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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

### Dejected Karachiites flay expensive power generation of K-Electric

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

ISLAMABAD - Karachiites have lamented the inefficiency and costly energy generation of K-Electric, saying the company should stop generation from its own expensive power plants, and instead get electricity from the national grid which is far cheaper as compared to its own generation. The consumers were of the view that while power tariff has gone down for the consumers in July, it has gone up b..... [more >>](#)

### 111,912 electricity thieves arrested across Punjab

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-18

LAHORE: Punjab Police is conducting a rigorous crackdown against electricity thieves across the province. Under the supervision of IG Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar, police teams are providing comprehensive support to Lesco and other agencies involved in the crackdown. According to the Punjab Police spokesperson, 111,912 suspects involved in electricity theft have been arrested across the province, inc..... [more >>](#)

### Woman seeks Rs33 million in damages from KE

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-18

KARACHI: The daughter of a man who died from electrocution has filed a suit seeking Rs33 million in damages from the K-Electric (KE) over alleged negligence on part of the power utility that led to her father's death. Kiran through her lawyer Usman Farooq filed a suit in a South civil court under the Fatal Accidents Act, 1855, citing the KE -Electric through its chief executive officer as ..... [more >>](#)

### PM Shebaz vows crackdown against corrupt elements in power distribution companies

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has vowed to take strict action against corrupt elements within power distribution companies, emphasising the government's commitment to curbing electricity theft, reducing line losses, and improving the power distribution system. During a review meeting on energy sector reforms at the Prime Minister's House, the premier directed federal and provincial..... [more >>](#)

### Rs151bn 'irregular' payment to KAPCO;CPPA-G seeks audit para settlement

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency–Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has asked Audit to settle an audit para about "irregular payment of Rs 151 billion to KAPCO due to illegitimate extension in Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) without approval of NEPRA." KAPCO was privatised in 1996 and its PPA was signed on June 27, 1996. The tariff terms and conditions of PPA were also agreed ..... [more >>](#)

### 121,555 power pilferers detected in 334 days

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-31

LAHORE: Anti-theft campaign of the Lahore Electric Supply Company on Friday completed 334 days during which 121,555 accused had been found involved in power theft. According to Lesco sources here, till now cases had been registered against 104,224 accused while 37,919 accused had been arrested. Around 133,412,469 units had been charged from power pilferers which cost Rs4,792,392,632. .... [more >>](#)

**'No peace for us, no gas for you' N Waziristan jirga cuts pipeline to other parts of country**

Source: [Nasarminallah, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

MIRANSHAH: The Utmanzai Jirga in the North Waziristan tribal district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa cut off the gas supply after the government failed to meet its demands of establishing lasting peace in the region. On Friday, the jirga members in in Mir Ali cut off the gas pipeline leading from North Waziristan to other parts of the country as a protest measure. The the Utmanzai Jirga Chairman ..... [more >>](#)

**Iranian call for oil boycott of Israel and Pakistan's nod**

Source: [Durdana Najam, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

In recent developments, Pakistan has thrown its support behind Iran's call to impose an oil boycott on Israel at the OIC. This move marks a significant step in the diplomatic relations between these countries and reflects a broader geopolitical strategy. Iran has been vocal in its opposition to Israeli policies, particularly concerning its actions in Palestinian territories. As part of its ca..... [more >>](#)

**LHC stay order halts collection of fixed electricity charges after appeal from companies**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

The Lahore High Court on Tuesday issued a stay order against the collection of fixed charges on electricity bills, following a petition filed by nine companies, including Flying Paper Mills. Justice Muhammad Raza Qureshi presided over the hearing, where the petitioners challenged the imposition of fixed charges by Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO). Representing the petitioners, Advocate K..... [more >>](#)

**PPP calls for addressing concerns of Iran on gas pipeline**

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

LAHORE - Expressing concern over Iran going to the International Court of Arbitration on the gas pipeline, former Speaker and President PPP Central Punjab Raja Parvaiz Ashraf Tuesday said that the government should immediately remove the concerns of the Iranian leadership. In a statement, the PPP leader said that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan should talk to the American authorities..... [more >>](#)

**Powering the future**

Source: [Dr W A Tipu, The News, International](#), 2024-08-22

The Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 adopted by UN member-states has shifted the world towards a more sustainable and environment friendly transportation sector. Electric vehicles (EV) are considered as an excellent innovation in this regard. EVs are likely going to become a mass-market product despite some concerns about the pace of growth. Pakistan is also exploring the potential of EVs but ..... [more >>](#)

**Gas price hike for industries suspended PHC orders SNGPL to submit reply at next hearing**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court has suspended the increase of gas prices for textile mills and asked SNGPL to respond by the next hearing of the case. A two-member bench, comprising Justices Ejaz Anwar and Syed Arshad Ali, heard petitions filed by Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Textile Mills Association against the increase in gas tariff. During the hearing, Advocate Shamail Ahmed Butt, the petitio..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan-Iran in diplomatic talks to resolve gas pipeline dispute**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

Pakistan is in diplomatic contact with Iran to address the ongoing dispute over the Pak-Iran gas pipeline, according to government sources. The discussions come after Iran issued a notice indicating its intention to take the matter to an arbitration court next month. Government insiders revealed that Pakistan is exploring a negotiated solution to the issue through diplomatic channels. They al..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab cuts power tariff by Rs14 for up to 500 units**

Source: [Zulqernain Tahir, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

LAHORE: After months of public outcry and opposition's criticism over rising electricity prices, the Punjab government announced on Friday that customers using up to 500 units will get a subsidy of Rs14 per unit in August and September. The move, largely seen as an attempt to placate PML-N's vote bank in Punjab, was announced by the party's president, Nawaz Sharif. Sitting ..... [more >>](#)

### **High power costs**

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-16

PRIME Minister Shehbaz Sharif's promise to significantly reduce the extremely high power tariffs in the next few days should be taken with a pinch of salt. On Independence Day, Mr Sharif acknowledged that the electricity bills were everyone's foremost concern, and that without reducing power tariffs, Pakistan's industry, agriculture, and exports could not grow. He said that th..... [more >>](#)

### **Iesco received over 10,000 complaints in one month**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-16

ISLAMABAD: During the last month, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) received 10,481 complaints during open kutcheries (public meetings), out of which 10,449 have been resolved. Various complaints were registered in 126 sub divisional officer (SDO) offices. The company has encouraged the public to participate in open forums to ensure timely resolution of their electricity-related issues. A..... [more >>](#)

### **Electricity bills in Pakistan surpass house rents: Bloomberg**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-16

PAKISTAN: A Bloomberg report has revealed that electricity bills in Pakistan have now exceeded the cost of household rent, considering that electricity prices surged by 155% since 2021. According to the report, the tariff increase has driven electricity costs above the average rental rates for homes. The report attributes the soaring inflation to the government's compliance with the ..... [more >>](#)

### **K-Electric producing costliest electricity in country, NA committee told**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-16

Officials from the Power Division informed the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Energy on Friday that K-Electric is producing the most expensive electricity in the country. If the government ceases to provide subsidies, the cost per unit could escalate to Rs80, they added. During a briefing to the committee, the energy secretary highlighted that K-Electric's electrici..... [more >>](#)

### **Filed on behalf of Star Hydro; Nepra returns CPPA-G's tariff revision plea**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-16

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has returned CPPA-G's tariff modification petition filed on behalf of Star Hydro Power Company, with observation that it is not maintainable in light of available legal evidence. Star Hydro Power Limited (herein referred as the "Project Company" or "SHPL") has setup a 147 MW Patrind Hydro Power P..... [more >>](#)

### **July petroleum imports soar 60pc to \$1.266bn yoy**

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-16

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum group imports witnessed 60 percent growth in July 2024 and remained \$1.266 billion compared to \$791.434 million in July 2023, says the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The data of exports and imports released by the PBS revealed that petroleum group imports registered 19.41 percent negative growth in July when compared to \$1.571 billion in June 2024. Petroleum pr..... [more >>](#)

### Symptomatic Solutions

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

In a move welcomed by many across Punjab, former Prime Minister and PMLN President Nawaz Sharif announced on Friday that electricity prices will be reduced by Rs 14 per unit for August and September. With high inflation, the rupee's depreciation against the dollar, and other economic pressures, Pakistani consumers have been struggling, especially in the summer heat, to pay exorbitant electri..... [more >>](#)

### FCA for July: Discos to refund Re0.31 per unit to power consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

ISLAMABAD - After a long time, the consumers of Ex-WAPDA Discos are likely to get some relief as the Central Power Purchasing Agency has informed National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) that Discos will refund Re0.3142 per unit to power consumers on account of fuel charges adjustment for July 2024. In a petition submitted to NEPRA, on the behalf Ex-Wapda Discos (XWDiscos), the CPP..... [more >>](#)

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### Power users may get Rs4.5bn refund in September bills

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

ISLAMABAD: For a change, government-owned power distribution companies (Discos) have sought a negative fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of 31 paise per unit to refund about Rs4.5 billion, overcharged to consumers in July through a 20 per cent increase in base tariff for the current fiscal year. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA), a subsidiary of the power division, has filed a formal petition..... [more >>](#)

### MOL finds hydrocarbons in Kohat

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

ISLAMABAD: MOL, a Hungarian oil and gas company, on Friday announced that it had hit a hydrocarbon deposit at an exploratory well in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Kohat district. In a statement, the company said it has discovered gas condensate from Lockhart formation in the Razgir-1 Exploratory well, located in Kohat, as operator of the TAL Joint Venture. The JV comprised MOL Pakistan Oil & Ga..... [more >>](#)

### Irrational power tariff

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

It is getting impossible to make both ends meet. Irrational tax slabs, soaring inflation and skyrocketing electricity bills have completely sunk the purchasing power of the common man, and there is hardly anything left behind in meagre salaried incomes to stay afloat. The issue stands further compounded with a draconian increase of more than 18% in power tariffs, which has broken the back of the e..... [more >>](#)

### Slight cut in power tariff likely

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is likely cut the power tariff by Rs0.3142 per unit on account of fuel charges adjustment for July 2024. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has moved a petition to Nepra that it is ready to refund this per-unit price to the consumers in their September 2024 bills. The power regulator has accepted the petition and schedul..... [more >>](#)

### **‘Publicly or privately’; PD says ready to share IPP deals with NA panel**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division on Friday conveyed its willingness to share details of agreements of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) with the National Assembly Standing Committee on Power, either publicly or in-camera aimed at taking the committee into confidence on future actions in this regard. Testifying before the Committee, newly appointed Secretary Power, Dr. Muhammad Fakhare Alam Irfan said..... [more >>](#)

### **Electrifying the future**

Source: [Ammar Habib Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-18

Pakistan’s current economic conundrum can be attributed to surplus power generation capacity, which is a good problem, not a bad one. There is more power capacity that will be operational soon, and the cost of renewable capacity additions has seen a significant decline. A myopic view would consider this to be a problem that cannot be solved. The long-term view would consider this a boon that..... [more >>](#)

### **Discos seek to recover Rs55.46bn from consumers**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-18

ISLAMABAD: The state-owned power distribution companies (Discos) have formally petitioned the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to recover Rs55.46 billion (including GST) from power consumers in three months, from September to November 2024. The sought-after recovery is related to various adjustments for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2023-24, covering April to June 2024..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab power tariff cut sparks debate**

Source: [News Desk & Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-18

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: An exchange of remarks took place on the social media platform X between Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan leader Mustafa Kamal on Saturday after the announcement made by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif the other day to subsidise the electricity cost for consumers in Punjab. The two politicians exchanged remarks following a press conference..... [more >>](#)

### **A power sector game-changer?**

Source: [Jawwad Rizvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-18

The power sector regulation in Pakistan is at a crossroads. Significant current challenges threaten its stability and future. Two of the most pressing issues are the escalating cost of capacity payments and the declining propensity among the consumers to pay the rising bills. These challenges are not only straining the national economy but also pose serious..... [more >>](#)

### **PML-N ally cries foul over ‘subsidy for Punjab’**

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

KARACHI: After the PML-N-led Punjab government subsidised electricity for consumers using up to 500 units, its ally in the Centre, the MQM-P, on Saturday kicked up a fuss about the Rs45 billion subsidy, saying the Punjab-centric incentive would give rise to ‘despair’ in other parts of the country. In a press conference on Friday, former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Parvaiz..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab’s power relief not sustainable, say economists**

Source: [Amjad Mahmood](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

LAHORE: As the PML-N claims that the Rs14 per unit relief will lead to a 38 per cent cut in electricity bills of consumers in Punjab, economists term the measure a political ploy and question its sustainability. A senior Punjab government official claims that out of 6.5 million subscribers of Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco), around 4.8m consume less than 500 units per month, and they will ..... [more >>](#)

### No rate cut for power consumers in Punjab using up to 200 units monthly

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

The government of Punjab had announced a reduction of Rs14 per unit in electricity rates, but the relief will not extend to consumers using up to 200 units per month. Sources revealed that the relief of Rs14 per unit would only apply to consumers using between 201 and 500 units of electricity per month. The plan excludes those consuming 200 units or less, as their rates had not been pre..... [more >>](#)

### Govt eyes fuel price adjustment mechanism in gas bills, similar to electricity charges

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

A committee tasked with addressing issues in the petroleum sector has recommended introducing a fuel price adjustment mechanism in gas bills, similar to the one in electricity bills. The decision was made during a meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, where challenges faced by exploration and production (E&P) companies were discussed. The meeting included minist..... [more >>](#)

### Has Pakistan's energy crisis truly been resolved?

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

ISLAMABAD: Has China really resolved Pakistan's energy crisis? Despite official claims, electricity consumers are still grappling with exorbitant bills. The average electricity cost is Rs64 per unit, with 70% of this amount going to Independent Power Producers (IPPs) for capacity payments. The financial burden has pushed many consumers to the brink, with the majority of industries and..... [more >>](#)

### Sindh, K-P decline immediate electricity bill relief amid public pressure

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

The governments of Sindh and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) have declined to provide immediate relief on electricity bills to the public. Sindh government spokesperson Murtaza Wahab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's Finance Advisor Muzammil Aslam stated that their respective provincial administrations would not be able to offer instant relief on electricity charges. In an interview with a private T..... [more >>](#)

### Committee agrees on solvent use in petrol

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

ISLAMABAD: A fact-finding committee formed to probe the Rs135-billion petrol scam has established that industrial chemical can be used as petrol adulterant and said that its import should not have been allowed without regulatory approvals but remained short of fixing responsibility for the lapse. The committee, however, allowed the release of 874 stuck tankers carrying Light Aliphatic Hydroc..... [more >>](#)

### XWDiscos seek Nepra's nod to transfer Rs55.46b additional burden to consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-18

ISLAMABAD - The additional burden of the consumers of Ex-Wapda Discos (XWDiscos) will reach Rs176 billion during the last quarter of fiscal year 2023-24, on account of monthly fuel charges adjustments and quarterly adjustments, as the state-owned power distribution companies have sought the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority's nod to transfer extra burden of Rs55.46 billion (includ..... [more >>](#)

### PM directs provinces to curb power theft

Source: [Ag App & Ali Raza, The News, International](#), 2024-08-19

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Sunday directed the power Minister and Power Division secretary to coordinate with the provinces for curbing electricity theft, improving performance of power distribution companies (Discos) and streamlining other matters of the sector. Presiding over a meeting called to review the power ministry matters, he expressed the government's resolve to sto..... [more >>](#)

### **Analysis: Power subsidy sparks IMF scrutiny concerns**

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

AFTER the Punjab government has announced a relief of Rs14 per unit (including taxes) for electricity consumers using 201 to 500 units per month, questions loom over the sustainability of this Rs45 billion relief beyond September and whether the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will raise concerns regarding the funding of this initiative. While experts generally view the provincial government&..... [more >>](#)

### **Explaining power crisis**

Source: [Muhammad Faisal Sharif, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

Pakistan's power sector has been plagued by challenges for decades, with unreliable service delivery at high costs that burden consumers and the economy. At the centre of much debate and criticism are Independent Power Producers (IPPs) the country started inducting in the early 1990s to boost electricity generation capacity. While IPPs have significantly increased Pakistan's securit..... [more >>](#)

### **Harnessing flood energy**

Source: [Mohiuddin Aazim, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

Working online was a frustrating experience for the past three weeks, thanks to the installation of an upgraded "web management system" by the current hybrid regime. Pakistan's economy suffers in many more ways than the economy of a truly democratic and disciplined country. The country lost up to \$300 million owing to internet disruptions, according to the Pakistan Software Ho..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan's oil output dropped by 25% during past decade: PPIS**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

Crude oil production in Pakistan decreased from 94,500 barrels per day in 2015 to 70,500 barrels per day in 2024, according to the Pakistan Petroleum Information Service (PPIS). Gas production also saw a significant decline, dropping by 900 million cubic feet per day (MMCFD) over the same period. In 2015, Pakistan's daily gas production stood at 4,016 MMCFD, but by 2024, it had decreas..... [more >>](#)

### **Ex-minister questions power tariff hike**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

Former caretaker commerce minister Dr Gohar Ejaz has raised concerns about the steep rise in electricity bills, questioning how the cost per unit has reached as high as Rs80 when the production cost in July was only Rs9 per unit. In a tweet, Dr Ejaz pointed out that in July, the total average electricity generation was 20,000 megawatts, with 35% of this, or 7,000 megawatts, generated from hydro..... [more >>](#)

### **After Punjab, Islamabad also gets relief in power bills**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

The Punjab government has announced that it will provide subsidised electricity to residents of Islamabad for two months, as part of a relief plan directed by Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. According to media reports, letters have been sent from Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, and Multan electricity distribution companies to their counterpart in Islamabad to facilitate the process. Senior M..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt all set to redefine load-shedding**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

ISLAMABAD: The Government is all set to tailor a new definition of electricity load shedding by altering Nepra Act and Performance Standards aimed at legalising revenue-based load shedding across the country under the garb of Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, a long-standing desire of Power Division which will deprive poorest of the poor of their fundamental right to electricit..... [more >>](#)

### Petroleum imports snapshot

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

The previous fiscal year, FY23, witnessed a slump in petroleum product imports as the demand for petroleum products remained weak. Total sales of petroleum products by oil marketing companies fell by 27 percent year-on-year in FY23, a trend that was also reflected in the imports of the same, as a major portion of the country's petroleum consumption is fulfilled through imports. A decline in pe..... [more >>](#)

### Ogra Ordinance 2002; Dar directs PD to suggest 'appropriate amendments'

Source: [Sardar Sikander Shaheen](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, in his additional official capacity as the Deputy Prime Minister, has directed the Petroleum Division to suggest "appropriate amendments" to the Ogra Ordinance 2002, to introduce a mechanism for the adjustment of gas rates on monthly or quarterly basis. He has also directed the authorities concerned to resolve the issue of rising circular deb..... [more >>](#)

### Relief to industrial units; 'Condition of MDI fixed charges should be removed'

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

FAISALABAD: Chair-man All Pakistan Cotton Power Looms Association (Registered) Chaudhry Ijaz Ahmad Nagra said that instead of providing facilities to IPPs, do not take cruel measures like maximum demand indicator (MDI) charges. He demanded that in order to give immediate relief to the industry, the condition of maximum demand indicator fixed charges should be removed as under it charges have to be..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's power system: challenges and solutions

Source: [Hafiz Ahsaan Ahmad Khokhar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

The current high cost of electricity in Pakistan has undoubtedly hurt domestic, commercial, and household consumers' ability to pay as well as Pakistan's industrial and economic growth. As a result, the country's economy will suffer greatly, industries will relocate outside of the country and foreign direct investment will decline. Therefore, the federal government of Pakistan must..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's oil and gas production declines in last 10 years

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

Pakistan has experienced a notable decline in its oil and gas production over the past decade, with no significant discoveries of new reserves during this period. According to data from the Pakistan Petroleum Information Service, the country's oil production has dropped by 24,000 barrels per day over the last 10 years. In 2015, oil production stood at 94,500 barrels per day, which decreases..... [more >>](#)

### PM vows to tackle power issues, streamlining energy matters on priority

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has warned the corrupt elements in the electricity distribution companies of strict action due to their involvement in the electricity theft. The prime minister made these remarks while chairing a high level meeting related to power division here on Sunday. The PM also directed the provincial governments to increase the number of police force and tehsil..... [more >>](#)

### Punjab govt sends letters to DISCOs for relief in power bills

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-19

LAHORE - The Punjab government has formally dispatched official letters to the electricity companies so as to provide relief to the Punjab and Islamabad electricity consumers at the rate of rupees 14 per unit. On the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, five electricity companies have been dispatched with official letters. Secretary Energy Punjab Doctor Naeem Rauf dispatched let..... [more >>](#)

### **Iesco recovers Rs3,949.27m from defaulters**

Source: [Press Release, The News, International](#), 2024-08-20

Islamabad: On the directives of Chairman board of directors Dr. Tahir Masood campaigns against power pilferers and defaulters are on full swing in entire Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) region, says a press release. Iesco Chief Executive Muhammad Naeem Jan while briefing said that IESCO detection teams with collaboration police, FIA and other law enforcement agencies charged Rs676.23 mil..... [more >>](#)

### **Piecemeal relief**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-20

The Punjab government's decision to come up with a two-month temporary relief on electricity bills has stirred a debate. The dictum is now also applicable for those falling under the Capital territory. And the subsidy can only be enjoyed by consumers using between 201-to-500 units and that too for the specified months of August and September. The discount is of Rs14 per unit, and will be funde..... [more >>](#)

### **Maryam Nawaz 'laughs' at Sindh CM's criticism of Punjab's electricity relief**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-20

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has strongly criticised Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah for his remarks calling the reduction in electricity prices "foolish." Addressing an event in Lahore, where she honoured top-performing students, CM Maryam Nawaz expressed her disbelief at CM Murad's comments, questioning the priorities of the Sindh government. During the ceremony, CM M..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab power politics**

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-20

The Punjab government's decision to reduce electricity bills by 14 rupees per unit for those consuming between 201 and 500 units in Punjab for two months at a cost of an unbudgeted 45 billion rupees to the provincial treasury - or around 15 percent of the budgeted provinces own resources of 294 billion rupees. This announcement came in the wake of not only National Electric Power Regulatory ..... [more >>](#)

### **Sindh minister calls Punjab's power bills initiative political stunt**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-20

KARACHI - Sindh Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani Monday said that the provincial government and its Local Government Department are fully managing the situation developed in the aftermath of heavy monsoon rains in the entire Sindh. The minister stated this while speaking at a press conference at the Sindh Assembly building on Monday. Ghani told media persons that rain had been continuing i..... [more >>](#)

### **Coalition partners blow a fuse over power subsidy**

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD: The issue of soaring electricity tariffs and the Punjab-only power subsidy have ignited a war of words between the ruling coalition parties, with the PPP criticising the PML-N-led federal and Punjab governments. The opposition has also seized the opportunity to criticise the PML-N, accusing the party of providing relief only to Punjab while neglecting other provinces. The politica..... [more >>](#)

### **Kohala plant back on track after 3-year delay**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has agreed in principle to revive the 1,124MW Kohala Hydropower Project (KHPP) and extend the completion deadline by three years, sources in the Planning Commission told Dawn. The project had been stalled for three years as China Export and Credit Insurance Corporation (Sinasure) was reluctant to provide insurance cover to the project as Pakistani power companies h..... [more >>](#)

**CM's quest for 'permanent' power bill relief dashes Sindh's hopes**Source: [Imran Ayub, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

KARACHI: Hopes for relief in electricity bills for the people of Sindh crushed on Tuesday when Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah refused to follow the example of the Punjab government and described the proposal of providing at least 14 per cent subsidy on power bills to people as a "temporary measure" and wastage of public money. However, the chief minister vowed to go for some &ldqu..... [more >>](#)

**PM advises provinces to announce 'power' relief**Source: [Muhammad Anis & News Desk & Salis bin Perwaiz, The News, International](#), 2024-08-21

KARACHI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has asked the provincial governments to desist from politics on relief provided by the Punjab government and instead they must take similar measures for public relief. Addressing a meeting of the federal cabinet here on Tuesday, the prime minister said there should be no politics on Punjab government's relief to electricity consumers using 2..... [more >>](#)

**Punjab opposes LPG policy incentives**Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD: The Punjab government has raised questions over proposed incentives in the Pakistan LPG Policy 2024, which could have an impact on its share in revenue. Sources told The Express Tribune that a report had been sought from the federal government about the financial implications related to the collection of taxes on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in the wake of incentives proposed in the ..... [more >>](#)

**Gas tariff to stay unchanged for 3 months: Musadik**Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Petroleum, Musadik Malik Tuesday announced that the current gas tariff will remain unchanged for the next three months. At a press conference, Musadik said the current gas tariff will remain unchanged until the winter months of December and January. This decision comes as part of the government's efforts to alleviate the financial burden on the people. The m..... [more >>](#)

**Punjab power relief package funded solely by province: PM**Source: [Nuzhat Nazar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Tuesday emphasised that the electricity relief package announced by the Punjab government is entirely funded by the provincial budget without any contribution from the federal government. While appreciating the initiative, he urged other provincial governments to introduce similar measures to provide relief to the public in their respective regions. .... [more >>](#)

**Sharjeel hits out at Punjab govt's power relief plan**Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

KARACHI: Sindh Senior Minister and Provincial Minister for Information, Transport, Excise and Taxation, and Narcotics Control, Sharjeel Inam Memon, stated that Chairman of the Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, inaugurated a 120-bed Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, a 110-bed Department of Neurology, a stroke unit, and the latest CyberKnife at Jinnah Hospital ye..... [more >>](#)

**Tariff differential; KE could be allowed to claim mark-up at KIBOR+3.5pc if...**Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to allow KE to claim interest or mark-up at KIBOR + 3.5 percent per annum, compounded semi-annually, on tariff differential, if NEPRA fails to determine Quarterly Tariff Adjustments (QTAs) as per NEPRA Act, well-informed sources in CPPA-G told Business Recorder. K-Electric was privatized in 2005 as an integrated utility, after which Government of Pakistan (..... [more >>](#)

### **PM rejects criticism over Punjab's power bill relief**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

Shehbaz Sharif urges other provinces to provide relief to electricity consumers from trillions of rupees transferred to them under NFC. Urges swift resolution of Meta's operational issues in Pakistan. Says Pakistan Education Endowment Fund to support underprivileged students. Reiterates Pakistan's support for Palestinian people's right to self-determination. ISLAMABAD - Prime ..... [more >>](#)

### **Minister admits power tariffs in Pakistan highest in region**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Energy Awaiz Leghari has admitted that the electricity tariffs in Pakistan are the highest in the region, however, the poor are being provided subsidy in power bills. "No doubt, we're providing the most expensive electricity our consumers in the region, but poor consumers are getting at subsidised rates with others bearing the burden," the mini..... [more >>](#)

### **NEPRA allows KE to collect Rs5.76/unit FCA from consumers**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

ISLAMABAD - National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has allowed K-Electric to collect an additional Rs5.76/unit from the power consumers on account of monthly fuel charges adjustments for the months of May and June. After scrutiny of data, the authority has decided to allow K-Electric the positive FCA of Rs2.59/unit for the month of May 2024 and Rs3.17/unit for the month of June 20..... [more >>](#)

### **Power: Stagnant generation**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

Power generation in July 2024 at 14.4 billion units stayed virtually unchanged from the same period last year. To put it into perspective, electricity generation back in July 2020 when Covid restrictions were still in place in some form or the other, was also 14.4 billion units. Recall that Pakistan reported the lowest power generation in four years for FY23. On a 12-month rolling basis, monthly gen..... [more >>](#)

### **CM advocates subsidised power for factories to protect output, employments**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that although the federal government currently generates approximately 40,000-MW of electricity, surpassing the demand of 30,000-MW, the high cost of electricity poses challenges for factories and commercial entities. Consequently, many industrial units have been forced to reduce their production by scaling back their shifts to cope with t..... [more >>](#)

### **The power sector**

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

The Privatisation Commission held a meeting under the chairmanship of Federal Ministers for Privatisation and Energy, Aleem Khan and Sardar Awaiz Leghari, focused on expediting the privatisation process of distribution companies (Discos). This overarching focus was acknowledged by previous civilian and military dictator Musharraf's administrations in public statements as well as in Letters o..... [more >>](#)

### **The govt-owned IPPs**

Source: [S M Tanveer, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

The country's installed power generation capacity stands at 45,885 megawatts, with a notable divide between public and private-sector ownership. Government entities, encompassing both federal and provincial bodies, control a 52% stake, translating to 23,860 megawatts. Meanwhile, Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in the private sector own a significant 48% share, accounting for 22,043 megawa..... [more >>](#)

**KE seeks to extract another Rs6.2bn**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-23

ISLAMABAD: A day after securing about Rs10.5 billion through Rs5.76 per unit adjustments for two months — May and June — K-Electric on Thursday sought another Rs3.1 per unit fuel cost adjustment for July to extract Rs6.2bn more from its consumers. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has set Aug 29 for a public hearing at the request of KE. On Wednesday, the regula..... [more >>](#)

**Electric Tussles**

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-23

As the dust settles around the federal budget, it appears that amid all the policy changes, new taxes, and revised revenue targets, the increase in electricity prices and the related policies have resonated most with the public, potentially becoming a rallying cry against the government. Initially, it was the surge in electricity prices that galvanized people in Peshawar under PTI leadership. It w..... [more >>](#)

**Will petrol prices in Pakistan drop again?**

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-23

In a potential relief for consumers, petrol prices in Pakistan are expected to decrease by Rs5.9 per litre, following a recent decline in international oil prices. If these predictions hold, petrol could be priced at Rs255.06 per litre by August 23, 2024. This anticipated decrease stems from a drop in the ex-refinery price of petroleum, which has fallen to Rs170.7 per litre, down from Rs176.66 pe..... [more >>](#)

**Another power tariff hike on the cards for K-Electric consumers**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-23

ISLAMABAD - Karachiites will face another hike in tariff as K-Electric has sought National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) approval to charge an additional Rs3.09 per unit from power consumers on account of fuel charges adjustments for the month of July. In a petition submitted with NEPRA, KE has requested that it has charged the consumers less in July as compared to the actual power ..... [more >>](#)

**Lift HSD or face consequences, Ogra warns PSO and others**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-23

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Thursday warned the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) including state-owned Pakistan State Oil (PSO) to timely lift the high-speed diesel (HSD) from local refineries or face the consequences as per law. In a letter to PSO, Attock Petroleum, Be Energy Ltd, Kepler Petroleum, Horizon Oil Company, Shell Pakistan Ltd, Total Parco, Hascol Petro..... [more >>](#)

**Power sector's antidote**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-23

Economists are decrying the current state of the power sector and the resultant burden of skyrocketing electricity costs, cited at 21 cents per unit inclusive of taxes. One particular economist likened it to a zombie, that is sucking the blood out of the rest of the economy. The extreme solution is to declare bankruptcy and do a complete overhaul, but naturally this will not be possible given ..... [more >>](#)

**Another power shock**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-23

In another shock for K-Electric customers, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has announced an increase of Rs5.75 per unit, citing fuel cost adjustments for May and June 2024. The power regulator says that due to the monthly fuel cost adjustment mechanism, the electricity tariff will be increased by Rs2.59 per unit for May and Rs3.16 per unit for June. This increase comes aft..... [more >>](#)

### Gas line pack again swells to over 5bcf

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#) , 2024-08-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's gas transmission system is in hot water again, as the line pack has increased to 5.053 billion cubic feet (bcf). This situation is continuing for the last two days. The pressure in the main pipeline has increased, as the power sector reduced consumption of RLNG by over 400 mmcf for power generation. If the line pack of over 5bcf continues for more days, the pipeline ..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's 'zombie' power sector straining the economy: Atif Mian

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#) , 2024-08-23

KARACHI: Renowned Pakistani-American economist Atif Mian has issued a stark warning about the dire state of Pakistan's power sector, likening it to a 'zombie' industry that is draining the vitality of the country's economy. In his latest post on X, Mian describes 'zombie firms' as entities that are fundamentally insolvent but are kept afloat through external su..... [more >>](#)

### Oil industry criticizes Ogra for persistent high-speed diesel imports

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#) , 2024-08-23

KARACHI: The oil sector voiced strong objections on Thursday against the Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) over its continued approval of high-speed diesel (HSD) imports. The sector expressed serious concerns over Ogra's ability to effectively regulate the industry. In a letter to Ogra, the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC), which represents the oil industry, highlighted its fru..... [more >>](#)

### PRL hits production records and sees profit surge in FY 2023-24

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#) , 2024-08-23

KARACHI: Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) achieved record-setting production figures for high-speed diesel (HSD) and motor spirit (MS) during the fiscal year 2023-24. HSD production soared to 660,180 metric tonnes, even with a planned 38-day turnaround, achieving an average daily production of 2,013 metric tonnes -- an all-time high. The production of MS-92 also reached unprecedented levels, totall..... [more >>](#)

### Petrol, diesel set for third straight fortnightly cut

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-24

ISLAMABAD: For the third consecutive fortnight, the prices of major petroleum products — petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) — are estimated to drop by around Rs5-6 per litre mainly because of the lower international market for the next fortnight starting September 1. Informed sources said the prices of petrol and HSD had decreased in the international market by \$2 to \$2.30 per bar..... [more >>](#)

### Power minister wants provinces to take lead in giving subsidy

Source: [Monitoring Desk, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-24

Days after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif promised a "significant cut" in electricity prices "soon", the power minister on Friday said giving any timeline about the relief's implementation would be "premature". In his speech on Independence Day, PM Shehbaz said electricity bills were people's biggest concern, and his government would announce a sig..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan urged to tap indigenous coal

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's renewable energy ambitions should be balanced with the strategic use of Thar coal to achieve energy security and maintain a stable baseload, rather than relying on imported fuels. This was the consensus at a seminar titled "Leveraging Indigenous Coal Resources for Sustainable Energy in Pakistan," organised by the US Pakistan Centre for Advanced Studies in Energ..... [more >>](#)

**IPPs not to blame for tariff hike: Leghari**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-24

Federal Minister for Energy Awaiz Ahmed Khan Leghari has defended the independent power producers (IPPs), asserting that these private entities are not responsible for the rising cost of electricity in the country. "The IPP policy is not the cause of expensive electricity," Leghari told Voice of America during an exclusive interview. "The high cost of electricity is not due to ..... [more >>](#)

**Financing of Diامر-Bhasha project**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-24

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is reportedly weighing different options to finance Diامر Bhasha Hydropower Project as development partners are reluctant to commit financing of about \$ 10 billion (\$ 8 billion + \$ 2 billion cost of transmission line), well informed sources in Ministry of Water Resources told Business Recorder. This was the crux of an inter-ministerial meeting, held on August 19,..... [more >>](#)

**Former caretaker minister steps up criticism of IPPs**

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-24

FAISALABAD: Independent Power Producers (IPPs) have kept the industry and all other sectors of the country hostage while the patriotic business community is trying to make Pakistan the fifth largest economy in the world. This was said by Dr. Gohar Ejaz, former caretaker federal minister and chairman of think tank on economic policy and business development, while addressing a press conference..... [more >>](#)

**Balakot residents threaten to block power project's inauguration by PM**

Source: [Our Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-25

MANSEHRA: The people from Balakot tehsil here on Saturday blocked the Mansehra-Naran-Jalkhad Road for over three hours, demanding free electric supply from local dams. They warned if the demand wasn't met, they would prevent the prime minister from inaugurating a completed energy project in the area on Sept 17. The protesters gathered outside Madni Plaza and marched on different roads befo..... [more >>](#)

**Low-carbon energy storage initiative launched**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-08-25

Islamabad: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam has said that Energy storage as a service (ESaaS) at an industrial scale is an emerging model, where energy storage systems are offered to customers as a service rather than a traditional capital expenditure. Speaking as chief guest at the Launching and signing ceremony of the "Industry-First Energy Storage as a..... [more >>](#)

**Relief at last**

Source: [Munawar Hasan, The News, International](#), 2024-08-25

The Punjab government's two-month dole-out for mid-level power consumers has been welcomed by most consumers likely to benefit from it. The monthly power bills have become a major burden for many. Many people are finding it difficult to pay hefty electricity charges of a more humid than usual summer. The electricity bills now account for a larger portion of household budgets. Some low-inc..... [more >>](#)

**Oil, gas depletion trend reverses**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-25

KARACHI: In a surprising turnaround, Pakistan has reversed the historical trend of depleting oil and gas reserves as it reported a 26% boost in crude oil deposits and a 2% increase in gas reserves in the six-month period ended June 30, 2024. New discoveries and an upward revision in recoverable reserves have bolstered by one year the lifespan of oil and gas deposits to 10 years and 17 years, res..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab power subsidy**

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-25

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz may have laughed off her Sindh counterpart's criticism of the Punjab-only power subsidy, but she didn't answer his main question. Doesn't sinking Rs45bn into a package that provides limited relief for only two months fit the textbook definition of throwing good money after bad? The relief package, as it is being called, has caused quite a stir, ..... [more >>](#)

### **Shifting towards indigenous coal can save billions of dollars: Energy experts**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-25

ISLAMABAD - Conversion of imported coal-based power plants to indigenous Thar Coal can save billions of dollars outflow from national exchequer, reduce electricity tariff and can help attain energy security. This was the consensus reached at a seminar title "Leveraging Indigenous Coal Resources for Sustainable Energy in Pakistan" organized by U.S. Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies i..... [more >>](#)

### **Utilising indigenous energy sources**

Source: [Ammar H Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-26

An energy starved country can never be a prosperous country. The availability of affordable energy is a cornerstone of any sustainable industrialisation and economic growth model. One would be hard-pressed to find any economies that were able to escape the low growth and poverty trap without access to affordable energy. Pakistan imports more than \$15 billion of energy, making up between one-..... [more >>](#)

### **Decoding energy crisis**

Source: [Muhammad Faisal Sharif, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-26

While discussing the surplus capacity, it is important to understand the technical complexities regarding the country's current installed capacity of 46,000MW, a nameplate figure for standard conditions that includes house load and auxiliary consumption and doesn't account for plant degradation. After adjusting these factors, the dependable capacity is around 36,000MW as per system ..... [more >>](#)

### **Government considers prepaid meter system to combat electricity theft**

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-26

Federal Minister for Power, Awais Leghari, announced on Monday that the ruling coalition government is considering the introduction of a prepaid meter system for electricity, similar to the prepaid system used for mobile phones. Speaking at a press conference in Multan, Leghari emphasized the government's commitment to eradicating electricity theft and ensuring convenience for consumers. He r..... [more >>](#)

### **Tariff adjustments keep coming**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-26

The state-owned power distribution companies have sought Rs46.9 billion on account of the quarterly tariff adjustments for 4QFY24, – similar to periodic adjustment allowed for previous quarter. The determination is likely to go into effect from September 2024, given that the existing adjustment lapses at the end of August. Recall the QTA for 3QFY24 slates Rs1.9/unit was collected in June (over..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan's first low-carbon energy storage 'ESaaS' project launched**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-26

ISLAMABAD: In a significant step towards sustainable innovation, Pakistan witnessed the launch of its first low-carbon energy storage as a Service (ESaaS) project. Organised by Brillanz Group in partnership with Telenor Pakistan, Bank of Punjab, and Saudi-Pak Investment Company, and supported by Ministry of Climate Change, the event underscored the country's commitment to environmental susta..... [more >>](#)

**High power bills, taxes; Traders call for nationwide strike**

Source: PPI, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-26

QUETTA: President, All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajiran, Amjad Baloch on Sunday announced to observe a shutter down strike across the country on August 28, 2028 against high taxes and exorbitant electricity tariff. Addressing a press conference at Quetta Press Club, he said that against high taxes and exorbitant electricity tariff, All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajiran was going to observe shutter down st..... [more >>](#)

**Fuel price adjustment row; SECL has refused to pay dues to SNGPL?**

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-26

ISLAMABAD: M/s Sapphir Electric Power Company Limited (SECL) is said to have refused to make payment of outstanding amount to Sui Northern Gas Company Limited (SNGPL) against LNG supply in May 2015 unless Nepra determines its fuel price adjustment based on OGRA's clarification. SECL has established 225-MW (gross) with net capacity of 209-MW combined gas-fired power plant on the basis of..... [more >>](#)

**Final notice to Pakistan: Iran to move arbitration court next month on IP gas pipeline**

Source: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2024-08-27

ISLAMABAD: In a shocking development, Iran has served its last notice on Pakistan informing that Tehran is left with no option but to move the Paris Arbitration Court in September 2024 against Pakistan for not constructing the pipeline under the IP gas project during the extended 180-day deadline, senior official sources told The News. The project has been facing a 10-year delay since 2014 over p..... [more >>](#)

**Auditor general of Pakistan pinpoints Rs4.5tr leakages in power sector**

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

ISLAMABAD: The Auditor General of Pakistan has identified leakage, malfeasance and dozens of other loss-making practices to the tune of Rs4.5 trillion in the country's ever-bleeding power sector that have put the nation on the brink of collapse. The AGP, in his report, expressed concern over lack of accountability and poor response to corrective measures. In the audit report on th..... [more >>](#)

**Consumers brace for Rs1.90 quarterly hike in tariff**

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

ISLAMABAD: While completing the process for Rs1.90 per unit additional quarterly tariff adjustment in electricity rates across the country, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) censured all the power companies on Monday for discouraging solar net metering to consumers. At a public hearing presided over by Nepra Chairman Waseem Mukhtar, the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CP..... [more >>](#)

**Rising power tariffs, IPPs cause mass frustration**

Source: Shahram Haq, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

LAHORE: The debate around Pakistan's rising electricity tariffs and the role of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) has sparked widespread public frustration in recent months. Businessmen, policymakers, and politicians alike are pointing fingers, often blaming the current mess in the power sector on capacity payments, which IPPs receive even when they do not produce electricity. Howeve..... [more >>](#)

**SC asks Nepra to determine FPA, QTA amounts in power bills**

Source: Editorial, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

ISLAMABAD - The Supreme Court of Pakistan Monday asked the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to hold its meeting and determine Fuel Price Adjustment (FPA) and Quarter Tariff Adjustment (QTA) amounts in electricity bills of various companies by September 5. A two-member bench of the apex court comprising Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa and Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan conducted hea..... [more >>](#)

### Relief in sight as Nepra to revisit 20 critical tariff decisions

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD: In a development that may herald some financial relief for power consumers, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has been directed to re-evaluate its previous decisions related to fuel price adjustments (FPA) and quarterly tariff adjustments (QTA). The directive, issued by a tribunal and the Islamabad High Court, pertains to 20 decisions taken by the Nepra since Mar..... [more >>](#)

### Wise observation

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ENERGY Minister Awais Leghari has correctly underlined the nation's poor economic conditions as a major reason for rising electricity prices. Neither IPPs nor any government nor past policies, he argued recently, are to blame for the steep rise in power tariffs. Pakistan's poor economic conditions are the cause of the inflated electricity bills that are eating into people's savin..... [more >>](#)

### Petroleum Division distances itself from no-gas policy to captive power plants

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division of the Ministry of Energy on Tuesday distanced itself from the policy of gas disconnection to industrial Captive Power Plants (CPPs) and alleged that massive capacity payments, over Rs2.1 trillion for the current fiscal year alone in the power sector, had been contracted for the elite's air conditioners and debt financing. This was the crux of the Senate ..... [more >>](#)

### Minister Awais Leghari warns against power theft

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD: Minister of Energy (Power Division) Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari on Tuesday said that there will be a zero-tolerance policy towards electricity theft and their facilitators. He was speaking to officials during a visit to Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco). The Iesco Board of Directors chairman, Dr Tahir Masood, gave a briefing to the minister about the administrative and op..... [more >>](#)

### Commissioners will supervise provision of relief in power bills in Punjab

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

LAHORE: Taking notice of issuance of without-relief-bills for the month of August to some consumers by the power distribution companies (Discos) in Punjab, the provincial government on Tuesday constituted committees to supervise the billing process to ensure incorporation of Rs14 per unit relief in the bills. The committees led by the commissioners of Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad, Gujranwala and Ra..... [more >>](#)

### Bleeding power sector Lower costs and somehow reduce the mammoth circular debt

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

The power sector is a mess, dragging the country's economy down and overburdening the working class. The Auditor General of Pakistan has identified losses of around Rs4.5 trillion in the country's power sector due to leakage, malfeasance and dozens of other loss-making practices. In the report, the auditor general voiced concerns about the absence of accountability and the inadequate respo..... [more >>](#)

### PSO records surprising gains

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

KARACHI: The marketing and sales of imported liquefied natural gas (LNG) in Pakistan have become a profitable business after the government passed on rising international gas prices to local consumers. This move has helped state-owned energy firms avoid further accumulation of circular debt, reduce their reliance on bank borrowing, and improve their working capital. Amid this favourable environm..... [more >>](#)

**Refineries at risk amid surplus imports**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD: With the country's oil stocks swelling due to a surge in both imports and smuggled petroleum products, the oil industry has lodged a strong protest with the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), warning that the situation could lead to the collapse of local oil refineries. The ample diesel stocks have also raised questions regarding OGRA's decision to approve further import..... [more >>](#)

**Minister briefed about IESCO affairs**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari along with Secretary Power Dr Muhammad Fakhr-e-Alam Irfan and other senior officers visited Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Tuesday. Chairman, Board of Directors, IESCO, Dr Tahir Masood gave a complete briefing to the Federal Minister of Energy (Power Division) about the administrative and operational affairs of IESCO..... [more >>](#)

**Transfer CPPs to the national grid, suggests PD**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division has suggested the government transferring captive power plants to the National Grid instead of shutting them down, the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum was apprised on Tuesday. The committee met here on Tuesday at the Parliament House under the chairmanship of Senator Umer Farooq. The session began with a discussion on the cessation of gas supply t..... [more >>](#)

**Govt considering installing prepaid power meters**

Source: [NNI, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

MULTAN: Federal Minister for Power Awais Leghari said on Monday that the ruling coalition government is considering the installation of a prepaid meter system for electricity, akin to the prepaid system used for mobile phones. During a press conference here, Leghari underscored the government's commitment to eradicate electricity theft in the country. He assured that measures are being ..... [more >>](#)

**Hub powering forward**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

Hub Power Company Limited (PSX: HUBC) delivered a strong financial performance in FY24, with significant growth in both revenue and profitability. The company reported consolidated earnings of Rs75 billion, reflecting a 22 percent year-over-year increase. The company's revenue growth for FY24 stood at 14 percent year-on-year, driven by higher dispatches from Thar Energy Limited (TEL), t..... [more >>](#)

**Discos and KE;Rs1.90 per unit QTA for Q4FY24 approved**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Monday accorded approval to Quarterly Tariff Adjustment (QTA) of Rs 1.90 per unit for fourth quarter of FY 2023-24 to recover additional amount of Rs 46.805 billion from consumers of Discos and KE, mainly due to less electricity demand in Discos, less utilization of MDI and application of Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&..... [more >>](#)

**Leghari refutes notion regarding increase in power tariffs**

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Power Division Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari has dismissed the notion that power tariffs were being consistently increased. In a televised message on Tuesday, he clarified that the NEPRA determined Quarterly Tariff Adjustment (QTA) for every three months and that of Fuel Price Adjustment every month. Awais Leghari pointed out that NEPRA heard a case regarding power tariff..... [more >>](#)

### Power in abundance, yet not in use

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-29

ISLAMABAD: The government Wednesday disclosed that power consumption in Pakistan had grown by a mere 0.5 percent annually over the past six years — a puzzling figure given the steady addition of new generation capacity. Despite this stagnation in demand, consumers are still on the hook for capacity charges, paying for underutilized infrastructure. According to the data presented at a public..... [more >>](#)

### Three major IPPs to be shifted to Thar coal to slash energy costs

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-29

ISLAMABAD: In a move to counter escalating energy costs, the government has set up a special committee to oversee the conversion of three major imported coal-based Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to Thar coal. The targeted plants — Sahiwal, Port Qasim, and Hub — together have a combined capacity of 3,960 MWs and are part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework. Th..... [more >>](#)

### Lesco adds Sui gas grid station to improve power supply

Source: [Our Correspondent & Ag App](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-29

LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) Chief Executive Engineer Shahid Haider inaugurated a new 132Kv Sui gas grid station in view of improvement in power transmission system of the Lesco, here on Wednesday. Speaking on this occasion, the CEO said that reforms are being brought in the electricity transmission system across the region and in this context, a new grid station has been added..... [more >>](#)

### Power users to pay more for fourth quarter

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-29

ISLAMABAD: In an interesting observation, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Chairman Waseem Mukhtar on Wednesday asked the power companies to downplay Rs1.89 per unit additional quarterly tariff adjustments on account of the fourth quarter (April-June) of FY24 and instead project only 96 paise per unit increase. During a public hearing on fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for July, ..... [more >>](#)

### Consumers overpay for electricity: NTDC

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-29

ISLAMABAD: The officials of the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) made a shocking disclosure on Wednesday that consumers were paying a capacity of 40,000 megawatts (MW) despite utilizing less electricity. "The consumers use 12,000-13,000MW of electricity but have to pay for a capacity of 40,000 MW," NTDC officials said during the National Electric Power Regulator..... [more >>](#)

### World's lowest electricity prices found in Iran and Syria

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-29

Electricity prices vary around the world depending on factors like natural resources, government policies, and economic stability. Some countries offer significantly cheaper electricity compared to others, potentially boosting their economies, encouraging industrial growth, and easing financial burdens on residents. A report published by Insider Monkey has compiled a list of countries wit..... [more >>](#)

### Nepra concerned at drop in power consumption

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-29

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has raised concerns over the reduced electricity consumption growth of 3.18 percent during the last six years, ie, from 2018 to 2024, due to exorbitant prices, micro and macroeconomic variables, massive solarization and reduction of cheap generation from hydel sources. The issue of reduced growth in electricity consumption came unde..... [more >>](#)

**Oil prices: Geopolitics pips fundamentals**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-29

The seemingly never-ending seesaw between market fundamentals and geopolitical risks entered another fresh episode last week. Oil prices having receded to the lowest point since the start of 2024, took less than three days to cut to size the ground gained by bears in a sustained bear run for weeks. It took Hezbollah's missile attack on Israel for the war risk premium taking over the fundamen..... [more >>](#)

**Shell Pakistan in 1HCY24**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-29

Profits of Shell Pakistan Limited (PSX: SHEL) stood at over Rs1.3 billion during the 1HCY24. This translates into a big jump for 2QCY24 earnings when compared to the first quarter of the year where the second quarter alone contributed a billion Rupees. While the company witnessed a quarter-on-quarter growth in earnings, the overall bottom-line for 1HCY24 was down by 63 percent year-on-year.Also, w..... [more >>](#)

**The chaos in the power sector: Part - I**

Source: [Humayun Akhtar Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-30

There is a reason the power sector puzzle, which has drained the economy and harmed citizens, has stayed unsolved. It is because no one wants to fix it. The issue is too complex and seized by too many interest groups to lend itself to resolution. The days of citizens' misery will not be over soon. While many columnists and the social media are consumed by the problem, no one in position of ..... [more >>](#)

**Punjab, Sindh take different steps to provide relief in power bills**

Source: [Ali Raza & Azeem Samar](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-30

LAHORE/KARACHI: The Punjab cabinet approved a relief of Rs46 billion in electricity bills for the people of Punjab and Islamabad here on Thursday. The decision was taken in the 14th meeting of the provincial cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. "Alhamdulillah, the promise of giving relief to people in electricity bills has been fulfilled," said CM Maryam while paying tribu..... [more >>](#)

**20,691 power thieves held**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-30

LAHORE: Lahore Police have arrested 20,691 power thieves in eight months. According to Lahore police spokesman, some 20,988 people were booked on charges of stealing electricity. The spokesman said 2,804 thieves were arrested from Iqbal Town, 3,229 in Sadr, 5,975 in Cantt, 3,634 in Model Town and 1,167 were arrested in Civil Lines areas. .... [more >>](#)

**Power-plot nexus damaging economy: Atif Mian**

Source: [Anwar Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

WASHINGTON: The nexus between power and plots in Pakistan has seriously affected the economy, says Princeton economist Atif Mian, while urging the government to shift its focus from non-reproducible to reproducible factors. In a Thursday commentary on the current economic situation in Pakistan, the Pakistani-American economist warned that the power-plot nexus has led to a high-consumption,..... [more >>](#)

**Power bills relief okayed: Punjab finance minister 'made to skip' cabinet meeting**

Source: [Zulqernain Tahir](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

LAHORE: As Punjab cabinet on Thursday approved a Rs14 per unit subsidy on August and September electricity bills for consumers in the province and Islamabad, using from 201 to 500 units, Finance Minister Mujtaba Shujaur Rehman was conspicuous by his absence, sparking speculations that he was made to skip the meeting for his 'controversial remarks' on the issue. The finance minister ..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab extends power relief to federal capital**

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

LAHORE: After slashing electricity prices for the people of Punjab by Rs14 per unit for a two-month period (August and September), the Punjab cabinet on Thursday also approved a similar relief for the consumers of Islamabad. While chairing the 14th provincial cabinet meeting, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz said that the decision would benefit over 150,000 consumers of the federal capital..... [more >>](#)

### **After tariff fixation; KE will see no net impact from FCA, says regulator Nepra**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday said the impact of Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) on K-Electric will even-off after determination of its tariff which is in its final stages. This was announced by Nepra Chairman Waseem Mukhtar, in reply to a question during a public hearing held to consider FCA adjustment request of KE, in which the latter sought ..... [more >>](#)

### **Significant reduction in fuel prices likely**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is likely to announce a significant reduction in fuel prices for the third consecutive fortnight, starting from September 1, 2024. According to sources, a decrease of Rs 3.10 per liter is expected for petrol and Rs 2.50 per liter for high-speed diesel (HSD). The decision is largely influenced by the declining trend in international petroleum product prices. .... [more >>](#)

### **KE seeks tariff hike of over Rs3 per unit**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric (KE) has sought an increase of over Rs3 per unit in electricity tariff on account of fuel charges adjustment for July 2024. In that regard, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) held a public hearing on Thursday for KE customers. The private power utility requested recovery of Rs3.09 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) from consumers through electricity bills. Many ..... [more >>](#)

### **Provinces 'should' mirror Punjab power relief**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

ISLAMABAD: The federal government wants the provinces to replicate the Punjab government's initiative, led by the PML-N, to allocate funds for providing relief to power consumers using up to 500 units. While welcoming the relief package announced by the Punjab government, the cabinet in a recent meeting urged other provinces to follow suit and provide similar relief to the less privileged co..... [more >>](#)

### **OGRA directs OMCs including PSO, GO to maintain HSD stocks as per established practice**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

Taking strong note of media reports regarding a slowdown in diesel upliftment due to imports allowed to Oil Marketing Companies, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Friday directed OMCs, including PSO and GO, to maintain High-Speed Diesel (HSD) stocks in accordance with established practice. "The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has taken note of reports circulating in var..... [more >>](#)

### **OGDCL finds gas in Sindh**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-31

KARACHI: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has said that gas condensate has been discovered at Baloch-2 well in District Sanghar, Sindh. In a stock filing on Friday, OGDCL said that the joint venture of Sinjhora Block comprising OGDCL as operator with 76 per cent working interest, Orient Petroleum (19pc) and Government Holdings Private Limited (5pc) has made gas condensate disco..... [more >>](#)

**The chaos in the power sector: Part – II**

Source: [Humayun Akhtar Khan, The News, International](#), 2024-08-31

For over a decade, the economy has been in self-destruct in which the power sector, along with our fondness for debt, has had a major role. It is time now for all stakeholders to resolve the matter in the interest of the country's economic revival. IPPs and banks have booked high amounts of profit. While companies are entitled to profit, it must not come at the expense of the economy. The g..... [more >>](#)

**Circular debt reaches Rs2.655tr in 11 months of FY24**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-08-31

ISLAMABAD: The circular debt in the power sector in the first 11 months of FY24 stood at Rs2.655 trillion against Rs2.646 trillion gathered in the same period of FY23 showing increase of Rs9 billion growth in the buildup. However, in FY23 the circular debt was at Rs2.310 trillion. Under the IMF covenants, the government has to scale down the circular debt of Rs2.655 trillion to Rs2.310 trillion b..... [more >>](#)

**Amid energy overcapacity concerns: Govt reviews hydel, nuclear power projects**

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2024-08-31

ISLAMABAD: The government is conducting a review of existing and upcoming power projects, including hydropower and nuclear plants, in response to concerns over energy overcapacity and pricing. The review aims to assess the viability and efficiency of these power projects as the country faces surplus energy production. Officials have stressed the need to optimize power generation to align with curr..... [more >>](#)

**Confusion hits power consumers' relief process**

Source: [Munawar Hasan, The News, International](#), 2024-08-31

LAHORE: The mismanagement and lack of coordination led to creating confusion among the power consumers, delaying the relief given to them by the federal and provincial governments. A plethora of responses over relief being provided to inflation-hit electricity consumers overshadowed the whole process. Adding controversy, the website of Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) crashed following rushi..... [more >>](#)

**Experts urge solarpower expansion**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-31

LAHORE. Energy sector experts have called for the rapid expansion of solar power to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and alleviate the economic hardships caused by rising electricity tariffs. They spoke at the Solar Power Conclave and Technology Excellence Awards 2024 on Friday, highlighting solar energy's potential to enhance the country's energy security. Speaking as the Chief Gues..... [more >>](#)

**Sept diesel imports to cost \$140m**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-31

ISLAMABAD: Despite having surplus oil stocks providing 45-day cover, Pakistan is expected to see an outflow of \$140 million owing to the import of high-speed diesel (HSD) planned for September. According to sources, the import of 50,000 metric tons of HSD costs an average of around \$38 million. As September imports are estimated at 183,000 metric tons, they will lead to an outflow of \$140..... [more >>](#)

**Minister says IPP deals won't be altered unilaterally**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-31

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power, Awais Leghari said on Friday that the government will not unilaterally alter contracts of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) as a mutual consensus of sponsors of those projects is required, maintaining that any such action can create a situation like RekoDiq project. He was responding to questions raised during the meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Power, ..... [more >>](#)

### **Power sector woes– AGP report says it all**

Source: [Farhat Ali](#) , [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-31

A damning report by the Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) says it all insofar as the massive mess-up in the domestic power sector, the consequences of which are being borne by the people of this country, is concerned. The AGP report has identified leakages, malfeasance and many other loss-making practices, which are inflicting on the nation a loss of Rs 4.5 trillion. This is happening at a time when ..... [more >>](#)

### **Cheap electricity to industries; Punjab examining proposals to lay direct transmission lines**

Source: [NNI](#) , [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-31

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif here met with a delegation of Entrepreneurs Organisation to review suggestions and recommendations for providing affordable electricity to industry in Punjab by laying direct transmission lines. Chief Minister said, "This is not just a formal meeting but we want to bring real changes in the industry." She directed the authorities c..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt can't terminate IPPs deals unilaterally: Leghari**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#) , [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-31

ISLAMABAD - The Senate Standing Committee on Power was informed yesterday that 24 IPPs have received capacity payments of Rs1.298 trillion during the last 10 years, as chairman of the committee claimed that against the NEPRA determined 15 to 16 percent return on equity, the private power producers have earned a profit of 60 to 70 percent. While referring to Mohammad Ali report, Senator Shibli F..... [more >>](#)

### **Large oil, gas reserves discovered in Sanghar**

Source: [INP](#) , [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-31

SANGHAR - The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has discovered a large oil and gas deposit in Sanghar district of Sindh province. According to spokesperson of OGDCL, 388 barrels of crude oil per day from Baloch Well-II and 6.8 million cubic feet per day of gas have been discovered. The spokesman said that the drilling of Baloch Well-II was started in February 2024, adding that oil a..... [more >>](#)

### **PSO launches Blue LPG Initiative to enhance energy access in Pakistan**

Source: [Press Release](#) , [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-31

KARACHI - The leading energy company, Pakistan State Oil (PSO), in collaboration with the government of Gilgit-Baltistan, announced the launch of the "Blue LPG Initiative", a pioneering project aimed at transforming the energy landscape in Pakistan. The launch ceremony was attended by esteemed chief guests, including Eman Shah, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister for Information..... [more >>](#)

### **KP CM urges citizens to avoid power theft**

Source: [Web Desk](#) , [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-31

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur has called on the people of the province to refrain from stealing electricity to prevent load-shedding. Speaking at a ceremony in Dera Ismail Khan on Saturday, he emphasized the importance of protecting development projects and contributing to the province's progress. Gandapur highlighted ongoing initiatives to equip hospitals with ba..... [more >>](#)

### **Panel seeks regional tariff comparisons**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#) , [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-08-20

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Energy (Power) on Monday asked the Power Division to provide original agreements with all the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) along with a report on the comparison of similar contracts in other countries. The committee meeting has been scheduled for August 30 following an understanding given by the Power Division last week that IPP agreements ..... [more >>](#)

**Senate body wants forensic audit of independent power producers**Source: [Kashif Abbasi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-28

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary committee on Tuesday expressed concerns over what it called a lack of transparency in the contracts of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and directed the concerned ministry for their forensic audit. The Senate Functional Committee on Devolution held a meeting with Senator Dr Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur in the chair. The chairperson of the committee expressed concerns abo..... [more >>](#)

**Govt cautious in its approach to tackle IPPs issue: power minister**Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-31

ISLAMABAD: Power Minister Awais Leghari on Friday said a special task force was currently working on finding out fault lines with the independent power producers (IPPs) for mutual and amicable corrections, but the government could not and would not take any adverse actions unilaterally. Giving a policy statement before the Senate standing committee on power, presided over by PTI Senator Mohsin ..... [more >>](#)

**NA body shows grave concerns over overbilling, performance of IPPs**Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

ISLAMABAD - National Assembly Standing Committee on Energy (Power Division) has noted with concern that if even after privatisation K-Electric is in loss, then how the privatization of other Discos will be beneficial. The National Assembly Standing Committee on Energy (Power Division), which met with MNA Muhammad Idress in chair, has shown grave concerns regarding overbilling and performance of..... [more >>](#)

## Renewable Energy

**Govt to set up solar parks in Karachi, Jamshoro: Sharjeel**Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-17

KARACHI: Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon on Friday said that Sindh Cabinet has made significant decisions in its meeting chaired by the Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah on Thursday. At a press conference following the cabinet meeting, Sharjeel stated that the provincial cabinet approved the allocation of 250 acres of land for a 500MW solar park in Jamshoro's Manjhand district. Additi..... [more >>](#)

**Is nuclear the answer to our energy SOS?**Source: [Dr Khaqan Hassan Najeeb, The News, International](#), 2024-08-18

Energy security serves as the cornerstone of socio-economic development for any nation. Unfortunately, Pakistan has been ensnared in a web of energy challenges for decades, struggling to find a sustainable path forward. The energy sector, dominated by inefficient state-run enterprises, has become a labyrinth of mismanagement, where the state's overwhelming influence in generation, transmission..... [more >>](#)

**Bid for 150MW solar project**Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-20

KARACHI: K-Electric on Monday received the lowest tariff bid for its 150-megawatt renewable energy projects in Balochistan, to be started by Q4FY25. KE will submit a bid evaluation report to the National Electricity Power Regulatory Authority after which it will announce the successful bidder. The 640MW projects are the first round of KE's long-term ambition to add 1,300MW of sustainable e..... [more >>](#)

**Solar projects receive lowest-ever tariff bid**Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-20

KARACHI: In a landmark development, K-Electric's (KE) 150-megawatt solar energy projects in Balochistan have achieved the country's lowest-ever tariff bid, setting a new industry benchmark and marking a pivotal shift in the

renewable energy sector. A bid of Rs11.2 per unit, revealed during a ceremony, underscores the trust in private sector-led initiatives, particularly in the context of..... [more >>](#)

### **Solar firm clears key condition for Japanese market entry**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani solar technology company, Sky Electric, has successfully passed the first phase of the Japan Electrical Safety & Environment Technology Laboratories (JET) testing programme, marking a crucial step toward entering the Japanese market. At a joint press conference held on Tuesday, Sky Electric's CEO and co-founder, Amin Sukhera, and COO, Zeeshan Ahmad, announced the break..... [more >>](#)

### **KE set to double country's solar capacity: Bloomberg**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-21

KARACHI: Karachi's main power utility K-Electric Limited plans to nearly double Pakistan's solar capacity by adding 640 megawatts of clean energy to its portfolio in the next two years, according to a company executive Bloomberg reported. The bidding process for the first few projects opens on August 19 and will close next month, Chief Strategy Officer Shahab Qader Khan said in an..... [more >>](#)

### **KE's 150MW renewable projects receive Pakistan's lowest tariff bid**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

KARACHI - Following the successful milestone of technical bid opening on K-Electric's 150MW solar energy projects in Balochistan, the company marked another important milestone with the opening of the financial bids at a private event in Karachi. The company has received the lowest tariff bid in the country's renewable landscape, representing the most efficient cost of producing renewa..... [more >>](#)

### **Energy-hungry Singapore eyes deserts, forest for renewables**

Source: [Satish Cheney](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-24

With huge data centres set to drive up already outsized energy demand, the tiny city-state of Singapore is looking to Australia's deserts and Malaysia's rainforests for clean power. This week Australia announced a massive solar farm that it hopes will eventually offer two gigawatts (GW) of power to Singapore via undersea cable. Singapore aims to peak carbon emissions by 2030 ..... [more >>](#)

### **Rise in renewables**

Source: [Zarrar Khuhro](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-26

ONE of the first major milestones in the development of renewable energy was way back in 1979, when US president Jimmy Carter installed 32 solar panels on the roof of the White House in order to power a water-heating system. Clunky, inefficient and expensive by today's standards (they weighed 45 kilos each and cost a whopping \$28,000 to install) these panels served to heat water for the W..... [more >>](#)

### **KP govt to shift 1,000 madaris to solar energy**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-26

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to install free solar systems in more than 1000 madaris (seminaries) across the province, including the merged tribal districts in order to promote religious education and attract students towards religious education, said an official handout issued here on Sunday. In the light of the instructions from Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, ..... [more >>](#)

**How renewable energy can save the planet**

Source: [Sajid Mehmood Qazi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-27

Last week, Pakistan witnessed a significant milestone in its energy transition as the Chinese electric vehicle (EV) giant BYD launched its brand of electric vehicles in the country. This event signals a shift in Pakistan's transportation landscape and serves as a reminder of the broader global movement towards cleaner energy solutions. The event is more than just a business story; it reflect..... [more >>](#)

**Bilawal launches first phase of 'free solar system project'**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-30

KARACHI: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has inaugurated the first phase of the project to distribute free solar home systems to 200,000 families eligible for the Benazir Income Support Program in two districts of the province. Speaking at the inaugural event held at the Chief Minister's House on Thursday, the PPP Chairman emphasized that his party be..... [more >>](#)

# SDPI's Engagement

## A Report Launch

### Climate change: OICCI highlights private sector's role

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-08-22

KARACHI: Despite contributing only 0.9 per cent to global greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan faces severe climate vulnerabilities and is ranked 5th most affected country, experts said. This underscores the urgency of its climate action plans and the pivotal role of the private sector. To provide a roadmap emphasising public-private partnerships to mitigate climate change, the Overseas Investors ..... [more >>](#)

### OICCI highlights private sector's role in mitigating climate change

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-08-22

The Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) has launched an insightful report titled "Pakistan's Climate Crossroads: Private Sector Solutions to Pakistan's Climate Challenges". Commenting on the report, OICCI President Rehan Shaikh stated, "Given the climate vulnerabilities threatening Pakistan, business growth can no longer come at the cost of th..... [more >>](#)

### Addressing carbon footprint is must to safeguard investment: OICCI

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-08-22

KARACHI: The Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OICCI) has issued a warning about the potential negative effects on Pakistan's exports and investment if carbon emissions are not effectively managed. During a recent session with a select group of journalists, OICCI officials stressed the importance of aligning with the carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) to ensure..... [more >>](#)

### OICCI Highlights Private Sector's Role in Mitigating Climate Change

Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2024-08-21

Despite contributing only 0.9 percent to global greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan faces severe climate vulnerabilities and is ranked 5th most affected country. This underscores the urgency of its climate action plans and the pivotal role of the private sector. To provide a roadmap emphasizing public-private partnerships to mitigate climate change, the Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and..... [more >>](#)

### OICCI urges private sector to combat climate crisis

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-08-22

Despite contributing just 0.9% to global greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan is among the top five most climate-affected nations. This stark reality highlights the urgency of robust climate action plans and the crucial role of the private sector. In response, the Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) has released a comprehensive report titled "Pakistan's Climate Cro..... [more >>](#)

### Significant challenges faced by women entrepreneurs

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-08-24

ISLAMABAD, Aug 24 (APP): Experts highlighted on Saturday the significant challenges faced by women entrepreneurs in Pakistan during the launch of a new report on financial inclusion. According to the statement the report, titled "Advancing Financial Inclusion for Women Entrepreneurs in Pakistan," was presented by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration wi..... [more >>](#)

**Improved financial literacy must for women entrepreneurs: speakers**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-25

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### Consultative Discussion

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## Dialogue News

**Balochistan Govt Provides Resource For Youth: Buledi**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2024-08-19

QUETTA, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 19th Aug, 2024) Balochistan Minister for Planning and Development, Zahoor Ahmed Buledi said the provincial government while implementing its vision has started providing resource for harnessing youth through development, which needs reliable and reconcilable data. Speaking at the policy dialogue roundtable, DATA for Development (D4D), Youth and Employa..... [more >>](#)

**Urban flooding, climate change impacts on urban centers need data-guided solutions: Experts**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-08-25

ISLAMABAD, Aug 23 (APP): The experts at a stakeholder dialogue advocating the importance of data for development, and resilience on Friday underscored that urban centers of the country are facing increasing risk of growing vulnerability due to climate disasters amid rising trends of urbanization and poor land use planning. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), United Nations Popula..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI Articles

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### Can Pakistan break free from its debt trap?

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PERSISTENTLY high inflation in Pakistan is eroding the purchasing power of the poorest, limiting access to basic facilities. The World Bank estimates that poverty will remain around 40 per cent, with 10 million people at risk of falling below the poverty line due to potential economic shocks. Despite this, social protection programmes receive minimal attention, with Pakistan allocating less than o..... [more >>](#)

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## Seminar News

**Heatwave's Gender Gap Women bear the brunt 4 times more than men**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-08-22

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**CPEC offers opportunity to diversify Pakistan's energy mix, promote green investment**

Source: [Xinhua](#), [News Asia&Pacific](#), 2024-08-22

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 21 (Xinhua) -- As Pakistan targets generating 60 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2030, experts believe that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) offers a vital opportunity to diversify the South Asian country's energy mix and promote green investments in the energy sector. Pakistan needs to capitalize on Chinese private sector investments to enhance rene..... [more >>](#)

**Parliamentarians Urged To Champion Women's Rights In Reproductive Health**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2024-08-22

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 22nd Aug, 2024) A high-level seminar on reproductive health and family planning on Thursday called for increased access to contraceptives and family planning services, emphasizing the importance of women's rights and empowerment. The event, organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)..... [more >>](#)

**Sindh's Parliamentarians mobilized on sexual reproductive health, family planning**

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**Threat of losing exports, FDI looms**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-08-23

KARACHI: Pakistan is facing the threat of losing exports and foreign direct investment (FDI) because of potential failure to comply with measures required to combat climate change as global buyers increasingly urge domestic producers to report their best and bad practices contributing to global warming. Speaking at the launch of a report titled "Pakistan's Climate Crossroads: Private Se..... [more >>](#)

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### **Study examines climate change's impact on health**

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### **OGDCL hosts seminar on 'awareness and prevention from corruption'**

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