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About SDPI

SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

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To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

Vision

To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

About Newsletter

To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter on
“Pakistan's Energy Transition”

It carries reference information's to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.

Newspapers Covered:

• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

Editor Note:

Clean energy transition is the only answer and solution to secure the sustainable future of Pakistan. There is a dire need to address the use of clean energy timely as it is not only the safest, reliable, and efficient means of energy production but will also harness the abundant indigenous energy resource available in Pakistan. Pakistan's recent policies and initiatives have strongly advocated the need for Pakistan to transition towards clean energy resources. With ARE policy aiming to achieve 30% power through hydro and 30% share of renewables in the energy mix, Electric Vehicles (EVs) policy targeting to achieve 30% share of EVs by 2030, Paris Agreement goals, and the recent moratorium of coal by Prime Minister in Climate Summit, Pakistan is taking a leap towards a green energy future.

However, the development of clean energy transition in Pakistan cannot be achieved without political leadership and need of research-based scientific evidence to help transform the conventional policy making process in Pakistan.

In this regard, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) runs a "Clean Energy Transition Program", under which "Network for Clean Energy Transition in Pakistan: Research and Advocacy", along with the "Renewable Energy Parliamentary Caucus" have been launched and established to mobilise policies into implementation with clear goals and targets. Our work is focused on (but not limited to) building momentum by exploring the missing gaps and links for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) through a holistic approach, especially to explore ways for post-COVID green economic recovery; aligning the wider sustainability agenda with SDG7, sectoral policy reforms, renewable energy investment streams, green financing, private sector engagements, and other windows of opportunities for achieving the goal of clean energy transition in Pakistan.

Subjects Covered

- Energy and power
- Renewable energy
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- CEPC Energy projects
- Energy finance and economics
- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

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Energy Governance

Owners of some IPPs summoned as probe continues

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: As the investigation into Independent Power Producers (IPPs) enters into its final stage, nearly half a dozen owners from these companies have been summoned to Islamabad on Monday (Sept 2) for what is described as courteous questioning and to provide evidence regarding alleged undue profits, sources informed Business Recorder. The government led by Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has [more >>](#)

101 Lesco employees punished

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-02

LAHORE: Lesco has taken strict action against its employees found involved in electricity theft and facilitation of the power pilferers. According to a spokesperson for the power utility, the company has so far suspended 101 staffers on similar counts. He added that 10 employees have also been arrested during the ongoing anti-power theft campaign. He said 11 employees were suspended in North Circle..... [more >>](#)

41,995 power thieves detained in eight months

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-05

LAHORE: Punjab Police have arrested 41,995 suspects involved in electricity theft across the province, including Lahore, during the last eight months. The police have booked some 73,515 accused and completed Challans of 48,056 cases of electricity theft and submitted in courts. According to Punjab Police spokesperson, 21,483 electricity thieves were arrested in Lahore against whom 21,911 cases were..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL disconnects 59 more meters

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-14

LAHORE - The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has disconnected 59 more connections during its ongoing crackdown on gas pilferers in Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad, besides imposing Rs 1.8 million fine. According to a spokesman for the company, regional teams disconnected 12 connections in Lahore and Faisalabad, while 30 connections were disconnected in Sahiwal, Bahawalpur and M..... [more >>](#)

Export-oriented sectors

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-15

ISLAMABAD: The Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) has recommended a probe into Rs 28 billion subsidy extended to export-oriented (erstwhile zero rated) sectors against RLNG claims, in blatant violation of the Economic Coordination Committee's (ECC) decision. According to the AGP's report for the audit year 2023-24, the ECC's decision dated July 25, 2022, mandated a quarterly [more >>](#)

Examination by petitioners

Source: [Terence J Sigamony](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-07

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court asked the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to ensure that all the relevant documents of the CPPA-G, the NTDC, and the IPPs are available in the authority's office for the examination by petitioners. The chief justice also asked the Nepra not to decide the matter without going to the instant exercise, but it may decide which documents, dem..... [more >>](#)

Electricity shortfall not reason of loadshedding, NA toldSource: Asim Yasin, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-05

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday told the National Assembly that no load-shedding was being carried out in the country on account of generation shortfall, but on the basis of high aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) losses of feeders. In a reply to a question by Aseefa Bhutto-Zardari during the Question Hour, Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar stated that at present, n..... [more >>](#)

Khawaja Asif urges diplomacy to save Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline ProjectSource: Web Desk, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has emphasized the critical importance of the Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline, describing it as a matter of survival for the country. In an interview with Independent Urdu, Asif advocated for diplomatic negotiations with the United States to resolve issues related to the project, aiming to avoid a potential \$18 billion fine. Asif also criticized the founder of Pakistan T..... [more >>](#)

Discos: privatisation can be a solutionSource: Muhammad Wali Farooqi, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-11

Privatisation has long been touted as a catalyst for economic growth, and for good reason. By introducing private sector expertise and investment into previously state-controlled industries, privatisation can unlock efficiencies, drive innovation, and spur competition. All these factors are a known phenomenon and have time and again been reiterated over multiple platforms. Recently, the report lau..... [more >>](#)

Govt slashes petrol price by Rs1.86 per litreSource: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Saturday slashed the price of petrol by Rs1.86 per litre for the next fortnight in line with a downward trend in the international market. The new fuel prices will be effective from September 1, according to an official statement. The statement said the petrol price has been reduced from Rs260.96 per litre to Rs259.10 per litre. The government also reduced th..... [more >>](#)

National gas transmission system remains at high riskSource: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: In a major development, the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has reduced local gas off-take by over 50 per cent from 800 mmcf (million cubic feet) to below 400 mmcf to save national gas transmission system from the line pack pressure that increased to 5.230 billion cubic feet (bcf). However, the transmission pipeline system is not out of the woods yet. "The SNGPL has i..... [more >>](#)

Govt cuts fuel prices: Petrol down by Rs1.86, HSD by Rs3.32 per litreSource: News Desk, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-01

On Saturday, the federal government announced a reduction in fuel prices, with the cost of petrol falling by Rs1.86 to Rs259.10 per litre, effective from midnight tonight. High-speed diesel (HSD) has also seen a price cut, dropping by Rs3.32 per litre to Rs262.75. Similarly, the price of kerosene oil has been reduced from Rs171.77 to Rs169.62, reflecting a decrease of Rs2.15 per litre while..... [more >>](#)

Govt mulls utility swap on gas crisisSource: Zafar Bhutta, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: As the ill-planned and expensive Liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports have led to a reduction in indigenous gas supplies, the government is now considering a proposal to swap gas supply between two gas utilities. This proposal will be discussed in a high-level meeting chaired by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on September 2. Sources told The Express Tribune that the poorly planned L..... [more >>](#)

Punjab Government announces electricity bill relief plan for consumers

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-01

Senior Punjab Minister Maryam Aurangzeb has announced detailed relief measures for electricity consumers across the province, aimed at reducing their electricity bills. The relief, which includes a reduction of Rs14 per unit for consumers using 201 to 500 units, has already begun to take effect. Approximately 3.5 million consumers in Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, and Islamabad a..... [more >>](#)

LPG price hiked by Rs7/kg

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Saturday increased the prices of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) for September 2024. The new move added more financial burden on the public already suffering from the sky-rocketing inflation. The price per kilogram of LPG has gone up by Rs6.99 per kg, leading to Rs82.54 rise for a standard domestic cylinder of 11.8 kg, according to Oil and Gas Regulator..... [more >>](#)

No negligence to be tolerated regarding relief in electricity bills: Awais Leghari

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-01

LAHORE - Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari has said that no negligence should be shown with regard to relief being provided in electricity bills to consumers in the Punjab province. He said this while presiding over a meeting attended by officials of the Power Division and the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) here on Saturday. He said that strict action would be take..... [more >>](#)

KE continues crackdown against electricity thieves, defaulters

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-01

KARACHI - K-Electric, in collaboration with the law-enforcement agencies, continues crackdown against electricity thieves and defaulters. Recently, the power utility conducted operations in Bin Qasim and its surrounding areas. A total of 871 illegal connections (kunda), weighing 2,105 kilograms, were removed from K-Electric's infrastructure. These illegal connections were supplying electrici..... [more >>](#)

Can tight gas reshape our energy horizon?

Source: [Engr. Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-02

Pakistan has made significant strides in discovering, exploring, and developing unconventional hydrocarbon resources, following pioneering efforts initiated nearly two decades ago. Last month, in August, commercial production of tight gas began at the Nur West Well-1 in Sujawal District, Sindh. The well is currently producing 1.50 MMSCFD (million standard cubic feet per day) of gas, which has bee..... [more >>](#)

Scrutinising IPPs

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-02

The Senate committee's recent concerns over the lack of transparency in Independent Power Producers (IPPs) contracts that have plagued Pakistan's energy sector for decades were long overdue. The committee's call for a forensic audit of these contracts is a critical step toward addressing the systemic inefficiencies and injustices that have burdened citizens with exorbitant electricity [more >>](#)

Government seeks IMF nod for power tariff cut

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-02

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has shared a new plan with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to reduce electricity prices by Rs6 per unit by pumping in Rs2.8 trillion — a proposal that is built on highly risky funding sources and might not immediately get the lender's endorsement. The federal government has told the IMF that out of the Rs2.8 trillion, an amount of Rs1.4 trillion will be prov..... [more >>](#)

Conversion of power plants to Thar coal; Govt likely to ask local banks for financing

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-02

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to ask local banks to finance conversion of imported coal projects to Thar coal and expansion of mines, well informed sources in PPIB told Business Recorder. This idea was recently discussed in an interaction of 17 individuals including officials of Pakistan, Chinese experts and senior officials of Chinese embassy in Islamabad, the sources added. These..... [more >>](#)

The IPP negotiation dilemma: govt required to step back?

Source: Ali Khizar, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-02

Negotiations with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), particularly those involving local owners under the 1994 and 2002 power policies, have entered a new phase. Prominent businessmen who own these IPPs have been approached by certain state actors and, in many cases, pressured to accept terms without question. Some IPPs face contract terminations, while others are being pushed to accept "tak..... [more >>](#)

PQEPC exploring options to resolve its financial woes

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-02

ISLAMABAD: Port Qasim Electric Power Company Limited (PQEPC) has reportedly discussed debt restructuring, loan extension and conversion of its plant to Thar coal, as former Prime Minister of Qatar is concerned on non-payment of due amount to the company, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The Company's team has held back to back meetings at Islamabad to explore different opti..... [more >>](#)

IPPs brief top military leadership on power sector woes

Source: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-03

ISLAMABAD: Top military leadership has also joined the efforts for making the power sector financially and operationally viable. In this regard, owners of some independent power producers (IPPs) met the top military leadership here on Monday and shared their proposals on how to scale down the power tariff to provide relief to masses and industrial sector, to generate more economic activities. [more >>](#)

1.071m lesco customers to get relief in bills

Source: Press Release, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-03

Islamabad: Domestic customers having load up to 5kw and monthly electricity consumption between 201 to 500 units during the month of August and September 2024 will be eligible for the relief of Rs14 per unit, announced by the Punjab Government, says a press release. Dr. Tahir Masood, chairman Board of Directors of lesco said that relief announced by the Punjab government, lesco teams have started [more >>](#)

172 power thieves booked

Source: APP, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-03

LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has detected a total of 526 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) during its anti-power theft campaign in last 24 hours. A Lesco spokesman told media here Monday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electricity t..... [more >>](#)

IMF pours cold water on Punjab's cheap power plan

Source: Shahbaz Rana, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-03

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has slapped Pakistan with a slew of new conditions regarding energy subsidies and provincial budgets after Punjab took a "fiscally reckless" decision to give Rs45 to Rs90 billion electricity subsidies for two months. Government sources told The Express Tribune on Monday that the global lender imposed at least three critical-nature cond..... [more >>](#)

Dar rejects gas allocation proposals

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-03

ISLAMABAD: Ishaq Dar, Chairman of a high-level committee on oil and gas, on Monday turned down a framework proposed by the Petroleum Division for the allocation of discovered gas to third parties and categorically said that the government would not "rewrite a policy" already approved by the Council of Common Interests (CCI). The Petroleum Division presented four proposals for allocat..... [more >>](#)

Half-baked measures: Pakistan's struggle to curb power theft

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-03

Since late 2023, the government has been cracking down on electricity theft across the country, which has long been a thorn in Pakistan's energy sector, draining billions from an already struggling economy. Interestingly, the caretaker PM made the first announcement on 6th September, remembered as Defence Day – as if an implicit indication that the next frontier for Pakistan's pro..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum industry issues; Body agrees to proceed on all major areas

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-03

ISLAMABAD: The Committee, constituted by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on petroleum industry issues, on Monday agreed to proceed on all major areas including early development of integrated energy plan, evaluation of gas usage from dedicated fields to optimise utilisation and early finalisation of the framework for implementation of Council of Common Interests (CCI)'s decisions regarding pet..... [more >>](#)

The power struggle: navigating Pakistan's energy crisis

Source: [Afia Malik and Ayesha Rehman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-03

Energy crisis, rising tariffs, IPPs, capacity payments! These words appear in Pakistani newspapers daily, highlighting potential policy changes and their profound impact on citizens' daily lives. The capacity payments of 2.1 trillion required consumers to pay PKR 17.31 per kWh as capacity charges in FY2025. This has sparked a heated debate about the dollar-indexed capacity payments that are [more >>](#)

KCCI seeks urgent Nepra hearing on KE issues

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-04

KARACHI: The Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has urged the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to convene an urgent hearing of all relevant stakeholders to address pending issues related to K-Electric that have been significantly impacting both industrial and domestic consumers in Karachi. In a letter to Nepra Chairman Waseem Mukhtar on Tuesday, KCCI President Ift..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA bars IPPs contract extension debate

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-04

ISLAMABAD: During a public hearing on Tuesday, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) chairman barred interveners from discussing the renewal of independent power producers' (IPPs) contracts by the regulator. The interveners took up the matter of capacity payments being charged by IPPs during a public hearing. When the case to extend their contracts came up for debate, the [more >>](#)

Significant gas reserves discovered in North Waziristan Shewa-2 well to boost domestic gas production by over 3% daily

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-04

KARACHI: Pakistan has discovered significant gas deposits estimated at 351.2 billion cubic feet (BCF) in the Shewa fields of North Waziristan, with an anticipated lifespan of 17 years. The country is poised to inject 70 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) from the Shewa-2 well into the national grid, boosting domestic gas production by over 3% daily. This increase will reduce the need for expensiv..... [more >>](#)

Privatisation key to DISCOs reform: experts

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-04

ISLAMABAD: Energy experts are advocating for privatisation as a crucial step in reforming Pakistan's electricity distribution companies (DISCOs). A consultation organised by the Parliamentary Forum on Energy and Economy gathered key stakeholders to discuss the future of DISCOs. National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq addressed the global challenge of power tariffs, stressing that past loadshedding.... [more >>](#)

Consumers demand forensic audit of IPPs

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-04

ISLAMABAD - Electricity consumers have called for a forensic audit of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to address concerns about over-invoicing, heat rate issues, misstatements, and misreporting. They also demanded a third-party audit of the National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC), National Power Control Center (NPCC), and Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G). During a public.... [more >>](#)

LESCO detects 484 power pilferers in 24 hours

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-04

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 484 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) during its anti-power theft campaign in last 24 hours. The LESCO spokesman told media here Tuesday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electricity.... [more >>](#)

Govt working to put gas bills within reach of consumers in winter: Musadik

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-05

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik said on Wednesday a mechanism was being evolved to keep the gas bills within the reach of consumers in the winter season when its use increases manifold. In an interaction with a group of media persons here, Malik said: "The government is working on the option to introduce seasonal tariff of gas and electricity. Under the arrangement.... [more >>](#)

Iesco nabs 315 power pilferers in August

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-05

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) operation, M&T and surveillance teams have checked over 114,144 meters in August 2024 and 315 consumers were involved in illegal use of electricity. Sharing the details Iesco Chief Executive Officer Muhammad Naeem Jan said that fines of over Rs26 million were also imposed on the concerned consumers while 30 electricity thieves were arrested by.... [more >>](#)

Govt working on formula to cut power rates: petroleum minister

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-05

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided in principle to create a blended gas pricing mechanism by abolishing the ring-fenced Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) pricing and merging it with wellhead and pipeline quality natural gases to scale down power rates and provide a level playing field to all consumer categories. This was stated by Minister for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik while talking to journalists.... [more >>](#)

Centre, provinces owe Rs2.56 trillion to DISCOs

Source: [Waqas Ahmad](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-05

ISLAMABAD: The federal and provincial governments collectively owe more than Rs2.56 trillion in unpaid bills to the electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs) across the country, official documents available with The Express

Tribune revealed on Wednesday. There are 12 DISCOs across the country – Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (Fesco); Gujranwala Electric Power Company (Gepco); Hazar..... [more >>](#)

OGRA swings into action to protect refineries

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-05

ISLAMABAD: The fuel regulator has temporarily halted some oil marketing companies (OMCs) from importing High-Speed Diesel (HSD) to address concerns raised by oil refineries about an excessive stock of the fuel, which they warn "may lead to the collapse of the country's supply chain." In an emergency meeting on Wednesday, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) canceled two di..... [more >>](#)

Pesco told to register FIRs against grid takeovers

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-06

ISLAMABAD: After months of restraint, the federal government has decided to take legal action against the forced takeovers of grid stations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and deploy the Frontier Constabulary for protection of the power company's infrastructure. The issue has been a point of friction between the federal government led by PML-N and the PTI provincial government since the general ele..... [more >>](#)

Progress on Diamer Basha dam reviewed

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-06

LAHORE: Chairman WAPDA, Engr Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani (Retd), reviewed the construction progress of the Diamer Basha Dam Project during a day-long visit, according to a press release issued on Thursday. The Diamer Basha Dam, standing 272 meters high, is the world's tallest roller-compacted-concrete (RCC) dam. It is being constructed across the Indus River, 40 km downstream of Chilas town. Curre..... [more >>](#)

IESCO consumers irked by over-billing, flawed AMI technology

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-06

ISLAMABAD: Hundreds of consumers of Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) are at the suffering due to allegedly unprecedented over-billing coupled with serious faults in the AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) technology being installed across the households in twin cities. Over the last few weeks, reports received from different areas have indicated that hapless consumers are wanderin..... [more >>](#)

The power balance – where efficiency meets innovation

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-06

Power generation has recently come under intense scrutiny, with attention focused on contractual arrangements and the costs of generation. Questions about efficiency have also been raised, which is justified as the sector's improvement depends on enhancing production capabilities. Since August 2023, the CPPA petition for fuel charge adjustments (FCA) has differentiated coal-based generati..... [more >>](#)

POL strikes despite production dip

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-06

The oil production of Pakistan witnessed an uptick of 1.4 percent year-on-year in FY24. Meanwhile, gas production depicted a 4.4 percent year-on-year decrease. For Pakistan Oilfields Limited, oil and gas production fell during FY24 by 6 and 5 percent year-on-year respectively. However, the company reported a growth in profitability and dividends, despite a decline in oil and gas production. For..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum sales hit by monsoon and smuggling

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-05

Petroleum consumption in the country remains sluggish. The nation's petroleum product sales stood at 1.22 million tons in August 2024, reflecting a 14 percent year-over-year decline. This decline can be attributed to several factors, including increased smuggling and the impact of the monsoon season. The resurgence of smuggled petroleum products from Iran exacerbated the situation, while hig..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum prices: Big revenue gap looms

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-05

The petroleum product prices have continued on a downward trend, with motor gasoline retail price now 8 percent lower than the 12-month moving average of Rs280/litre. Prices for High-Speed Diesel have followed a similar pattern, thanks much to the remarkably stable currency and falling international crude oil prices. All this while, the government has kept the taxes on petroleum unchanged, with th..... [more >>](#)

Mari Petroleum Company Limited

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-07

Mari Petroleum Company Limited (PSX: MARI) is the second largest producer of natural gas. It is integrated oil and gas Exploration and Production Company with around 70 percent exploration success rate, which is much higher than industry averages of around 30 percent national and 14 percent international. It operates the country's largest gas reservoir at Mari Gas Field, Daharki, Sindh. Mari..... [more >>](#)

Take-and-pay model proposed for IPPs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-07

ISLAMABAD: A task force constituted by the prime minister on the capacity payments to the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) proposed transition of the capacity-based model to a take-and-pay model in order to unburden electricity consumers from the payments to non-operating plants, sources said on Friday. They said that a draft of the transition proposed the introduction of significant chang..... [more >>](#)

New Karachi residents dogged by power theft

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-07

KARACHI: Prolonged power outages and electricity theft in neighbouring areas have exacerbated the miseries of people living in North Karachi. Almost 12 hours of load shedding throughout the day in most areas of New Karachi has made the life of the residents of the area miserable, said the residents of New Karachi Sector 5F Rajput Colony. Farooq Khan, Muhammad Tariq and Babar while talkin..... [more >>](#)

Govt renegotiating IPP deals to slash electricity costs: Minister Leghari

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-07

Pakistan is renegotiating contracts with independent power producers to rein in "unsustainable" electricity tariffs, Energy Minister Awais Ahmad Leghari has said as power customers tackle with soaring unsustainable costs. Rising power tariffs have stirred social unrest and shuttered industries in the \$350 billion economy, which has contracted twice in recent years as inflation hit record..... [more >>](#)

Govt weighs offshore drilling reform

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-07

ISLAMABAD: The government is actively exploring two options to amend the offshore fiscal regime, aiming to revitalise interest in offshore drilling through tax holidays and strategic investment from friendly nations. Previously, Pakistan attempted offshore drilling in collaboration with US energy giant ExxonMobil, following a nine-year hiatus. However, the venture was unsuccessful, with c..... [more >>](#)

'Status quo can't be maintained': Energy minister confirms talks with IPPs to reduce power rates

Source: Reuters / Web Desk, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-07

Confirming the coalition government's efforts to renegotiate contracts with independent power producers (IPPs) to reduce "unsustainable" electricity tariffs, Energy Minister Awaiz Leghari said both sides have a clear understanding that the "status quo can't be maintained". Rising power tariffs have stirred social unrest and shuttered industries in the \$350 billion ec..... [more >>](#)

Data from geographical survey being assessed: sources on offshore oil, gas reserves

Source: Saif Ur Rehman, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-07

ISLAMABAD: Revealing that data of a geological survey was being assessed, Petroleum Division sources told Geo News on Saturday that the discovery of oil and gas reserves in the country's territorial waters could only be confirmed after due exploration. Noting that it would be too early to claim that the country has discovered massive oil and gas reserves, the sources said that the Director [more >>](#)

Capacity-based model transition to take-and-pay model; 24 conditions proposed to strike new deals between govt, IPPs

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-07

ISLAMABAD: The government's experts and officials have proposed 24 conditions for proposed transition of capacity based model to take-and-pay model meant to strike new deals with the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to reduce consumer end tariff. The deal is close to finalisation, high level sources told this correspondent. Top bosses of some IPPs held an important meeting with the hi..... [more >>](#)

Fueling Hope

Source: Editorial, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-07

As Pakistan prepares for what could be its fourth consecutive cut in fuel prices, the prospect of relief is both timely and promising. The ongoing decrease in petrol and diesel rates offers a glimmer of hope for many who have grappled with rising living costs amid economic strain. This development comes on the back of easing inflation, a reduced trade deficit, and increased exports, suggesting tha..... [more >>](#)

Govt renegotiating power deals to cut costs: minister

Source: News Wire, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-08

KARACHI - Pakistan is renegotiating contracts with independent power producers to rein in "unsustainable" electricity tariffs, the head of the power ministry said, as households and businesses buckle under soaring energy costs. Rising power tariffs have stirred social unrest and shuttered industries in the \$350 billion economy, which has contracted twice in recent years as inflation..... [more >>](#)

Lesco collects over Rs 3.077m from 184 defaulters

Source: News Wire, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-08

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) recovered more than Rs 3.077 million from 184 defaulters in all the five districts- Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara- during last 24 hours of its recovery campaign. A spokesman told media here Saturday that the company had recovered outstanding dues of Rs 84,000 from 29 defaulters in Northern Circle; Rs 35,000 from 12 defaulter..... [more >>](#)

No lessons learned

Source: Waqas Bin Najib, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-07

THE prime minister inaugurated Chashma-5, a 1,200 MW nuclear plant, after Ecne approval in July 2023. The project reportedly cost around \$4 billion. However, it appears that we have decided to spend this money on an unnecessary project when the country is on the brink of economic collapse. In 2021, the Council of Common Interests approved the National Electricity Policy. The policy aims to pro..... [more >>](#)

Crude oil — savings on the horizon?

Source: Syed Rashid Husain, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-09

Crude markets are faced with a bloodbath. Posting its biggest weekly drop in 11 months, the US crude oil hit its lowest level since June 2023 last Friday, putting it on pace for its worst week in nearly a year. Earlier in the session, the US crude hit a low of \$67.17 per barrel, shedding almost eight per cent. The West Texas Intermediate October contract, however, finished the week a bit higher, a..... [more >>](#)

Closure of CPPs to cause Rs420bn loss to Sui gas firms: officials

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

ISLAMABAD: At a time when the RLNG consumption has decreased in the country manifold and the decision to switch the industrial sector to national grid from gas-based captive power plants (CPPs) while toeing the direction of IMF will lead to recovery loss of Rs420 billion to the Sui gas companies. "We get the revenue of Rs420 billion per annum from captive power plants set up for sustainable..... [more >>](#)

'AMI project to transform power sector in Rawalpindi'

Source: Press Release, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-09

Islamabad: The Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project is a ground-breaking initiative in Pakistan's power sector, launched by the Government of Pakistan, said Mohsin Raza Gallani, Director of the AMI Project, while sharing its updates with media on its successful implementation in two operational circles of the Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco): Rawalpindi City and Rawalpindi [more >>](#)

LESCO detects 453 power pilferers in 24 hours

Source: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 453 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) during its anti-power theft campaign in last 24 hour. The LESCO spokesman told media here Monday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electricity..... [more >>](#)

Quarterly adjustment rises

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

The power regulator Nepra approved another Rs1.74/unit on account of quarterly tariff adjustments, pertaining to 4QFY24. The approved periodic adjustment amounts to Rs43.3 billion, out of Rs46.9 billion sought by power distribution companies. Unlike the previous adjustment, that was spread unevenly across the quarter, 4QFY24 adjustment returns to normal practice, with uniform adjustment across mon..... [more >>](#)

22,391 electricity thieves arrested this year

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-11

LAHORE: Lahore police registered 22,876 cases and arrested 22,391 electricity thieves this year. This was stated by the spokesman for Lahore Police in a statement Tuesday. He said that 3,045 electricity thieves were arrested by Iqbal Town, 3,453 by Saddar, 6,540 by Cantt, 3,812 by Model Town, 4,262 by City and 1,279 electricity thieves were arrested by Civil Lines Division police. [more >>](#)

Aurangzeb stresses need for reforms in power sector

Source: Mubarak Zeb Khan, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-11

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has said that structural reforms are being undertaken in the power sector to improve its efficiency and service delivery. During a meeting with the K-Electric delegation on

Tuesday, the minister said the reforms included the reconstitution of the boards of directors of Discos by bringing in professionals from the priva..... [more >>](#)

IPPs and capacity payments – how to deal with the challenge

Source: [Hasnain Naqvee](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

This is a follow-up piece. The first part appeared on 1st August 2024. Both may be read together. Let us explore potential solutions and actions that can be taken by the State of Pakistan to mitigate the losses or, more fundamentally, address the challenge of significant capacity payments. We may even convert this challenge into an opportunity, for both the challenges and opportunities come t..... [more >>](#)

Suki Kinari Hydropower Project; Inauguration ceremony likely to be postponed till COD achievement

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-11

ISLAMABAD: The Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has proposed that inauguration of 884 MW Suki Kinari Hydropower Project be postponed till achievement of Commercial Operation Date (COD), well informed sources told Business Recorder. The project company through an email dated September 6, 2024, conveyed that the Reliability Run Test (RRT) for Suki Kinari Hydropower Project under Sec..... [more >>](#)

Electricity rates increased by Rs 1.74 per unit The rise in electricity tariffs will affect all major utility consumers across Pakistan.

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-11

The Federal government has announced a rise in electricity prices by Rs 1.74 per unit, effective immediately. This adjustment follows a notification issued by the government and will impact all electricity consumers, including those served by Distribution Companies (DISCOs) and K-Electric. The price hike, implemented as part of a quarterly adjustment, will add an additional financial burd..... [more >>](#)

Punjab withdraws Rs14 power subsidy for ICT

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-11

ISLAMABAD: The Punjab government has decided to immediately withdraw the Rs14 per unit electricity subsidy for the consumers of the Islamabad Capital Territory while succumbing to the pressure exerted by the International Monetary Fund. The decision would deprive the consumers of the Islamabad Capital Territory from the Rs14 per unit subsidy for the month of September, according to a notificati..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan requests Saudi Arabia to provide \$1.2bn oil facility

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-12

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has requested for \$1.2 billion Saudi Oil Facility (SOF) to bridge the \$2-2.5 billion financing gap identified by the IMF for the current fiscal year. However, a finance ministry press statement did not say anything in this regard. The Saudi government wants to invest in the Reko Diq project to procure 15 percent stakes in two phases but the transaction is yet to be accomplishe..... [more >>](#)

OGRA lowers RLNG prices for September 2024

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-12

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has announced a reduction in Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) prices for September 2024. As per the latest notification, new rates have been set for Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) consumers. For SNGPL, RLNG prices have been reduced by \$0.15 per million British thermal units (mmbtu), bringing the p..... [more >>](#)

Asia Pak proposes rupee-based IPP returns to lower power tariffs

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-12

Amid the rising electricity rates in Pakistan, officials from Asia Pak Investments have proposed ending dollar-based returns on investment for Independent Power Producers (IPPs), suggesting a switch to Pakistani rupees. This move aims to lower power tariffs and offer relief to consumers. Asia Pak Investment Chairman, Shehryar Chishti, emphasized that IPPs are aware of Pakistan's worsening e..... [more >>](#)

Power companies agree to cut tariffs at PM's request

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-12

In response to a request from Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, local energy companies have agreed to lower electricity production tariffs, providing much-needed relief to the public amid an ongoing energy crisis. Liberty Power Producers and other major power companies, including Gul Ahmed Energy Power Plant, have expressed their commitment to reducing tariffs. The Chairman of [more >>](#)

APL's FY24 power play

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-13

In a year marked by economic turbulence and fluctuating petroleum prices, Attock Petroleum Limited (PSX: APL) achieved impressive financial growth. Despite these challenges, the company maintained its upward trajectory, bolstered by strategic moves toward diversification, including ventures into the LPG and electric vehicle (EV) sectors. APL's revenue growth stood at 11 percent year-on-ye..... [more >>](#)

Costly electricity; IPPs' capacity charges not the sole factor: experts

Source: [Ahmed Malik](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-13

KARACHI: Energy experts have blamed a host of issues for the rising electricity prices, saying that the recent stance by many stakeholders that Independent Power Producers (IPPs) capacity charges is the main reason for higher bills, does not depict the real state of affairs. According to data from energy department, Capacity Payment (CP), often blamed for increased tariffs, accounts for just [more >>](#)

Capacity charges: 33 IPPs were paid Rs979.3bn in FY24

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-13

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Energy (Power Division) Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari Thursday said the federal government has paid Rs979.3 billion capacity payment charges to 33 Independent Power Producers (IPPs) during last financial year 2023-24. In a written reply to a question in the National Assembly, the minister said that Rs137.02 billion has been paid to China Power Hub Generation Company [more >>](#)

Govt's IPP capacity expansion plan likely to worsen circular debt crisis: IPS study

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-14

ISLAMABAD - The government aims to expand power generation capacity by adding 7,500MW by 2034 and extending independent power producer (IPP) licences, potentially worsening the circular debt crisis in the sector. In FY 2022-2023, capacity payments to 17 of the 100 IPPs with a combined capacity of 12,847MW reached Rs472.12 billion, while heavy interest payments to nine notable IPPs amounted to R..... [more >>](#)

Govt, oil giants eye expansion in Balochistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-15

ISLAMABAD: The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP), led by its Senior Vice Chairman Tariq Mehmood, met with Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan on Saturday to discuss the expansion and development of the fuel oil industry in Balochistan. The discussions centred on increasing the presence of licensed fuel stations across the province to provide quality products and better service..... [more >>](#)

Govt implements Mandatory Service Act for six months in power sector amid privatisation

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-15

The federal government has imposed the Mandatory Service Act on power distribution companies, including NTDC (National Transmission and Despatch Company) and state-owned generation companies (Gencos), before their planned privatisation. Sources confirmed that This move aims to prevent protests and strikes from employees during the privatisation process. According to the act, employees o..... [more >>](#)

Gwadar: imported coal-fired project faces axe

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-14

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to scrap 300 MW imported coal power project at Gwadar and the Chinese company, M/s CIHC Pak Power Company (Pvt) Ltd (CPPCL) is unwilling to move ahead until further upward revision in tariff, well-informed sources in PPIB told Business Recorder. Managing Director Shah Jahan Mirza in a letter to CEO of the company gave a deadline of September 18, 2024 for fi..... [more >>](#)

'Suki Kinari Hydropower Project passes Reliability Run Test successfully'

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-14

ISLAMABAD: Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) announced on Friday that 884MW Suki Kinari Hydropower Project established under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework with investment of \$1.7 billion has passed its Reliability Run Test (RRT) successfully. According to Managing Director PPIB, a one window facilitator for private investment in power sector, extended felicitat..... [more >>](#)

Smog prevention measures: EPA to check quality of fuel being sold at pumps

Source: [Ali Raza](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-03

LAHORE:In a bid to prevent smog during the months of October to December, Punjab government has taken a big step under which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will check the quality of fuel being sold at all the petrol pumps across the province. Officials said this important progress was made to ensure implementation of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's vision to improve the enviro..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Blueprint for industrial decarbonization

Source: [Afaf Ali](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-02

As the climate crisis intensifies with more rigorous heatwaves and extreme weather affairs, it has become increasingly evident that immediate action should be a priority. Establishing net-zero targets and concentrated mitigation strategy entailing clear roadmaps for de-fossilization by utilizing cleaner renewable energy sources and innovative technologies to expedite energy transition. Hard-t..... [more >>](#)

\$10bn green refinery: Aramco, Sinopec to decide project's fate after study by OMC

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-02

ISLAMABAD: In a new development, Saudi Aramco and Chinese company Sinopec will decide if they will help establish the state-of-the-art mega project of \$10 billion green refinery or crude-to-petrochemical complex after the Pakistan State Oil, a government-run Oil Marketing Company (OMC), completes the market study in December this year. "In the Pak-Saudi Arabia working group meeting held on [more >>](#)

Minister orders switching all disposal stations to solar energy

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-03

LAHORE: Provincial Local Government Minister Zeeshan Rafiq said that solar solution would be made an integral part of every future project and directed the officials concerned to switch disposal stations across Punjab to solar

energy. The provincial local government minister issued this direction while presiding over a meeting at the office of Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company (PMDFC) on M..... [more >>](#)

Solar energy becomes increasingly popular choice across Pakistan

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-03

LAHORE - As Pakistan races towards its goal of generating 60% of its energy from clean and renewable sources by 2030, the landscape of the country's energy sector is undergoing significant changes. Solar energy has become an increasingly popular choice across Pakistan, with solar panels becoming a common sight on rooftops. However, a lesser-known aspect is the importance of panel size in ach..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's first 220MW solar-wind RE project secures 7 bids

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-04

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE), Pakistan's only private electric utility, is building momentum towards doubling its solar capacity by adding clean energy into its generation mix. After breaking ground earlier this month with a total of 15 bids for 150MW solar power projects in Balochistan, KE has made yet another stride in the by receiving seven bids for its 220 MV site neutral hybrid project..... [more >>](#)

Ahsan highlights importance of integrated energy model for future needs

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-04

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal emphasized on Tuesday that the integrated energy model is crucial for meeting the country's future energy needs through efficient, reliable, affordable, clean and renewable resources. Speaking at the 'National Workshop on Integrated Energy Plan' organized by the Ministry of Planning, De..... [more >>](#)

28 companies honored at Solar Technology Excellence Awards

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-04

LAHORE - The Solar Technology Excellence Awards 2024, an event celebrating innovation and leadership in the solar energy sector, was held at a local hotel in Lahore. The ceremony, organised by Energy Update in partnership with the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), Private Power Infrastructure Board (PPIB), and Pakistan Solar Association, recognized 28 companies for their outstanding contributio..... [more >>](#)

Geopolitics of rare earth elements

Source: [Amna Hashmi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-05

The new global fight for rare earth elements (REEs), which are critical to the high-tech and renewable energy industries, is rapidly transforming the geopolitical landscape. Due to the growing competition for these valuable resources, nations have come to realise the importance of geostrategic commodities. REEs are not only an economic concern but rather a strategic asset, the struggle for which r..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

A Report Launch

Think tank proposes Discos' gradual sell-off

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-01

ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has recommended the privatisation of power distribution companies (Discos) in a phased manner to analyse the regulatory framework and identify potential obstacles before scaling up the divestment of other companies. This plan should begin with the most financially viable Discos and gradually include others, ensuring that the process..... [more >>](#)

SIFC pushes for LPG plant resumption

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-08

ISLAMABAD: The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has directed the Petroleum Division to take positive steps towards resuming operations at the Jamshoro Joint Venture Limited (JJVL) LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) plant. This directive followed a report prepared by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and was discussed in a recent SIFC meeting. According to the report, a..... [more >>](#)

SDPI study asks for early resumption of JJVL LPG extraction plant

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-08

ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has submitted its study to the Petroleum Division suggesting Jamshoro Joint Venture Limited (JJVL) LPG-NGL extraction plant should be made operational. In its report "Indigenous LPG production: Challenges and Way Forward", SDPI, the country's well-known think tank, argued if Sui Southern-JJVL deal is done to operate [more >>](#)

Media Briefing

Half of Pakistan's population facing persistent health risk amid poor access to healthy diet

Source: [Zubair Qureshi](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-09-14

Increasing population of undernourished households is driving the nutritional and health crises in the country amid policy gaps and absence of proactive legislation in line with the rapidly changing environment. This was said by Head of Policy and Advocacy, The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Faiz Rasool on Friday while speaking at a media debriefing session jointly organized by the..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

Green liberalism and policy approaches

Source: [Saleha Qureshi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-01

Global efforts to tackle climate change frequently introduce frameworks designed to mitigate environmental impacts and drive the transition to a low-carbon economy. The success of these frameworks depends heavily on their ability to adapt to the specific social, economic, political and environmental dynamics of the regions where they are implemented. [more >>](#)

The silent storm of eco-anxiety

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-01

Eco-anxiety, the chronic fear of environmental disaster, has become a pervasive part of my everyday existence. It's not just a buzzword; it's a deep psychological burden that creeps into every corner of our lives, gnawing at our sense of security. Climate anxiety is a silent storm, building up with every heat wave and report of another nat..... [more >>](#)

The mirage of misused subsidies

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-02

Pakistan's electricity tariff structure has inadvertently fostered a practice that threatens to undermine the system's integrity and financial stability. 'Subsidy mirage' is an apt term to describe the elusive and illusory nature of the unallotted subsidy that certain consumers exploit. Much like a mirage, this subsidy seems beneficial at first glance but is actually a dist..... [more >>](#)

On the edge of default

Source: Irfan Ahmad Chatha, [Geo News](#), 2024-09-10

As Pakistan looks for a spot on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Board's agenda, the prudent course during this downtime is to reflect on its debt sustainability and develop a broader understanding of the factors that have kept Pakistan amongst the "commitment type" of sovereign borrowers instead of "opportunistic type". The former type of sovereign builds a reputati..... [more >>](#)

Is the ICT industry ready to go green?

Source: Sadia Ishrat Satti, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-12

As the world confronts the escalating threat of climate change, a clearer understanding of various sectors' contributions to global carbon emissions is imperative. Among these sectors, the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry stands out, not just for its significant role in global connectivity, but also for its substantial yet often overlooked share of emissions. According..... [more >>](#)

Hydroponic Agriculture: A Sustainable Solution for Pakistan's Food Security Challenges

Source: Rana Irfan Rafi, [LEAD Pakistan](#), 2024-09-12

Pakistan is struggling with food security as a result of its expanding population and the impact of climate change on agriculture. Food problems are worsening by the day; as conventional agricultural systems fail to provide enough food to support the growing population. To address these challenges, it is critical to develop alternative agricultural systems that can meet food demand while also impr..... [more >>](#)

Digital shield or an economic straitjacket

Source: Abdullah Khalid & Dr Maaz Maqsood Hashmi, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-15

In our recent article on economic growth through a digital revolution in Pakistan, we highlighted the critical role of a digitally skilled workforce in steering the nation towards a prosperous future. This ongoing conversation about Pakistan's digital transformation takes a new turn as we consider the implications of firewall installations in th..... [more >>](#)

The need for social development

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-15

Democracy has long been heralded as the political system best suited to prioritise citizens' needs, particularly in the realm of social development. This belief is supported by growing evidence that democracies outperform autocracies in critical areas such as healthcare, education, peacebuilding and economic growth. A 2023 report, The Case for De..... [more >>](#)

Financial innovation for revenue mobilisation

Source: Maheen Rehan, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-15

In recent years, digital financial ecosystem has experienced significant advancements in Pakistan. According to the State Bank of Pakistan, the number of mobile banking users surged to 16.3 million by 2024, marking an approximately

8 percent increase from the previous year. Moreover, internet penetration has reached 45.7 percent, with over 111 million..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related Articles

Beyond choice

Source: [Nabil Tahire](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-08

KARACHI: Hina*, a 22-year-old mother of two from rural Sindh, tragically lost her third child due to complications during childbirth. Her story is one of the many heart-wrenching reminders of the devastating consequences of inadequate access to reproductive health services and family planning education in Pakistan. Millions of women in the country face risks due to a lack of knowledge and resourc..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

Economists hail single-digit inflation

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-09-05

Economists and business leaders hailed on Wednesday that Inflation in Pakistan has reached a single digit after three years, on which the business community and household consumers expressed its pleasure. At present, the inflation rate in the country is 9.6% and in rural areas, the inflation is up to 6.3 %, which is also an indicator of the decrease in the prices of essential commodities. Meanwhi..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan introduces contributory pension scheme to cut costs amid IMF dealings

Source: [Aamir Saeed](#), [Arab News](#), 2024-09-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has launched a contributory pension fund scheme for new entrants to the armed forces and civil government, a senior official said on Wednesday, expressing hope it would streamline current public expenditures by setting up an autonomous fund to manage large pension payments. The federal government's total expenditure for pensions is estimated at Rs1.014 trillion (\$3.65 bi..... [more >>](#)

Excessive rain, changing patterns, dozens of deaths mark Pakistan monsoon

Source: [Sara Zaman](#), [Voice of America](#), 2024-09-05

ISLAMABAD — As monsoon season nears its end in Pakistan, higher than average rainfall and rain-related accidents leave behind a trail of deaths, nearly half of them children. Monsoon season runs from July to September in Pakistan. Since the beginning of July, the country has counted at least 337 rain-related deaths, according to the National Disaster Management Authority. One-hundred-sev..... [more >>](#)

Power subsidies might impact IMF deal in the offing: SDPI executive director

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

ISLAMABAD - Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, executive director of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), on Monday said the federal and Punjab governments although with good intentions have announced power subsidies but these subsidies might surprise the IMF and impact the IMF deal in the offing. The executive director SDPI, while talking to media, said there is no probability of snap elections [more >>](#)

Unplanned power subsidies impede \$7bn bailout

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

ISLAMABAD: Punjab's unplanned power subsidies have emerged as the second most significant impediment to Pakistan's much-anticipated \$7 billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In July, Pakistan reached a Staff-Level Agreement (SLA) for a new 37-month \$7bn Extended Fund Facility. However, the agreement will take effect following the IMF Executive Board meeting, which..... [more >>](#)

Towards green energy via CPEC

Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-10

Pakistan's investment requirements for addressing its climate challenges are enormous, and then some. In its Country Climate and Development Report, the World Bank estimated that Pakistan — one of the world's top 10 countries most affected by climate change — needs \$348 billion to adequately address its climate challenges till 2030. This consists of \$152bn (44 per cent) [more >>](#)

Government needs to stop surprising IMF: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-09-10

ISLAMABAD, Sep 09 (SABAH): Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Monday said the federal and Punjab governments although with good intentions have announced power subsidies that might surprise the IMF and impact the IMF deal in the offing. The Executive Director SDPI while talking to media said there is no probability of snap elections [more >>](#)

Expediting the Digital Trade Integration of Pakistan and Central Asian Economies

Source: [Asif Javed](#), [Dr Vaqar Ahmed](#), [CAREC](#), [Development Asia](#), 2024-09-11

Digital trade integration involves regulatory structures/policy designs, digital technologies, and business processes along the entire global/regional digital value chain (UNESCAP 2021). It requires free cross-border movement of digital products, services, and technologies, manufactured goods, data, capital, talent, and ideas, along with the availability of integrated physical and virtual infrastr..... [more >>](#)

Juvenile education crucial to expedite climate action for long-term resilience goals: Romina

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-09-13

ISLAMABAD, Sep 13 (APP): Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam on Friday emphasized juvenile education crucial to expedite climate action for long-term resilience goals. She was addressing a seminar on 'Climate-Compatible Education' held at the Institute of Regional Studies, Islamabad (IRS) as guest of honour. The [more >>](#)

Speakers for developing education system that helps mitigate climate change effects

Source: [Adeel Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-13

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Country Representative UNICEF Sharmeela Rasool on Thursday said the world was in the climate crisis mode as the problem was no longer of the future, but of the present. She was speaking at a roundtable discussion on 'Climate-Compatible Education' held at the Institute of Regional Studies on Thursday. Ms Rasool said when we talk about climate crisis, we should not fo..... [more >>](#)

Climate compatible education is the need of the hour: Romina

Source: [DNA](#), [Centreline.com](#), 2024-09-13

ISLAMABAD: At a seminar on 'Climate-Compatible Education' hosted by the Institute of Regional Studies, Islamabad (IRS), Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, emphasized the crucial role of early education in shaping lifelong habits that could foster climate compatible lifestyles. She shared an inspiring anecdote about a four-year-old girl who, aft..... [more >>](#)

Climate compatible education is the need of the hour for Pakistan : Romina Khurshid Alam

Source: [Parliament Times](#), [Daily Parliament Times](#), 2024-09-13

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Climate compatible education is the need of the hour: Romina

Source: [DNA](#), [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2024-09-14

Islamabad: NUST School of Health Sciences (NSHS) in collaboration with Jhpiego, Pakistan hosted an art competition on climate change and its impact on health and communities. Themed “HER Climate” with HER standing for Healthy Communities & Environment Resilient, the competition sought to engage students in a creative exploration of climate issues through their artwork. The event..... [more >>](#)

Experts Urge Climate Science Education in Schools to Combat Climate Crisis

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [World Echo News](#), 2024-09-13

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a seminar titled ‘Climate-Compatible Education’, held at the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) in Islamabad, emphasized the crucial role of education in addressing climate change. The event, part of the IRS’s pre-COP29 series, brought together influential voices from various sectors to explore how educational reforms can bolster climate resilience and s..... [more >>](#)

‘Climate compatible education is need of the hour’

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-15

Islamabad: Romina Khurshid Alam, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, has said that early education plays a crucial role in shaping lifelong habits that could foster climate compatible lifestyles. MNA Romina was addressing a seminar on “Climate-compatible education” organised here by Institute of Regional Studies. The MNA shared an inspiring anecdote about a four-ye..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has recommended the privatisation of power distribution companies (Discos) in a phased manner to analyse the regulatory framework and identify potential obstacles before scaling up the divestment of other companies. This plan should begin with the most financially viable Discos and gradually include others, ensuring that the process..... [more >>](#)

Energy Crisis Worsens in South Asia as SAARC Energy Center's Performance Plummets

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Islamabad: SAARC Energy Center (SEC) Islamabad was established in Pakistan under the Dhaka Declaration in 2006. The main function of the Center is to work on the energy sector in South Asia, to guide member countries in developing alternative energy sources and to make recommendations to reduce carbon emissions while working to improve the environment. As per practice the director of the center is..... [more >>](#)

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