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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
- Sustainability
- Energy investment, innovation, automation
- Oil and gas sector
- Transport
- Industry
- CEPC Energy projects
- Energy finance and economics
- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

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Energy Governance

Sindh PAC calls for action against KE over refusal to pay Rs29bn in dues

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-19

KARACHI: The Public Account Committee (PAC) of the Sindh Assembly has recommended initiation of action against the K-Electric for its categorical refusal to pay the provincial government its outstanding dues to the tune of over Rs29 billion. Informed sources told Dawn that the PAC expressed grave concern and displeasure over the lethargic attitude of the power utility in resolving the issues of dues..... [more >>](#)

81 industries shut down in five years due to power crisis, Sindh Assembly told

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

KARACHI: The Sindh Assembly was informed on Monday that around 81 industrial units, including 10 textile mills and five sugar mills, had been closed during the past five years due to the electricity crisis in the province. Furnishing statement and replies to the lawmakers' written and verbal queries, Parliamentary Secretary of the Industries and Commerce Department Ali Ahmed said that the..... [more >>](#)

High cost of energy begins to bite Faisalabad's textile sector

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-20

Faisalabad's local garment sector is facing headwinds, with the high cost of doing business being a major obstacle. However, opportunities for growth and innovation exist to help recover the losses. Talking to WealthPK, Waheed Khaliq Ramay, Chairman Power Looms Association, said like major textile sectors, including spinning, weaving, dying and printing, the local garment sector was in a [more >>](#)

Fourth consecutive reduction: Petrol price slashed by Rs10 per litre, diesel by Rs13.06

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-16

ISLAMABAD: The government has announced a Rs10 per litre cut in the price of petrol and Rs13.06 per litre in HSD price owing to a drop in fuel rates in the international market during the past fortnight. This is the fourth consecutive reduction in petrol prices. "The Oil and Gas regulatory Authority (Ogra) has worked out the consumer prices of petroleum products, based on the price variatio..... [more >>](#)

16 arrested, 150 booked for power theft

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-16

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has detected a total of 469 connections from where people 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. A spokesman told the media here Sunday that Lesco also submitted FIR applications against electricity thieves, ou..... [more >>](#)

Essential services law extended to power firms

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-16

ISLAMABAD: The government has extended the application of Pakistan Essential Services Act to all generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity for another six months to Jan 25, 2025 to avoid interruption in power supply because of possible union activities amid ongoing restructuring exercise in the state-owned entities (SOEs). "The federal government is of the opinion tha..... [more >>](#)

IPP burden

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-16

Power Minister Awaiz Leghari has assured the people and businesses – which buckle under soaring energy costs – that the government is renegotiating contracts with independent power producers (IPP) to rein in "unsustainable" electricity tariffs. A section of the media has, however, reported that some power companies have threatened to approach the court of law against any such m..... [more >>](#)

Govt seeks to cut LNG imports from Qatar

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is set to formally request Qatar to reduce its liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies in a bid to relieve pressure on gas utilities, as the country's power sector has shown reluctance to lift its allocated gas volumes. Currently, Pakistan imports 10 LNG cargoes per month under contractual agreements, with Pakistan State Oil (PSO) importing nine cargoes from Qatar and one fro..... [more >>](#)

Oil imports surge 23pc in July-August

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-17

ISLAMABAD: The country's oil import bill surged 23 per cent in the first two months (July and August) of the current fiscal year compared to the same period a year ago, according to data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on Monday. The data showed that imports across all major categories — including petroleum products, consumer durables and raw materials — grew..... [more >>](#)

Revision of IPPs contracts should be included in constitutional amendment draft: PBF

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-09-17

KARACHI: The Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) has urged the federal government to include the revision of power contracts with independent power producers (IPPs) in the draft of the 26th constitutional amendment before presenting it to parliament. This move is aimed at addressing the crisis facing the country's industry due to unaffordable electricity rates caused by excessive capacity charges..... [more >>](#)

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Construction set to begin on white oil pipeline with SIFC backing

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-17

Stakeholders for Pakistan's energy infrastructure, have reached an agreement to begin construction on the White Oil Pipeline Project, with the support of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC). The project, spanning 477 kilometres, will link key locations in Pakistan, including Machike, Thalian, and Taru Jabba, and is set to enhance the country's oil distribution sys..... [more >>](#)

Power firms seek to refund Rs7.2bn

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-19

ISLAMABAD: Amid a major drop in demand, public sector power companies have sought a 57 paise per unit negative fuel price adjustment (FCA) in electricity bills to refund Rs7.2 billion overcharged to consumers last month. This will be the second month in a row that FCAs remain negative, mainly because of robust fuel allowances allowed by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) thr..... [more >>](#)

Where the customer doesn't come first

Source: [Omar Quraishi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-19

Consumers in Pakistan have few rights, if any. And those codified in law are hardly implemented by service providers. Take the case of the telecom industry where the state-run regulator, the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, seems more concerned with censoring content and what goes on social media than with carrying out its primary responsibility which is to protect the rights of users and reg..... [more >>](#)

Nepra to review Discos' Rs0.57 per unit refund amid decline in electricity generation

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-19

ISLAMABAD - The Central Power Purchasing Agency has informed the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) that distribution companies (DISCOs) will refund consumers Rs0.5755 per unit for overcharges reflected in their August 2024 bills. The agency also informed that electricity generation decreased by over 17 percent in August compared to the same month last year. In a petition subm..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum levy: a fifty billion rupees hole

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-19

The prime minister was quick to take credit for the reduction in retail petroleum prices, for the fourth fortnight in a row. Motor gasoline prices are now down to the lowest in 21 months in rupee terms. The international reference price for the RON 92 grade at \$74.91/bbl is the lowest in three years. Petrol prices at the pumps have come down by a massive Rs75/ltr from the peak of exactly a year ago..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's energy committee calls for review of bagasse electricity pricing

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-20

The Senate Energy Committee, chaired by Senator Mohsin Aziz, has revealed discrepancies in the pricing of electricity generated by bagasse power plants, with no official mechanism in place to determine the rates. During the meeting, Senator Mohsin raised concerns over the wide variation in bagasse pricing, questioning how some plants valued it at \$356 per tonne while others set it at \$75. [more >>](#)

Based on monthly invoicing to 'GoAJ&K'; Power supply to AJ&K should be billed at basket rate: MoF

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-20

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Finance has proposed that electricity supply to Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K) should be based on monthly invoicing to GoAJ&K on the prevalent basket price rather than through Discos on the same lines as prevalent in K-Electric and other Discos, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Finance Division offered these remarks on a summary of Power Division..... [more >>](#)

KE seeks to extract Rs853m more for Aug

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-21

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric on Friday sought a 51-paisa per unit additional fuel adjustment for August to collect about Rs853 million more from its consumers in the billing month of October. The move contrasts with a proposed 57-paisa per unit refund for the same month by public sector distribution companies (Discos). This is on top of Rs3.1 per unit fuel cost adjustment (FCA) KE had demanded from th..... [more >>](#)

Plan to run coal power plants on Thar lignite hits snag

Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-21

LAHORE: The government's ambitious plan to persuade coal power plants to substitute imported coal with 100 per cent Thar lignite as their fuel has hit the first major snag due to the Asian Development Bank's refusal to support such a conversion at the Jamshoro Power Plant Unit I. Since ADB is the largest creditor of the project, its consent is a prerequisite for making any critical [more >>](#)

Power-sector realities

Source: [Dr Raashid Wali Janjua](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-22

Let us proceed step by step in identifying the realities of the power sector that have led to the current crisis and explore remedies in the form of sustainable solutions. The first issue is our skewed power generation mix, where thermal generation, mostly dependent on costly imported fuel, has outpaced the hydel and renewable components. According to energy experts, for power generation to be eco..... [more >>](#)

Good news on revised IPP deals in a few weeks: Awais

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-21

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Leghari, reiterated on Friday that good news about mutually agreed revised deals with the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) will be shared with the public in a few weeks, as the task force has nearly reached a conclusion. In a policy statement before the Senate Standing Committee on Power, headed by Senator Mohsin Aziz, the Power Minister said he h..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's power sector - a case study

Source: [Farhat Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-21

The Chief Executive Officer of K-Electric (KE), Monnis Alvi, while speaking at the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) this week, expressed his support for the entry of other electricity distribution companies to Karachi, stating that a healthy competition would foster an environment where performance could be fairly evaluated. In the same breath, he said that K-Electric should not be [more >>](#)

POL price reduction and the feel-good factor

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-21

Petrol price has been slashed by 10 rupees per litre, High Speed Diesel's by 13.06 rupees per litre, kerosene's by 11.15 rupees per litre and light diesel oil's by 12.12 rupees per litre for the fortnight 16 to 30 September. This is a significant decline and would have a major impact on the disposable income of all those who use their own transport – cars (high end as well [more >>](#)

Dar asks DISCOs to reassess level of HR requirements

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-22

ISLAMABAD: A meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Saturday asked DISCOs to reassess the level of human resource requirements in light of the functional requirements and the principles of outsourcing for maximum efficiencies. Dar chaired a meeting of the Chairpersons of the newly-constituted Boards of Directors of the Power Distribution Companies (DISCOs),..... [more >>](#)

Irish firm offers electricity storage solution

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-22

ISLAMABAD: An Irish company M/s Zero Terrain has offered Pakistan to establish electricity storage system of 500 MW which will be available 12 hours, well-informed sources in Foreign Office told Business Recorder. According to Pakistan's Embassy in Dublin, Zero Terrain, a developer of modular grid-scale, "build-anywhere" pumped storage systems, offers an innovative solution [more >>](#)

Resolving power sector woes

Source: [Shahid Kardar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-23

THE task of the country's population has been reduced to keeping power sector entities afloat, by bearing unaffordable tariffs. And yet the sector's financial viability remains in doubt. How did we get here? The reasons include incompetence, misgovernance and unadulterated theft. The terms were poorly negotiated with investors. Agreements with private IPPs were drafted with limited pr..... [more >>](#)

Unsustainable demand

Source: [Waqas Bin Najib](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-23

PAKISTAN'S energy problems are broader than those in the electricity sector. Our domestic natural gas reserves are depleting. We import liquefied natural gas (LNG) to meet the country's increasing demand. The demand for natural gas, like electricity, is becoming increasingly unsustainable. Households account for 35 per cent of the country's total gas consumption. The power sector..... [more >>](#)

Terminate PPAs or face the music, 5 IPP owners told

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-23

ISLAMABAD: In a major development, owners of four independent power producers (IPPs) set up under the 1994 policy and another established under the 2002 policy have been asked in clear words to voluntarily terminate the power purchase agreements (PPAs) and go on pay and take mode, otherwise face the music, officials' privy to the development told The News. "The government would not pa..... [more >>](#)

Power generation: New lows

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-23

Smack in the middle of all the chest thumping around Pakistan achieving macroeconomic "stability", power generation numbers have thrown a dampener. August 2024 electricity generation numbers from the national grid reads the problem statement loud and clear. Hard facts first. At 12.7 billion net units generated, this is the lowest August value in seven years. There has only been one pre..... [more >>](#)

Building a resilient energy sector

Source: [Abubakar Ismail](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-23

The power sector in Pakistan has become a hotbed of discussions, with a particular focus on the long-standing issue of Independent Power Producers (IPP) and their capacity payments. Every day, new headlines emerge, shedding light on the complexities and challenges faced by the sector, from stalled negotiations to proposed reforms aimed at addressing the financial burden of capacity payments. The g..... [more >>](#)

'KPT&GC will start transmitting power to industries'

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-23

PESHAWAR: Secretary Energy and Power Nisar Ahmad Khan Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has said that the energy sector is of great importance and with the investment of private sector and utilization of the energy resources could further stabilize the economy. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Transmission and Grid Company (KPT&GC), which was established for the first time in the history of the province to run the el..... [more >>](#)

Dasu Hydropower Project: Construction continues on 15 key work fronts

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

ISLAMABAD - Chairman WAPDA Engr Lt Gen (r) Sajjad Ghani has said that Dasu Hydropower Project is of immense importance for meeting the energy requirements of the country through indigenous yet clean, green and affordable hydel electricity, therefore, concerted efforts are needed for completion of the project as per the timelines. He expressed these views during his visit to Dasu Hydropower Project..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL earns profit after tax of Rs208.97b

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

ISLAMABAD - Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) earned a profit after tax of Rs208.976 billion, translating to earnings per share (EPS) of Rs48.59 during the fiscal year 2023-24. The Board of Directors of Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), in its meeting held on Monday, announced the financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. OGDCL achieved net sales [more >>](#)

Anti-theft crackdown enables Gulshan-e-Hadeed area to become loadshedding free

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

KARACHI - K-Electric's actions to combat electricity theft have enabled all five 11 kV distribution lines supplying power to Gulshan-e-Hadeed Phase 2 and Phase 2 Extension to become exempted from loadshedding and receive uninterrupted power supply, attesting that progress is possible when area profiles improve. Since January 2024, the company conducted 27 comprehensive kunda removal drives t..... [more >>](#)

Nepra imposes Rs10m fine on Lesco

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has imposed a fine Rs10 million on Lahore Electric Supply (LESCO) due to its failure pertaining to 100 percent execution of earthing/grounding of its HT/LT poles/structures in its service territory. After due deliberations and taking into account the submissions/arguments made by the licensee during the hearing and in light of the NEPRA..... [more >>](#)

Hopewind holds seminar on sustainable energy solutions

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

LAHORE - Prime Minister's Pakistan Solarization Committee Member Engr. Syed Faizan Ali Shah has outlined major challenges for the solar industry. "The solar industry must anticipate increase in exports from net-metered systems during shoulder months due to expansion of distributed solar," he said while addressing a seminar on "Sustainable Energy Solutions – Achieving [more >>](#)

Total payables of SSGC hit Rs1.05tr

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

ISLAMABAD - The total payables of the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited has reached Rs1.05 trillion. Sui Southern Gas Company Limited payables is Rs1.050 trillion against the receivables of Rs 588 billion, official data available with The Nation revealed. The total annual deficit of the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited has reached Rs462 billion. According to the data, out of the total Rs 1.050 t..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL posts Rs208.976bn profit after tax

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

ISLAMABAD: The Board of Directors of Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), in its meeting held on Monday, September 23, 2024, in Islamabad, announced the financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. OGDCL achieved net sales revenue of Rs 463.698 billion, with a profit after tax of Rs 208.976 billion, translating to earnings per share (EPS) of Rs 48.59. This strong f..... [more >>](#)

OGDC in FY24

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

Oil and Gas Development Com-pany Limited announced its financial performance for FY24, and the E&P giant demonstrated significant revenue growth in FY24, despite challenges that impacted profitability. The company's performance was characterized by increased production in key areas, ongoing exploration success, and notable progress in development projects. However, rising operating expen..... [more >>](#)

IPP showdown: balancing power and investment

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

A new round of IPP negotiations has commenced. The cat (invisible technical team) is out of the bag. The round began with five power plants—four from the 1994 policy (including one prior to that) and one from the 2002 policy. The technical team, under the leadership of SAPM Muhammad Ali, the chief architect of the 2020 negotiation, was convened in a powerful office in the twin city. Owners o..... [more >>](#)

Circular debt may swell to Rs2.8tr

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

ISLAMABAD: Despite increasing electricity prices up to 51% in July, the government has projected that the power sector's circular debt could jump to a new record high of Rs2.8 trillion by the end of current fiscal year without any injection of budgetary subsidies. Ministry of Energy sources told The Express Tribune that the gross addition to the circular debt had been estimated at Rs417 bill..... [more >>](#)

Timely completion of Dasu project urged

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-24

ISLAMABAD: Chairman WAPDA, Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani (Retd), highlighted the Dasu Hydropower Project's crucial role in providing clean, affordable electricity for Pakistan. He called for sustained efforts to ensure the project meets its timelines during a visit to the construction site in Upper Kohistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, as per a press statement released on Monday. During his tour, the chairm..... [more >>](#)

Govt plants, private IPPs to be treated alike

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-25

ISLAMABAD: In a major initiative, the government has decided not to differentiate between private IPPs and government powerhouses when it comes to making them operational on take-and-pay mode. This was disclosed on Tuesday by one of the top functionaries who are members of the task force on Power Sector Reforms. The official is also playing pivotal role in the negotiations with the IPPs. "..... [more >>](#)

Commitment with IMF; CPPs: Gas disconnection process begins

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-25

ISLAMABAD: The country's both gas utility companies are said to have started process to disconnect gas to Captive Power Plants (CPPs) on formal instructions from the Directorate General of Gas (Petroleum Division) and receiving of data from K-Electric (KE) and Discos, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. According to official documents, currently, total number of captive units [more >>](#)

Petroleum Division opposes SIFC proposal regarding doorstep delivery of fuel/gas

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-25

ISLAMABAD - The Petroleum Division has rejected a proposal of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) regarding doorstep delivery of fuel/gas through mobile units, arguing that the scheme may lead to opening of new dimensions of tax evasion, proliferation of smuggled products, supply of substandard fuel along-with risking general public safety. In its response to the proposal of SIFC for..... [more >>](#)

ICT consumers

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-26

ISLAMABAD: The Pun-jab government has withdrawn Rs14 per unit relief in tariff to domestic consumers of federal capital using 201-500 units for the month of September 2024. According to IESCO's letter of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of September 4, 2024 as per telephonic discussion on September 3, 2024 instructions regarding discontinuation of Chief Minister Punjab relief of Rs14 per u..... [more >>](#)

Gas use for industrial processes also first priority: ECC

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-26

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet approved a proposal for placing gas use for industrial processes as the first priority alongside domestic and commercial sectors. The ECC meeting chaired by Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb also decided that Pakistan Central Cotton Committee (PCCC) should be considered for winding it up. It [more >>](#)

'Renewal of subsidy Punjab's prerogative'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-26

KARACHI: Power Minister Sardar Awaiz Ahmed Khan Leghari on Wednesday said that Rs170 billion subsidy is being paid by the government to enable the electricity consumers in Karachi get electricity on a par with the prices in other parts of the country. He expressed the views while talking to newsmen after attending the "Power Reforms Roundtable" organized at the Institute of Business Ad..... [more >>](#)

CRA on the cards to ensure transparency in imported coal pricing

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-26

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is likely to establish a Coal Regulatory Authority (CRA) to ensure transparency in pricing of imported coal and other regulatory issues of imported-coal power plants, well-informed sources in the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) told Business Recorder. The proposal has also been endorsed by Minister for Defence Khawaja Asif, who is overseei..... [more >>](#)

PPL FY24 – earnings growth amid production decline

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-26

For FY24, Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PSX: PPL) reported a 17 percent year-on-year growth in earnings, despite facing challenges in both revenue generation and cost management. The company's profitability growth was primarily driven by a favorable court ruling that allowed a reversal of tax provisions related to depletion allowances during the year. On the revenue side, PPL's net sale..... [more >>](#)

Gas discovery in Khairpur: announcement made

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-26

KARACHI: The Sawan South Joint Venture, comprising Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) with 20 percent working interest, United Energy Pakistan Limited (UEPL), the Operator with 75 percent working interest, Government Holding Private Limited (GHPL) with 2.5 percent working interest and Sindh Energy Holding Limited (SEHL) with 2.5 percent working interest, has discovered gas from Lower [more >>](#)

Grappling with circular debt woes

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-26

The incompetence, corruption and inefficiency plaguing the country's power sector ensure that Pakistan will see yet another hike to the ever-ballooning figure of its circular debt. According to news reports, despite a rise in electricity prices of up to 51 percent in July, and without any further dose of government subsidies, the circular debt figure is set to reach a record Rs2.8 trillion b..... [more >>](#)

Annual capacity test for Sahiwal coal-fired power plant completed

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-26

ISLAMABAD - The annual capacity test for the Sahiwal coal-fired power plant, a flagship CPEC project, has been successfully completed. Demonstrating its reliability and efficiency, the plant, operated by Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (Pakistan) Energy Pvt. Limited, exceeded its allocated capacity of 1243.517MW by achieving a remarkable output of 1245.3MW during a rigorous six-hour full-load continuous tes..... [more >>](#)

Power demand has crashed, Nepra hearing told

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-27

ISLAMABAD: The electricity demand has officially crashed and it would more than nullify a nominal decline in fuel cost next month through a subsequent higher increase in quarterly tariff adjustment, apparently due to induction of 21,000MW of generation capacity in last six years — equal to preceding 70 years since 1947. This was the crux of a public hearing called by the National Electr..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price changes: Will the decline continue or is a surge looming?

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-27

The time for the fortnightly revision of petrol prices in Pakistan is fast approaching. A reduction in petroleum product prices is expected in Pakistan starting October 1, in light of the decline in crude oil prices in the global market. According to sources, a Rs 1 per litre decrease in petrol prices and Rs 3 per litre dip in diesel prices is likely. They however added that there was a [more >>](#)

Govt set to announce revised deals with IPPs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-27

ISLAMABAD: The government is reportedly set to announce revised agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), featuring significant reductions in payments. Authorities have questioned the owners in a discreet location in Rawalpindi, according to well-informed sources. However, the specifics regarding how the Implementation Agreements of five IPPs will be amended remain unclear. Many pla..... [more >>](#)

Nepra approves Rs352bn revised investment plan for NTDC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-28

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved three years' revised investment plan of Rs352 billion for the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) meant to improve the system through removal of constraints. According to the Nepra, the scope of projects will be as follows;(i) 220kV 615 Dhabeji Grid Station (2x160MVA. 220/132kV Auto Transforme..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff; Nepra projects massive increase

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-27

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), on Thursday, projected massive increase in electricity tariff in the coming months under the Quarterly Tariff Adjustments (QTAs) as overall electricity consumption has dropped by 20 percent. The concerns on substantial dip in electricity consumption were expressed by the authority, the CPPA-G and industrialists at a public h..... [more >>](#)

RLNG supplies; SNGPL's SOS to PD over power sector underpayment

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-28

ISLAMABAD: The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has sent SOS to the Petroleum Division against less payment by the power sector against RLNG supplies and other financial obligations, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The gas utility company, sources said, has approached the Directorate General of Gas and brought financial matters of the company and described the financia..... [more >>](#)

Oil prices: The seesaw continues

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-27

A 40-month low, a 12 percent rebound and a 6 percent retreat. All of that happened in a span of less than two weeks in the international oil markets, which at the moment appears to be offering no sense of direction. The case for bears has not weakened a great deal from a month ago, but the possibility of new war zones emerging in the Middle East is now staring right at us. And that could have cons..... [more >>](#)

Overdue decisions in the power sector

Source: [Sheikh Imran ul Haque](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-27

The performance of the most capital-intensive sector of the country considered as the backbone of the economy leaves much to be desired. In 1947, Pakistan had an installed generating capacity of 60MW, which increased to 7000MW by 1991. The government established WAPDA as an Integrated Utility in 1959. The following goals set in 1992 for Wapda's Strategic Restructuring have not..... [more >>](#)

Advanced 700 watts panels launched to maximise power outputSource: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-28

LAHORE - As Pakistan continues to seek renewable energy solutions to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels, Trinasolar's advanced technologies offer a powerful alternative. With the country's vast potential for solar power, particularly in areas with abundant sunlight, the introduction of 700W+ and i-TOPCon modules will support Pakistan's energy transition and help meet its clean e..... [more >>](#)

Poor NTDC transmission network major bottleneck in provision of affordable, reliable power supplySource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-28

ISLAMABAD - National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has noted that the major bottleneck in provision of affordable and reliable electricity supply to consumers is the poor transmission network of National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited, saying that the economical and indigenous fuel source generation is concentrated in the south of the country but the transmission and transformatio..... [more >>](#)

PowerChina keen to convert imported coal plants to local coal onesSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-28

ISLAMABAD: Chinese company Power China has shown interest in conversion of imported coal power plants on local coal and construction of underground powerhouse and other generation system works of Diamer-Bhasha hydropower project. This offer has been made by the Power Construction Corporation of China Chairman Ding Yanzhang, in a letter to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. The offer of Chinese com..... [more >>](#)

Elite hold on academiaSource: [Muhammad Ibrahim Yahya](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-28

The term 'elite capture' is often used when discussing the challenges faced by marginalized or middle-class communities, with the wealthy frequently blamed. However, the real issues are more nuanced, as seen in the case of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in Pakistan. IPPs are commonly held responsible for rising electricity costs, overshadowing other significant factors like misman..... [more >>](#)

Framework being evolved to fund energy transition: SBPSource: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-29

LAHORE: State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Governor Jamil Ahmed says a climate-driven banking framework is being worked out to facilitate energy transition finance. "Transition to renewable energy in countries like Pakistan is strongly needed, but they do not have the required financing," the SBP chief told the Asia Energy Transition Summit, organised by the Pakistan Renewable Energy Coal..... [more >>](#)

UBG Patron-in-Chief advocates reduction in electricity tariffsSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-29

KARACHI: SM Tanveer, Patron-in-Chief of the United Business Group (UBG), emphasized that to save the country, electricity prices must be lowered. He stated that the capacity charges amount to Rs. 9, and last year's average fuel cost was Rs. 9.50. Combining all costs, the per-unit electricity price comes to Rs. 25, so the government should not set the price higher than this. Speakin..... [more >>](#)

Low gas offtake by Genco-II; PPL seeks PD probe into reasonsSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has asked the Power Division to investigate the reasons of low gas offtake by the Genco-II, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. According to Deputy Director (Technical) Directorate General of Gas (Petroleum Division), Salahuddin Khan, he has been directed to refer to issue of zero/low gas offtake from Kandhkot Gas Field (KGF) and to inform..... [more >>](#)

Ahsan calls for innovation in energy policies to attract investment

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-30

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Prof Ahsan Iqbal has stressed that environmental friendly energy projects are essential for Pakistan and across the region. Speaking at an energy summit at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), here on Sunday, Ahsan Iqbal called for innovation in energy policies and projects to attract investment and foster develo..... [more >>](#)

Minister stresses need for renewable energy investment

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

LAHORE: Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Sunday emphasised the urgent need to mobilise both public and private sectors to produce affordable, environment-friendly renewable energy to alleviate the country's electricity crisis and ease the daily lives of citizens. "Pakistan has immense potential to produce renewable energy from wind and solar," the minister said, addi..... [more >>](#)

Gilgit city faces outages after powerhouse hit by boulder

Source: [Jamil Nagri](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

GILGIT: The residents of Gilgit city have been facing an acute shortage of electricity for the last four days. According to the water and power department, the supply from the 18 megawatt Naltar power station remained suspended since Wednesday after a boulder hit the water channel of the facility. It said maintenance work continued at the site and the power supply will remain suspended till Octo..... [more >>](#)

Govt reduces petrol and diesel prices to provide relief to public

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

The federal government has announced another reduction in petroleum prices, aiming to provide continued relief to the public. Starting from October 1, petrol and diesel prices will be lowered, according to an official notification. Petrol will see a decrease of Rs2.07 per litre, bringing the price down from Rs249.10 to Rs247.03 per litre. High-speed diesel (HSD) will be reduced by Rs3.40 p..... [more >>](#)

OGRA notifies LPG price hike for October; petroleum prices likely to drop

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has announced an increase in the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by Rs 7.31 per kilogram for the month of October. According to the notification issued by OGRA, the new price of LPG has been set at Rs 250.31 per kilogram. As a result of the price hike, the cost of an 11.8 kg domestic LPG cylinder has risen by Rs 86.28, bringing the new price to..... [more >>](#)

KE acts against power theft, kunda mafia in FB area, removes over 2,100-kg of illegal wires

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

KARACHI - K-Electric continues its crackdown on electricity thieves in collaboration with law enforcement agencies. Recently, the power utility removed over 2,100 kilogrammes of illegal connections (kundas) from Shafiq Colony, Medina Colony, Muhammadi Colony, Chaudhry Rahmat Colony, Qabail Colony, Bhangoria Colony, and Federal B Industrial Area. These connections resulted in theft of 140,000 units..... [more >>](#)

Gwadar power plant; Chinese co CPPCL shows conditional willingness to work

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese company, M/s CIHC Pak Power Company (Pvt) Ltd (CPPCL), has shown willingness to work on a power project at Gwadar in case proposed 300-MW imported coal-fired project is abandoned by both Pakistani and Chinese governments, well-informed sources in PPIB told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said PPIB has cited the reference of progress a review meeting regard..... [more >>](#)

Country's energy woes

Source: [Shahid Sattar, Syed Absar Ali and Fatima Aamir, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

Energy sector issues risk further deepening Pakistan's socio-economic divides as recent years have witnessed an unprecedented surge in energy prices, stretching consumer pockets beyond capacity. Energy prices in Pakistan have surged to unsustainable levels, affecting every segment of society. Households are being forced to make difficult choices, cutting down on essentials like health a..... [more >>](#)

Major cut in electricity prices unlikely soon: power minister

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-21

ISLAMABAD: Power Minister Awais Leghari said on Friday that the nation would soon hear a positive outcome of negotiations with independent power producers (IPPs), with efforts in motion for a gradual reduction in electricity prices, but he cautioned that major relief could not materialise immediately. Testifying before the Senate Standing Committee on Power, Mr Leghari said the task force led b..... [more >>](#)

MPs for closure of refineries using Euro-2 standard

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-27

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel on Thursday called for the closure of oil refineries producing Euro-2 and below standard oil due to detrimental impact on public health. The National Assembly's Standing Committee on Petroleum met under Chairman Syed Mustafa Mehmood, here on Thursday. These refineries, the committee members argued, contributed to respiratory ailments like asthma and..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy**Ethanol blending to help cut oil imports, boost state reserves**

Source: [INP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-17

Pakistan spends hefty amounts on oil import to keep its industrial wheel going, putting a big drain on the state kitty. However, the cost of imported oil can be curtailed by boosting ethanol production, reports WealthPK. Ethanol, a biofuel that can be blended with fossil fuels, offers a silver lining. Talking to WealthPK, Dr. Ahmed from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, said, &ldquo..... [more >>](#)

Power demand slumps 17% in Aug

Source: [Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-20

Electricity demand from Pakistan's national grid fell sharply by 17.4% in August 2024 compared to the same period last year, dropping to 13,179 gigawatt-hours (GWh). The decline is attributed to rising electricity prices, lower industrial consumption, and a dip in temperatures following the end of the heatwave. The reduction in energy consumption is expected to increase capacity charge..... [more >>](#)

Minister briefs French envoy on alternative energy projects

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-20

KARACHI: Minister of Energy, Development and Planning Sindh Syed Nasir Hussain Shah on Thursday met French Ambassador Nicolas Galey along with a delegation at the Energy Department office. Matters of mutual interest were discussed. Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah and Energy Department Secretary briefed the delegation about various alternative energy projects on this occasion. The..... [more >>](#)

100 ICT rural schools being solarised

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2024-09-23

Islamabad: Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has commenced work on solarising 100 rural ICT schools, providing a reliable and sustainable power backup for quality education. According to the Education

Ministry, this initiative ensures uninterrupted learning experiences and supports modern education ecosystems. Sharing the key highlights, the ministry said that 100 rural ICT..... [more >>](#)

Likely to arrive next month; Green energy initiative will be shared with Malaysia PM

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-24

ISLAMABAD: Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim is likely to visit Pakistan on October 2-4, 2024, on the invitation of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), both sides are scheduled to hold high-level talks to further improve bilateral relations in different fields including trade and energy. B..... [more >>](#)

World-class Green-Tech Hub in offing to transform Pakistan's energy landscape

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-24

Islamabad: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam has announced that the first Green-Tech Hub (G-TH) will be launched soon as an state-of-the-art facility to transform Pakistan's energy landscape and reducing its carbon footprints by fostering green technologies, renewable energy solutions and eco-friendly innovations in the country. Addressing a webinar on &ls..... [more >>](#)

'Private sector's role vital for tapping renewable energy'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-25

Islamabad: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam said that Pakistan is paying a huge cost due to adverse impacts of climate change on various socioeconomic sector, particularly agriculture, energy and water and addressing these negative fallout is not possible without and industrial and private sector's support in every possible form. "As the impacts of [more >>](#)

KE gets lowest bid for 220MW hybrid project

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-09-25

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric on Tuesday declared a Canadian renewable energy firm — JCM Power — as the lowest bidder for offering Rs8.9189 per unit average tariff for a 220-megawatt hybrid wind-solar project at Dhabeji, Sindh. "With Rs8.9189 per unit, JCM Power has emerged as the bidder with the lowest proposed tariff, establishing a new precedent in the country's renewable space..... [more >>](#)

Summit on transition to renewable energy

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-27

LAHORE: Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) is hosting the Asia's Energy Transition Summit on Saturday (tomorrow) and Sunday to facilitate discussion on transition to renewable energy. According to a press release, leading energy experts, researchers, civil society activists, policymakers and parliamentarians will be attending the event. The summit is being organised by the LUMS [more >>](#)

Steps afoot for renewable energy sources: Leghari

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-09-29

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Awaiz Leghari has said Pakistan will have to adopt creative ways to ensure transition from anti-environment friendly energy sources to renewable energy sources. Speaking at the closing session of the first day of the Asia Energy Transition Summit, held at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) on Saturday, the minister stated that Pak..... [more >>](#)

Govt focusing on green energy, transmission system upgrades: LeghariSource: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-29

LAHORE - Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Sardar Awaiz Ahmad Khan Leghari said on Saturday that substantial steps were being taken to improve efficiency and reliability of electricity supply in the country. Addressing a ceremony here, he said the government was actively working on green energy projects, focusing on sustainable solutions to address the country's energy needs. L..... [more >>](#)

On the brinkSource: [Sohaib R. Malik](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

For those of us born into less privileged Pakistani households, loadshedding used to be as universal as the recurrence of day and night. While others think of electricity as an omnipresent means to go about their routine life, our most mundane tasks were organised around its (un)availability. Many would remember the anxiety of ironing akameezand rushing to fetch theshalwar, fearing the utility man..... [more >>](#)

Renewable energy from wind and solar; Ahsan for mobilising private and public finance;Ahsan for mobilising private and public financeSource: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

LAHORE: Federal Planning and Development Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Sunday stated that Pakistan has huge potential to produce renewable energy from wind and solar – 30000 megawatts and three billion megawatts respectively. "But we need to mobilize private and public finance to realize that potential," he said. The minister was speaking at the start of the second day of Asia Ene..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri Activities

Call to embrace 'COP29 Truce' Expert says climate change threatens human existenceSource: [Zulfiqar Baig](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-19

ISLAMABAD: Member of the COP-29 Advisory Committee Executive Director Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri has called on the global community to embrace the 'COP29 Truce' as a symbol of human solidarity in addressing the severe impacts of environmental degradation, which exacerbate conflicts and disasters. As the only South Asian expert on the COP-29 Advisory Committee, Dr Suleri joined Azerbaijan'..... [more >>](#)

Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri appointed as ADB Institute Advisory council memberSource: [Observer Report](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-09-28

National Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri appointed as ADB council member, second Pakistani to join prestigious board September 27, 2024 18:55 ISLAMABAD, Sep 27 (SABAH): Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri has been appointed as the member of the Advisory Council (2024-26) of the Asian Development Bank Institute for a term of two year..... [more >>](#)

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Roundtable Session

Speakers demand high-level study to probe science behind GMOs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-30

ISLAMABAD - Speakers at a roundtable dialogue have demanded of a high-level study to probe the science behind genetically modified organisms (GMOs) to debunk the myths around the scientifically altered seed species. The US Soybean Export Council (USSEC) jointly held a roundtable dialogue on GMOs Soybean import constraints and resistance to scientifically altered seeds. Federal..... [more >>](#)

Rana Tanveer Hussain supports the idea to allow GMOs Soyabean import

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Scientific Evidence Probe Demanded For Ascertaining GMOs' Role In Agriculture Resilience

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SDPI Articles

On the edge of default The former type of sovereign builds a reputation that it is unlikely to default

Source: [Irfan Ahmad Chatha](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-17

As Pakistan looks for a spot on the 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 reputation that it is unlikely to [more >>](#)

The whole of policy, the whole of government

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-22

Pakistan, like the rest of the world, is no stranger to the growing threats posed by climate change. The nation's climate adaptation efforts, outlined in the National Adaptation Plan of 2023, represent a critical step towards adjusting to the current and anticipated impacts of climate change aimed at reducing vulnerability. The plan is comprehensive, well-structured and ambitious, emphas..... [more >>](#)

The case of unburnable carbon

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-22

The opportunity cost of tapping into Thar coal isn't straightforward. It's not just about digging up the coal and cashing in; it's also about what we give up in the long run by going down that road. Pakistan is standing at a crossroads. We can choose either the short-term boost that coal promises or look beyond that and see a bigger,..... [more >>](#)

Unlocking South Asia's untapped potential

Source: Mahnoor Arshad, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-22

In a rapidly globalising world, trade serves as a critical engine for economic growth and development. Yet, in South Asia, one of the most populous and dynamic regions globally, the participation of women in trade remains low. This under-representation is not just a social injustice but also an economic misstep. It prevents these countries from fully [more >>](#)

Reducing food waste, ending hunger

Source: Qasim Shah, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-29

Global food insecurity isn't about lack of food. Today, farmers around the world are producing enough food to nourish every man, woman and child on the planet. A third of the food produced in the world—roughly 1.3 billion tonnes annually—gets lost or wasted. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, by reversing trends i..... [more >>](#)

Private sector perspectives on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Source: Ahad Nazir, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-29

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is renowned for its rich cultural heritage and diverse economy. The province faces a unique set of challenges that have stifled the growth of its private sector. Its economic landscape is shaped by distinct security concerns, geographical hurdles and internal conflict, making it crucial for policymakers to adopt a tailored approach [more >>](#)

Melting point

Source: Soha Nisar, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-29

On September 13, a critical dialogue addressing the impacts of climate change on the cryosphere, water security, food sustainability and disaster risk reduction was held in Islamabad. The event brought together experts, policymakers and civil society representatives. All of them echoed the same urgent call: climate change is not an isolated environment..... [more >>](#)

Our planning myopia

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [The News, International](#), 2024-09-30

Pakistan's electricity woes continue to deepen as the country contends with surging electricity generation costs, transmission bottlenecks and distribution losses. The numbers paint an alarming picture: the total cost of electricity generation has ballooned from Rs2.866 trillion in FY24 to Rs3.278 trillion in FY25, with the average per-unit cost rising from Rs26.02 to Rs30.88. This has led to..... [more >>](#)

SDPI News

Speakers at a memorial reference organized by SDPI remember legacy of former chief economist & most revered economic historian Dr. Pervez TahirSource: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-09-30

ISLAMABAD, Sep 30 (SABAH): The Speakers at a memorial reference on Monday celebrated the legacy of former Chief Economist and most revered economic historian Dr. Pervez Tahir of national service with humanity and upholding truth in the eyes of power while eulogizing his services for the motherland. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized the special memorial service on t..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related Articles

Pact for the Future as Pakistan's climate clock ticksSource: [Zebunnisa Burki](#), [Geo News](#), 2024-09-28

KARACHI: The Pact for the Future is a significant step forward, recognising the disproportionate impact of climate change on developing countries. Experts, however, caution that its success hinges on a clear action plan. The recently concluded United Nations Summit of the Future resulted in the adoption of the Pact for the Future, a framework aimed at addressing global challenges and fostering a [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

China willing to cooperate with Pakistan in IT, space fields: envoySource: [Staff Reporter](#), [Minute Mirror](#), 2024-09-19

Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of China, Shi Yuanqiang, on Thursday said his country was willing to enhance cooperation with Pakistan in a number of projects, including IT, new energy and space field to help it secure a promising future. He was speaking at a seminar titled 'People-Centric Governance System: A Case Study of China' hosted by Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) in coll..... [more >>](#)

China keen to boost collaboration in various sectorsSource: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-20

ISLAMABAD: Shi Yuanqiang, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy, announced on Thursday China's readiness to enhance collaboration with Pakistan in several fields, including information technology (IT), new energy, and space exploration. He stated that this cooperation aims to secure a prosperous future for Pakistan. At a seminar titled "People-Centric Governance System: A C..... [more >>](#)

IMF loan offers Pakistan relief but long-term reforms remain a challengeSource: [Abid Hussain](#), [AlJazeera](#), 2024-09-26

Islamabad, Pakistan – After days of uncertainty, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a \$7bn loan programme for Pakistan on Wednesday, a move analysts welcomed for its potential to stabilise the South Asian nation's economy. However, they also cautioned that it places significant responsibility on the government to pursue reforms for long-term stability. Pakistan had reach..... [more >>](#)

ISSI-HSF Conference Explores Pakistan's Climate Action PathSource: [News Desk](#), [World Echo News](#), 2024-09-27

ISLAMABAD: The ISSI-HSF International Conference on "Navigating Pakistan's Climate Action Path: Adaptation, Finance, and Technology" brought together diplomats, climate experts, and academics to discuss Pakistan's pressing climate challenges. The event featured keynote addresses by H.E. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, and Chief Guest Senator Sherry Re..... [more >>](#)

Seminar News

'Pakistan's malnutrition, food safety crises demand immediate policy response'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-09-16

Islamabad: Faiz Rasool, Head of Policy and Advocacy at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), called for urgent policy interventions to address Pakistan's escalating malnutrition and food safety crises. Speaking at a media briefing organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and GAIN, Rasool highlighted that 83 per cent of Pakistan's population cannot..... [more >>](#)

'Undernourishment fuels health crisis amid policy gaps'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-16

ISLAMABAD: The growing population of undernourished households is exacerbating the nutritional and health crisis in Pakistan due to policy gaps and a lack of proactive legislation, according to Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) Head, Faiz Rasool. Speaking at a media debriefing session co-organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and GAIN, Rasool emphasised th..... [more >>](#)

'PBS capacity building, data digitization vital for service delivery'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-23

PESHAWAR: Advisor to KP CM on Finance, Dr Muzammil Aslam has underscored the critical need for enhancing the capacity of the Provincial Bureau of Statistics (PBS) and leveraging data and digitalization to improve service delivery for citizens and businesses. The Advisor emphasized the urgent need for evidence-based solutions to drive policy-making and implementation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Hig..... [more >>](#)

Special Discussion

CM's adviser calls for enhancing capacity of KP Bureau of Statistics

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-09-20

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister on Finance Muzammil Aslam has stressed the need for enhancing the capacity of provincial Bureau of Statistics and leveraging data and digitalisation to improve service delivery. He was addressing the inaugural meeting of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)-led National Network of Economic Thinktanks (NNETT) Advisory Committee for..... [more >>](#)

PBS Capacity Building, Data Digitization Vital For Service Delivery

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2024-09-20

PESHAWAR, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 19th Sep, 2024) Advisor to the Chief Minister on Finance, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr. Muzammil Aslam has underscored the need for enhancing the capacity of the provincial bureau of statistics and leveraging data and digitalization to improve service delivery for citizens and businesses. The CM's Advisor emphasized the urgent need for evidence-based [more >>](#)

Workshop News

D4D right step for redressing data ecosystem constraints to improve policy direction: Dr Naeem Zafar

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-09-28

ISLAMABAD, Sep 28 (APP): Chief Statistician Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) Dr Naeem Uz Zafar on Saturday said there was an urgent need to address and correct our data constraints to improve the policy direction, whereas the SDPI and UNFPA have rightly chosen provincial Bureaus of Statistics and planning departments to acquaint them with modern data trends and techniques. The United Nations [more >>](#)

Correcting data constraints linked to improved policy direction

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