

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The dawn of a multi-currency world?

Source: Gohar Ali Khan, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-29

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Policy recommendations for wheat procurement discussed

Source: Our Correspondent, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-31

TOBA TEK SINGH: Scientists from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF), are developing policy recommendations to enhance the wheat procurement system, increase per acre productivity, ensure food security, and create profitable agriculture. These measures aim to meet the food needs of the ever-growing population and establish the best market model to raise the profits of common farmers..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan face overall 38% increase in energy prices, 62% increase in capacity charges causing tariff hike: Speakers

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2024-07-22

ISLAMABAD, July 22 (SABAH): The Speakers at a panel discussion underscored that Pakistan is facing an overall increase of 38 percent in energy prices along with a 62 percent rise in capacity charges leading to tariff hikes in the country that could be overcome through an independent power consumer model promoting individual power generation. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), [more >>](#)

Major reforms in electricity tariff structure stressed

Source: Kalbe Ali, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

ISLAMABAD: A panel of renowned energy specialists called for major reforms in electricity tariff structure and called upon the government to settle and manage the capacity payment issue with the Independent Power Producers (IPPs). The speakers during the discussion titled 'Pakistan's Electricity Tariff Structure: Insights and Key Determinants' highlighted that one of the reasons..... [more >>](#)

62pc raise in capacity charges causing enormous electricity tariff hike

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Energy prices in Pakistan have increased by 38%. Here's what the experts have to say

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Pakistan faces overall 38% increase in energy prices

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Speakers project hike in power rates by 38pc, capacity charges by 62pc in FY 2024-25

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-07-23

ISLAMABAD - The electricity tariff in Pakistan is projected to increase by 38 per cent while the capacity charges to the power producers by 62 per cent during FY 2024-25 as compared to the previous fiscal year. The speakers at a panel discussion underscored that Pakistan is facing an overall increase of 38 per cent in energy prices along with a 62 per cent rise in capacity charges leading to ta..... [more >>](#)

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Shedding Light On The Crisis: SDPI Panel Discusses Soaring Energy Prices

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Islamabad: In a nation beset by skyrocketing energy costs, a beacon of hope flickers. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) convened a panel discussion, "Pakistan's Electricity Tariff Structure: Insights and Key Determinants," to tackle the crisis head-on. Experts converged to dissect the intricacies of the energy landscape, seeking solutions to the 38% increase in [more >>](#)

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National Pakistan among top importers of second-hand textiles needs green practices to ensure sustainability, circularity: Speakers

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-07-31

ISLAMABAD, July 31 (SABAH): The speakers at a seminar on circularity and trade of used textiles said the country was among the top importers of second-hand textiles mostly exported by the European Union, needed green

measures to ensure sustainability and circularity as refurbishment of such goods burdened local water and energy resources. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute in collaborat..... [more >>](#)

Special Discussion

'Transparency and accountability crucial to end capacity payments'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-07-25

Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), has said that renegotiation of agreements with the independent power producers (IPPs) based on principles of transparency and accountability is crucial to end increasing burned of capacity payments on the masses. Dr Suleri was having a chat at SDPI's own TV network here Wednesday. The SDPI [more >>](#)

Re-negotiations With IPPs On Principles Of Transparency, Accountability Crucial To End Capacity Payments' Burden: Dr Suleri

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan on Wednesday took to his 'X' account and said that certain individuals with no understanding of social media were giving "digital terrorism" labels. "The nation is being hated by calling the entire Pakistani nation as terrorists. A few people living in the 70s who are completely ignorant of how social media..... [more >>](#)

Head of Pakistan's development think tank notified as member of COP-29 advisory committee

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-07-25

The United Nations 29th Global Climate Change Conference (COP29) Presidency has notified its diverse and multi-stakeholder international advisory committee for inclusive climate action under its motto, "In Solidarity with a Green World." Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan, Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri is the only expert from South Asia to be a memb..... [more >>](#)

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