

Pakistan's Energy Transition

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About SDPI

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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

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

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

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

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

Subjects Covered

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

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Energy Governance

104,808 power thieves held

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-03

LAHORE: Punjab police registered 139,484 cases and arrested 104,808 individuals for electricity theft across the province in nine months. Police submitted 96,358 challans and sent 20,205 electricity thieves to jail. The police registered 45,349 cases and arrested 44,696 power pilferers in the provincial capital. Challans of 23,110 cases were submitted and 12,131 accused were sent to jail in [more >>](#)

Kati demands forensic audit of CPPA-G payments to IPPs

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

ISLAMABAD: Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (Kati) has sought forensic, technical, and financial audit of payments being made by the Central Power Purchasing Agency (Guarantee) Limited CPPA-G, the Market Operator, to Independent Power Producers (IPPs). In a letter to Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Khan Leghari, Kati President raised the issue of financial and technical transactions..... [more >>](#)

917 illegal petrol pumps sealed in nationwide crackdown

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD: Provincial governments have launched a crackdown on illegal petrol pumps operating without K-Forms (explosive licence) and sealed 917 POL outlets across the country. "The crackdown targets pumps abandoned or surrendered by oil marketing companies (OMCs). Thousands of illegal 'dabba' stations are still operating, openly selling smuggled products. It was recommended to [more >>](#)

'Iesco imposes Rs25.8m fines on electricity thieves in Sept'

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-04

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) continued its robust campaign against electricity theft in September 2024, imposing fines of over Rs25.8 million on offenders, says a press release. CEO Muhammad Naeem Jan stated that operations targeting electricity thieves and their facilitators across Islamabad, Rawalpindi City, Rawalpindi Cantt, Jhelum, Attock, and Chakwal circles are ong..... [more >>](#)

Over Rs2 million collected from 157 power defaulters

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-07

LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has recovered more than Rs2.019 million from 157 habitual defaulters in all the five districts- Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara- during last 24 hours. A Lesco spokesman told media here Sunday that the company has recovered outstanding dues of Rs17,000 from nine defaulters in Northern Circle; Rs36,000 from 18 defaulters in Eastern C..... [more >>](#)

XEN, three SDOs removed, five suspended for bogus statistics

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-07

MULTAN: An Executive Engineer and eight Sub Division Officers (SDOs) of Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) have been removed and suspended for tabling fake statistics about line losses. A spokesperson for MEPCO said on Sunday, Superintending Engineer Operations MEPCO Multan Circle, Amjad Nawaz Bhatti, has taken action against an Executive Engineer (XEN) Cantt Division, M. Akram Javid in Mu..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 341 power pilferers in 24 hoursSource: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-07

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 341 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 LESKO spokesman told media here Sunday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electricity..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price cuts fail to give much-needed relief to hard-pressed KarachiitesSource: [Aamir Shafaat Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

KARACHI: As the government is trumpeting a “decline in inflation”, Ghulam Abbas, working in a milk shop, like many other citizens, does not appear upbeat about economic conditions saying that the government’s “official figures of sliding food inflation” are a far cry from market realities. Even a price reduction of Rs37 per litre in diesel to Rs246.29 from July 16 [more >>](#)

Entities generating power for self-use not liable to pay electricity duty: SCSource: [Nasir Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-09

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that the industrial or commercial entities having electricity generation capacity of 500kW or more but using this power for own consumption are not liable to pay the ‘electricity duty’, as imposed under the Punjab Finance Ordinance, 2001. Headed by Justice Munib Akhtar, a three-judge SC bench, also [more >>](#)

Thar coalfield phase-II; Sindh govt sounds alarm over delay in financial closeSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-13

ISLAMABAD: The Sindh government has conveyed its concerns to Islamabad on possible financial implications of delay in achieving financial close of phase-II of Thar Coal Mines Expansion and its impact on anticipated Commercial Operation Date (COD) of phase-III due to non-payment to Chinese lenders. Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC), a joint venture of the government of Sindh and Engro En..... [more >>](#)

Slain Chinese were part of IPP talks, says AurangzebSource: [Dawn Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-09

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese nationals who lost their lives in a terrorist attack near the Karachi airport on Sunday night were in talks with senior government ministers regarding the renegotiation of terms for Independent Power Producers (IPPs), a top government minister revealed on Tuesday. The remarks from Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb came as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif vowed to make all-..... [more >>](#)

Disarray in the energy sectorSource: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-01

In yet another indicator of the mess that is the country’s energy sector, power regulator Nepra has projected a massive increase in electricity tariffs in the coming months under Quarterly Tariff Adjustments, at a public hearing held on September 26. These troubling projections have been revealed even as overall consumption of electricity has crashed by a significant 20 percent. The high tar..... [more >>](#)

Power minister irked by poor performance of DiscosSource: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-01

ISLAMABAD: Power Minister Awais Leghari on Monday expressed displeasure over poor performance of ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) and warned their managements of strict disciplinary action over their inefficiency. A brief statement issued by the Power Division said the minister was presiding over a meeting of the chief executive officers and chairpersons of the board of directors of Disco..... [more >>](#)

Govt slashes petrol price by Rs2.07, high-speed diesel by Rs3.4

Source: [Dawn.com](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-01

The federal government on Monday slashed the petrol price by Rs2.07 and that of high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs3.4 per litre for the next fortnight. "The federal government continues to provide relief to the people. The price of petroleum products has decreased once again," said a statement issued by state broadcaster PTV. It said the new petrol price was now Rs247.03 and that of H..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum minister's absence stalls key decision on reforms

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-01

ISLAMABAD: The 20-member Task Force on Gas-Related Issues, led by Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, has so far failed to make a decision on selling 35% of future gas discoveries to the private sector, seemingly due to the consecutive absence of Petroleum Minister Musadik Malik. Sources told The Express Tribune that the Petroleum Division had assured the committee that Malik would attend Monday [more >>](#)

German consul general praises transformative impact of Thar coal project on Pakistan

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-01

KARACHI - Dr Rüdiger Lotz, German Consul General, recently visited Thar Coal Block II in Tharparkar district to observe the operations of the Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC), the 660 MW EngroPowergen Thar Limited (EPTL) power plant, and the community development programs led by the Thar Foundation, the CSR wing of Block II entities. The visit showcased the operationa..... [more >>](#)

Govt power plants to get Rs1,069bn capacity payments

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-01

ISLAMABAD: Out of total capacity payments of Rs2,140 billions to be paid by consumers in the power tariff in FY25, the major share of Rs1,069 billion will go to government power plants and Rs707 billion to power plants set up under the CPEC umbrella, reveals the latest data available to The News. However, the 10 IPPs set up under the 1994 power policy, would get just Rs72 billion per annum as cap..... [more >>](#)

Dar asks Ogra to plan RLNG tariff cut by \$2 per mmBtu

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-01

ISLAMABAD: The task force on gas-related issues headed by Deputy Prime Minister Senator Ishaq Dar here on Monday asked the relevant authorities to start work on reducing the margins, taxes, duties and port charges on imported gas—LNG by 50 percent so that the price of re-gasified LNG could be made acceptable to its consumers. This would help consume the RLNG both in the power and industrial..... [more >>](#)

Kohala hydropower project; PPIB board approves extension of financial close date

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-02

ISLAMABAD: The Board of Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has approved extension in financial closing date under the Letter of Support (LoS) of 1,124 MW Kohala Hydropower Project for a period of three years sans extension fee being a strategic hydropower project involving foreign direct investment, sources close to the PPIB managing director told Business Recorder. The decision wa..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to engage IMF to reverse no-gas move for captive power plants

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

KARACHI: Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) President Muhammad Jawed Bilwani has expressed grave concern over the government's decision, made under the IMF's agreement, to suspend gas supply to Captive Power Plants (CPPs) by 2025. If not reconsidered, this decision will lead to a widespread closure of medium and large-scale industries, causing the loss of significant in..... [more >>](#)

Govt's task force on energy close to finalising negotiations with IPPs

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD - A parliamentary panel was Thursday informed that government's task force on energy was close to finalising negotiations with independent power producers (IPPs), and has assured to come up with recommendations on revised agreements within two weeks. However, there is a fear of fines on international forums if we terminate the agreements with IPPs, Secretary Power said while bri..... [more >>](#)

Protected consumers to get power subsidy via e-vouchers

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (MPA&SS) has decided to extend subsidy directly to the protected domestic consumers of electricity through E-vouchers, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. In a letter to Secretary Finance, Deputy Director, (Policy) MPA&SS referred to a letter of Benazir Income Support Fund (BISP) dated September 18, 2024 on dir..... [more >>](#)

Hub Power Company Limited

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

The Hub Power Company Limited (PSX: HUBC) is the first and largest Independent Power Producer (IPP) in Pakistan, with a total installed power generation capacity of 3,581 MW. Its primary facility, the Hub Plant, is a thermal power plant that runs on RFO (residual fuel oil) and supplies electricity to the national grid. HUBC also operates the Narowal Plant, an RFO-fired, engine-based combined cycle..... [more >>](#)

'Inefficient' KE grilled over long outages, overbilling

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD: Despite overcapacity in the system and its resultant unaffordable cost to consumers, the complaints about overbilling, overcharging and extensive loadshedding, particularly in Karachi, continued to echo at the parliamentary and regulatory forums on Thursday. Notwithstanding defence from its management, K-Electric remained under severe criticism — both at a meeting of the Nati..... [more >>](#)

Industries assured of power supply K-Electric vows to support industrial consumers in transition from captive plants

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has affirmed its readiness to provide uninterrupted power supply to the industrial consumers abandoning their captive power plants in line with a recent decision of the government. At a public hearing held by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on K-Electric's request for a provisional fuel charges adjustment (FCA) of Rs0.51 per kilowatt-hour..... [more >>](#)

Energy task force nears deal with IPPs

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's task force on energy is close to sealing negotiations with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), a major development in the country's efforts to resolve its power sector woes. Secretary Power Division Fakhir Alam Irfan informed the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Power on Thursday that most of the discussions with IPPs have been concluded, with an ann..... [more >>](#)

IPPs talks status remains under wraps

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division on Thursday refused to share current status of critical negotiations of Task Force on Power Sector Reforms with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) but insisted that good news will be given soon as talks with a few IPPs are at an advanced stage. This was stated by Special Secretary, Power Division, Arshad Majeed, concurrently also Secretary of the Task Force, in r..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum sales see a respite

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-04

Petroleum consumption in the country was seen growing in Spetember-2024 as the OMCs reported robust sales in September 2024, achieving a 20percent year-on-year increase, with total volumes reaching 1.27 million tons. This growth was fuelled by a significant rise in retail fuel sales, particularly motor spirit (MS) and high-speed diesel (HSD), which surged by 22.5percent and 25.5percent year-on-yea..... [more >>](#)

The case for nuclear energy

Source: [Ali Sarwar Naqvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-05

Electricity is an essential component of socio-economic development for any society. Every aspect of human advancement requires easy access to an economical source of electricity. Electricity can be generated through various fuels and technologies, each with its own pros and cons. However, electricity cannot be economically stored, and the demand-supply balance must be maintained in real time. As..... [more >>](#)

PEDO seeks power supply licence from Nepra

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-05

ISLAMABAD: The Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization (PEDO) has sought a power supply licence from the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to providing electricity to bulk industrial consumers, including cement and textile mills. PEDO has applied to the Nepra and the licence if granted, would allow PEDO to supply power generated from its 18 MW Pehur Hydropower Plant in Dist..... [more >>](#)

Managing energy demand

Source: [Waqas Bin Najib](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

LOOKING ahead, all households should consider investing in solar home systems for electricity and solar water heating to reduce energy expenses in the future. The government has historically provided unreasonably cheap energy (electricity and gas) and did not enforce building standards, appliance standards, or other energy efficiency measures. Meanwhile, we recklessly expanded the transmission [more >>](#)

Govt plans new 1,200MW plant Solar power plant to be built despite surplus electricity in country

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to set up another power plant of 1,200 megawatts in the public sector despite surplus electricity – in a move that may increase the share of renewable energy but will further augment power sector problems. The federal government is set to approve the project with a cost of Rs6.2 billion for acquiring land for the installation of a 1,200MW solar power p..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric launches 'star reward' discount programme for loyal customers

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

K-Electric has introduced a new discount initiative called the "Star Reward" programme, aimed at customers who consistently pay their bills on time, the company's spokesperson announced on Thursday, Express News reported. This initiative is part of K-Electric's effort to ease the financial burden on consumers and build stronger relationships with its customer base throug..... [more >>](#)

Rebasing of electricity tariffs likely from Jan 1

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

ISLAMABAD: The Federal government is likely to commence rebasing of electricity tariffs from January 1 each year instead of July 1, aimed at shifting financial shocks on consumers in winter when consumption and bills are lower

than in the summer months, well informed sources in Finance Ministry told Business Recorder. Finance Ministry, has conveyed no objection to the proposal of Power Divisi..... [more >>](#)

Cut in petrol prices

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

The cut in petrol and diesel prices for the fifth consecutive fortnight – amounting to total reduction of Rs28.57 and Rs36.34 respectively – bolsters the official argument that the economy is being “nursed back to health”, especially since inflation also beat all forecasts and clocked in at a 44-month low of 6.9 percent in September. Yet, despite the numbers, the finan..... [more >>](#)

KP govt establishes commission for recently discovered petroleum, gas resources

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has established a Provincial Joint Commission for the recently discovered petroleum and gas resources in North Waziristan district. The commission will formulate a long-term policy to ensure the utilization of these natural resources in the best interest of the country, region and local population. It will act as a liaison between the local population, provincia..... [more >>](#)

Study on govt's plan to change Thar coal into gas launched

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

ISLAMABAD - A study on Thar coal gasification has argued that coal gasification has fewer environmental and climatic impacts than direct burning of coal for power generation but its costs are too steep for Pakistan to bear and its technology is too complicated to handle smoothly, that's why several coal gasification projects have either failed or they have been shelved across the world inclu..... [more >>](#)

Five IPPs 'agree' to terminate contracts

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-06

ISLAMABAD: In an anticipated move, five independent power producers (IPPs) — four set up under 1994 and one under 2002 power policies — have “agreed” to scratch down their Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). However, some modalities are being settled, and once these are finalised, all the five IPPs would sign the documents to terminate the contracts, one of the top officials..... [more >>](#)

417 more power pilferers detected

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-06

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 417 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. A Lesco spokesman told the media here Saturday that the company had also submitted FIR applications against el..... [more >>](#)

Geo Great Debate: Call for efficiently executed power sector reforms for tariff relief

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-07

ISLAMABAD: Asking the independent power producers (IPPs) time and again to sacrifice will not bring the desired relief in tariff for the consumers unless the power sector reforms are executed efficiently. This was the gist of a “Great Debate” — Ker Dalo, Pakistan Kay Liye — on the IPPs hosted by senior anchor of Geo News, Shahzad Iqbal. Ker Dalo, Pakistan Kay Liye (Do it..... [more >>](#)

300MW Thar coal project

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-07

ISLAMABAD: The Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has urged K-Electric (KE) to expedite the feasibility, power evacuation, and load flow studies of 300-MW Thar-coal fired project to initiate RFP and ensure its completion as per the deadlines, sources close MD PPIB told Business Recorder. The Executive Committee of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) in its meeting held [more >>](#)

NUCLEAR energy's contribution to grid rises to 17.4pc

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-08

ISLAMABAD: With an operational generation capacity of 3,262 megawatts, Pakistan has increased the share of electricity from nuclear power plants to a record 17.4 per cent in 2023 from 16.2pc in 2022, according to the World Nuclear Industry Status Report (WNISR) 2024. The report financed by German Federal Office for the Safety of Nuclear Waste Management, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Heinrich B&O..... [more >>](#)

PPL receives \$6m in Iraqi block settlement

Source: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-08

KARACHI: PPL Asia E&P B.V. (PPL Asia), a subsidiary of Pakistan Petroleum Ltd (PPL), has reached an amicable \$6 million settlement with Midland Oil Company (MDOC), a state-owned Iraqi oil entity, for Block-8 in Baghdad. This settlement marks the conclusion of their Exploration, Development and Production Service Contract (EDPSC) for Block-8 in Iraq, which expired in May 2022. PPL, in a [more >>](#)

Hubco likely to follow suit; Four IPPs ink deal to annul pacts early

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-08

ISLAMABAD: The federal government's work on different Independent Power Producers (IPPs) has started delivering results as four IPPs, M/s Atlas Power, M/s Saba Power, M/s Rousch Power and Lalpir Power have initialed (signed) premature scrapping of pacts whereas Hubco is likely to follow suit on Tuesday or Wednesday, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The Task Force on Power S..... [more >>](#)

SIFC providing support to govt to discover new petroleum reserves

Source: Web Desk, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-08

Special Investment Facilitation Council is providing full support to the government to discover new petroleum reserves. In this regard, Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) and China Central Depository and Clearing Company (CCDC) have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop Pakistan's shale and tight gas potential. OGDCL has already invested thirty million dollars to tap t..... [more >>](#)

Proposed closure of five IPPs to save Rs 80 billion annually

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-09

ISLAMABAD - With the proposed shutdown of the five Independent Power Producers (IPPs), having the combined capacity of 2400 MW, the electricity consumers are likely to save around Rs 80 billion annually. The efficiency of these decades old IPPs was very low and the energy purchase prices were ranging from Rs 38 to Rs 60 per unit, while the capacity payments were from Rs 23.69 per unit to Rs 707 p..... [more >>](#)

Transmission, distribution system of energy sector being revamped: Awais

Source: APP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-09

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Power Division Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari on Tuesday said that concrete strategy was in place to meet the future energy's demands of the country. "As energy always plays a key role in economy of the country so generation, transmission and distribution system of energy sector is being revamped on modern lines," he said while addressing a function here..... [more >>](#)

Power sector challenges and reforms

Source: [Dr Raashid Wali Janjua, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-09

In a recent seminar on generation, transmission, distribution and regulation issues at NUST, presided over by the Federal Minister of Power, Mr Owais Leghari, several power sector experts gave vent to their views and pent-up concerns about the hydra headed nature of Pakistan's power sector. For laymen the power sector planning errors and the desultory management get reduced to two ace..... [more >>](#)

Fuel prices may rise

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-10

ISLAMABAD: After five straight fortnightly cuts, the petroleum prices have started reverse journey owing mainly to higher international prices following flare up in the Middle East crisis. Informed official sources said the prices of major petroleum products — petrol and high speed diesel (HSD) — are estimated to go up by around Rs5.50 and Rs13 per litre, respectively, with effect f..... [more >>](#)

Early pact termination sparks IPPs' board meetings

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-10

KARACHI: As the government gears up to terminate key agreements prematurely this month, several independent power producers (IPPs) have called emergency meetings to review the development. In a stock filing on Wednesday, Hub Power Company Limited (Hubco) announced that its board of directors will hold an urgent meeting on Thursday (today). The board will review the terms for the early term..... [more >>](#)

Aurangzeb rules out deal on immediate reprofiling of Chinese IPPs \$15.4bn debt

Source: [Mehtab Haider, The News, International](#), 2024-10-10

ISLAMABAD: Ruling out the possibility of any formal agreement on re-profiling of Chinese IPPs debt of \$15.4 billion, Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb said that both the sides might move for striking a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for continuation of talks on outstanding debt during the upcoming visit of Chinese prime minister. The formal agreement would require more spadework and fina..... [more >>](#)

Private electricity

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-10

Expensive electricity and monopoly of the government as sole distributor is an enigma on the path of development. It has hampered production and there is no check and balance on the cost of utility, plunging exports and scuttling economic growth over the period of years. Thus, the recommendation of the Cabinet Committee on Energy to set up an Independent System and Market Operator (ISMO) to come u..... [more >>](#)

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif praises IPPs for role in public relief efforts

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-10

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced that five Independent Power Producers (IPPs) have played a key role in initiating public relief measures, akin to "the first drop of rain." Speaking at a federal cabinet meeting, he expressed gratitude to the IPP owners and informed attendees that the process of terminating agreements with these companies has commenced, Express News reported. Thi..... [more >>](#)

LPG Action Committee threatens to go on strike

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-10

KARACHI: The head of the LPG Action Committee, Haider Ali, has threatened to call for a city-wide LPG strike. He stated that if the administration failed to stop harassing LPG shopkeepers, they will shut down shops in ten days. Due to unwarranted police interference, the price of gas has increased by 6 rupees per kilogram. He urged the Chief Minister to play a role in resolving this issue. [more >>](#)

PM approves ISMO for electricity generation, purchase

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

ISLAMABAD - The federal government approved in principle the formation of an Independent System and Market Operator (ISMO) for generation and purchase of electricity in Pakistan. The approval was granted in a meeting of Cabinet Committee on Energy presided over by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad on Wednesday. Its approval will also be sought from the federal cabinet. ISMO will be reg..... [more >>](#)

Pak-Arab Refinery closed for annual maintenance

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-10

ISLAMABAD - The country's largest oil refinery, Pak-Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO), is halting production from today. "On Thursday – October 10, 2024, Pak-Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO) is initiating a 40-day refinery turnaround to carry out planned essential maintenance," spokesperson of the Pak-Arab Refinery Ltd (PARCO) said Wednesday. The refinery will resume its operati..... [more >>](#)

Deals with five IPPs nixed to save money, cut tariffs

Source: Israr Khan & Muhammad Anis & News Desk, [The News, International](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday announced the termination of power purchase agreements (PPAs) with five Independent Power Plants (IPPs) with mutual agreements with these IPPs. This would provide Rs60 billion annual relief to electricity consumers and a total Rs411 billion benefit to the national exchequer. "These IPPs have voluntarily and happily agreed to terminate the..... [more >>](#)

Govt ends contracts with five IPPs to save Rs411bn

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: The government announced on Thursday the premature termination of power purchase agreements (PPAs) with five of the oldest independent power producers (IPPs), claiming future savings of Rs411 billion and an impact of around 71 paise per unit on the average electricity tariff, which currently stands at about Rs36 per unit, excluding taxes and duties. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif made..... [more >>](#)

Citizens should not pay for line losses: CM

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, presiding over a Cabinet meeting, on Friday called on the federal government to stop power distribution companies from penalising citizens under the pretext of line losses. The cabinet was held at CM House on Friday. It was attended by provincial ministers, advisors, the Chief Secretary, the Chairman P&D and other concerned officers. Sindh Public..... [more >>](#)

Free From IPPs

Source: Editorial, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

On the back of significant economic achievements, such as reducing inflation to below single digits and negotiating a new agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the government has now secured an even greater success. By prematurely terminating costly contracts with independent power producers (IPPs) and opening the door for renegotiation based on more standardised and rationalised r..... [more >>](#)

Govt ends power contracts to cut tariffs, save Rs411 billions

Source: Fawad Yousafzai / Mateen Haider, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD - The federal government on Thursday announced the termination of the power purchase agreement with five Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said it would provide Rs60 billion annual relief to the electricity consumers and cumulatively save Rs411 billion to the national exchequer. Initially the government has ended power purchase contracts with five [more >>](#)

Accelerated expiry; Hubco initiates negotiated settlement pactSource: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

KARACHI: Hub Power Company (Hubco), in the greater national interest, has initiated a negotiated settlement agreement with regard to the accelerated expiry on October 1, 2024 of its relevant agreements scheduled to expire in March 2027, relating to the company's 1,292MW power generation project located at Mouza Kund, Gaddani, District Lasbella, Balochistan. This project achieved COD in [more >>](#)

High energy prices hitting the poor hardest: WBSource: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank has revealed that high energy prices in Pakistan disproportionately impact the poor, as only 55 percent of electricity consumption in the poorest households is eligible for below-average tariffs from lifeline or protected meters, while 46-49 percent of middle-class and rich households also access low tariffs from these protected meters. The bank in its latest report,..... [more >>](#)

RLNG prices cut by 7.1pc for this monthSource: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-12

ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday reduced average sale price of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) for October 2024, lowering cost of super-chilled imported fuel by up to 7.11 percent against prices of last month. In a notification, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) announced the reduction, citing a decrease in delivered ex-ship (DES) price as primary reason for adjustment. The DES [more >>](#)

The IPP negotiationsSource: [Waqas Bin Najib](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-12

The short-sightedness in dishonouring sovereign contracts will haunt us. The government is guaranteeing high power generation costs for years to come. The private sector began participating in capital-intensive power generation projects in many developing countries in the 1990s, as governments had limited fiscal space to invest in them. So, independent power producers were set up. In a few year..... [more >>](#)

Utilities can't blame all consumers for line losses, power theft: Sindh cabinetSource: [Tahir Siddiqui](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-12

KARACHI: The Sindh cabinet on Friday raised its voice against prolonged loadshedding, which is being considered as collective punishment by power distribution companies (Discos), and called upon the federal government to bring reforms in laws pertaining to load management. The cabinet also termed the shutdown of the entire power feeder of an area by Discos on the pretext of non-payment of bills..... [more >>](#)

Analysis: Will new IPP deals make electricity any cheaper?Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-12

THIS week, the prime minister announced that five independent power producers (IPPs) have agreed to "voluntarily" negotiate their power purchase agreements with the government. The move, as claimed by the power minister, would save Rs411 billion and bring down the per unit electricity tariff by Rs0.71. However, IPP owners and energy experts don't share the government'..... [more >>](#)

Govt slashes average sale prices of RLNG for SNGPL, SSGCSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-12

ISLAMABAD - The federal government Friday slashed the average sale prices of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) by up to 7.11 percent for the consumers of both the Sui Companies for the month of October 2024. The RLNG prices for the consumers of Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Pipeline Limited have been reduced by up to \$0.9546 per million British therm..... [more >>](#)

Power sector; Govt commits to IMF about drastic reforms

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-12

ISLAMABAD: The government has committed to the International Monetary fund (IMF) to revise terms of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) of Government Power Plants (GPPs) and Independent Power Plants (IPPs) to settle Rs 263 billion earmarked for them in the budget and put a moratorium on new generation capacity sans new transmission infrastructure and to fully utilise existing capacity at peak times. [more >>](#)

IMF told; Two Discos' sell-off to wrap up by Jan-end

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-12

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has shared with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that transactions of two distribution companies (DISCOs) will be finalized by the end of January 2025. Additionally, the government has admitted to missing the planned privatization of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO). In the report titled "2024 Art..... [more >>](#)

Diesel rates may soar by Rs10.25 per litre

Source: Zafar Bhutta, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-13

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to increase the price of high-speed diesel by up to Rs10.25 per litre in response to global oil price fluctuations, effective from October 16, 2024. High-speed diesel (HSD) is widely used in the transport and agriculture sectors, and therefore, the proposed increase will have a significant inflationary impact on consumers. Pakistan State Oil (PSO) is currentl..... [more >>](#)

Effective Oct 16; Substantial increase in fuel prices likely

Source: Wasim Iqbal, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-13

ISLAMABAD: Consumers may face a substantial increase in fuel prices, with estimates suggesting a potential rise of up to Rs10.25 per liter for high-speed diesel (HSD) with effect from October 16, 2024. Pakistan State Oil (PSO) is currently preparing a working paper to be submitted to the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on October 15th. Based on preliminary calculations, petrol prices [more >>](#)

Govt decides to divide NTDC into two entities

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

ISLAMABAD: Acknowledging 'extreme incompetence' in National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC), the federal government has decided to bifurcate it in two entities; i.e., National Grid Company Projects (Projects) and National Grid Company Assets (NGC Assets), well informed sources told Business Recorder. The NTDC was created as a result of unbundling of WAPDA in 1998 and was [more >>](#)

Govt stops payments to 18 IPPs ahead of negotiations?

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

ISLAMABAD: The government is said to have stopped payments to 18 Independent Power Producers (IPPs) of 4,267-MW capacity, with whom negotiations will start for conversion of their pacts from take-or-pay to take-and-pay mode, well informed sources told Business Recorder. These power projects were established under Power Generation Policies of 1994 and 2002, announced by the governments of that..... [more >>](#)

PCMA opposes transition from captive power to grid

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

KARACHI: The Pakistan Chemical Manufacturers Association (PCMA) has raised concerns that moving chemical plants from captive power to grid power connections could compromise their safe, efficient, and sustainable operations. In a letter to the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), PCMA has highlighted that these plants are equipped with captive power generation infrastructure, classified as co..... [more >>](#)

Victimising local IPP sponsors risks scaring future investment

Source: [Ali Hamza](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

The first round of IPP negotiations has concluded, resulting in the termination of five contracts through coercive measures—though labeled as mutually agreed upon. This approach has demonized investors and stigmatized profit-making, undermining the sanctity of contracts. The outcome so far is a minimal reduction in tariffs—a mere half a rupee. While there may be short-term celebra..... [more >>](#)

Mian Zahid appreciates termination of deals with five IPPs

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

KARACHI: Chairman of the FPCCI Advisory Board and National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, Mian Zahid Hussain, said that the termination of agreements with five Independent Power Producers (IPPs) is projected to yield savings of Rs400 billion. It is important for other independent power producers to engage collaboratively and contribute to the [more >>](#)

KP govt moves to form Provincial Energy Regulatory Commission

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

Peshawar - The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has announced plans to establish the Provincial Energy Regulatory Commission (PERC) to oversee electricity generation, transmission, and tariffs in the province, as well as to award licenses to private companies, according to a statement on Sunday. A summary regarding the creation of PERC was submitted by the KP Energy Department to the provincial go..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum levy target: a Rs215 billion cut

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

The IMF Article IV Report detailing the contours of Pakistan's latest Extended Financing Facility (EFF) is finally out, answering many questions. The fiscal equation agreed upon is significantly altered from what was presented in the federal budget in June 2024. The largest blow is expectedly delivered to the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP), which has been slashed from a budgeted Rs1..... [more >>](#)

Failure to clear power sector receivables; Fearing credit loss, CPPA-G seeks extension of IFRS-9 exemption

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought three years' extension in exemption on applicability of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) 9, ie, till June 30, 2027, fearing expected credit loss due to its failure to clear due receivables of power sector companies, sources close to Chief Executive CPPA-G told Business Recorder. This request [more >>](#)

Between coal and clean energy

Source: [Malik Amin Aslam Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-15

Pakistan is not only one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change but also amongst the only three that are continuously impacted. It remains perilously caught in the eye of the climate storm. While being a minimal (less than one per cent) contributor to this global issue, it is unjustly bearing the carbon excesses of the global climate polluters as it distressingly faces up to ravagin..... [more >>](#)

Capacity payments: Power consumers likely to save Rs605.78 billion annually

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

ISLAMABAD - The electricity consumers are likely to save Rs 605.787 billion annually, on account of capacity payments, by switching from the existing clause of 'Take or Pay' to 'Take & Pay' in the contracts with independent power producers (IPPs) and government owned power plants. The consumers can save over Rs 6 per unit from switching over from the current 'T..... [more >>](#)

NA panel seeks details of IPP contracts

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly Standing Committee on Power Division on Thursday sought complete detail of contracts made with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in the next meeting. The committee which met with Muhammad Idress in the Chair appreciated the constitution of Special Task Force to review the contracts made by the successive governments with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Ministry opposes solarisation of Balochistan tubewells

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-01

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Water Resources has opposed solarisation of agriculture tubewells in Balochistan due to continuous depletion of water table in the province. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Syed Ali Murtaza shared his views at a meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Water Resources, presided over by Senator Shahadat Awan. Water Resources Ministry's opposition of..... [more >>](#)

Denmark to aid in green energy transition

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-02

ISLAMABAD: Denmark's Ambassador Jakob Linulf on Tuesday discussed the assistance required by Pakistan for transition to green energy, building climate resilience, water conservation and biodiversity protection. At a meeting with Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam, the Danish envoy highlighted his country's extensive experience in renewable energy and sust..... [more >>](#)

KMC head office put on solar energy

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-02

KARACHI: A total of 259 solar panels have been installed on the roof top of the KMC building to provide electricity to the entire municipality head office. The installation of solar plates, inverters, structure as well as wiring has been completed at a cost of Rs20 million. With the completion of the project the KMC will save around 650 to 700 units of power every day and all officer will [more >>](#)

Commission to oversee gas royalty in Waziristan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-06

PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sardar Ali Amin Gandapur has ordered a Provincial Joint Commission to oversee the newly discovered petroleum and gas reserves in North Waziristan tribal district, prioritizing fair distribution of development funds through royalties and safeguarding local rights, a significant initiative for the region. The Chief Minister Secretariat has issued a forma..... [more >>](#)

'The solar push: flying too close to the sun?'

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-07

Pakistan energy sector is quickly hitting an impasse with solarization. On one hand is the surging interest in net metering across the country where elite residential customers with three-phase meters are leading the charge to save bills and make a return on investment. However, they are a handful of overall residential customers. On the other hand, is also the use of solar panels in rural cen..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's green energy leap

Source: Murtaza Talpur, [The News, International](#), 2024-10-10

Energy plays a vital role in sustainable economic growth and development. Over the last couple of years, climate change has played havoc socio-economically and so Pakistan has started a major shift to green energy, accepting the need for sustainable energy sources to fuel its economic growth and meet accelerating climate challenges. This shift is driven by several factors, including rising fossil..... [more >>](#)

Can waste-to-energy projects help Pakistan meet its climate goals?

Source: By Engr. Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui, [The News, International](#), 2024-10-14

Pakistan ranks as one of the world's most polluted countries, with air pollution levels placing it second globally in 2023. This heavy pollution burden significantly affects public health, reducing the average Pakistani's life expectancy by approximately four years. The main contributors include industrial emissions, vehicular exhaust, and the uncontrolled burning of waste, particularly [more >>](#)

Solar energy share to touch 20pc of total power demand in LESCO as panels' rates down

Source: News Wire, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

LAHORE - The Pakistan has seen a significant increase in solar energy share and net-metering, as the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) region's share of solar energy production has touched to the figure of 15 percent of its power demand with the Chinese solar panels cost continue to plunge, leading to significant cut in profit margin of solar industry of China. Industry experts said [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Roundtable Session

Sound data and effective policymaking

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-10-02

How can a country be effectively governed without reliable data? This is a question Pakistani policymakers have long grappled with, given that data limitations have repeatedly obstructed their capacity to make well-informed decisions across a range of critical areas, including economic development, public health, education reform, and agriculture and industrial planning. This was dwelled upon in s..... [more >>](#)

SDPI pushes for GMO soybean import amid ban

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), a think tank, has initiated efforts to lift the ban on genetically modified (GMO) soybean imports, a move that involves multi-million-dollar contracts. The SDPI is urging the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to expedite approval for these imports, despite concerns raised by various ministries. The SDPI and soybean impo..... [more >>](#)

Youth awareness pivotal on mercury hazards impacts: Dr Shazia

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-10-08

ISLAMABAD, Oct 8 (APP): The speakers at a roundtable on implementation of Minamata Convention highlighted the urgent need to engage youth in education and awareness campaigns to sensitize general public and policy makers on hazardous impacts of mercury used in cosmetics and other commercial products. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized a roundtable/stake holder meeting [more >>](#)

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SDPI Articles

Deal done: what now?

Source: [Irfan Ahmed Chatha](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-02

As of September 26, the world owed the IMF \$151.13 billion. Pakistan, being the fifth largest debtor of the IMF, owed \$8.34 billion which will soon increase to \$9.44 billion as the first tranche of \$1.1 billion under the 25th IMF-Pakistan programme (\$7 billion Extended Fund Facility for 37 months) has been received. Securing IMF bailouts is a familiar process for our public finance managers. A br..... [more >>](#)

25th time the charm? How Pakistan can bid adieu to the IMF once and for all

Source: [Dr Sajid Amin Javed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

Pakistan finds itself back in the arms of the IMF — for the 25th time. The much-anticipated \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF), stretched over 37 months, offers temporary relief to a shaky market. Since the July staff-level agreement, all eyes have been fixed on the Fund, fearing that any further delay could tip the fragile economy into chaos. This programme is, therefore, a lifeline &m..... [more >>](#)

Conflict, climate and global hunger

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-04

Malnutrition, a persistent global challenge, affects millions worldwide, with devastating consequences for health, economic productivity, and human development. Despite the technological and agricultural advances of the 21st century, malnutrition continues to hinder the progress of nations, especially in the developing world. The 'Triple C' crisis – climate change, conflict, and..... [more >>](#)

Simplifying proactive disaster risk reduction

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-06

Disaster risk reduction often comes to our attention after a catastrophe has occurred. What if we began addressing disaster risk before the disaster struck? The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, observed every year on October 13, offers a critical reminder to shift from disaster response to disaster prevention. As we reflect on this day,..... [more >>](#)

Leading through digital transformation

Source: [Abdullah Khalid & Dr Maaz Hashmi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-06

"Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower," said Steve Jobs. The sentiment is profoundly relevant for Pakistan, where despite significant public investment, the startup ecosystem remains underdeveloped. The Ministry of Planning and Development has outlined Vision 2025, an ambitious plan for digital and economic transformat..... [more >>](#)

A memorial reference for Dr. Pervez Tahir

Speakers pay tributes to legacy of Dr Pervez Tahir

Source: [Monitoring Report](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-01

ISLAMABAD - Speakers at a memorial reference on Monday honored the legacy of former Chief Economist and esteemed economic historian Dr. Pervez Tahir on the first anniversary of his passing. Organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), the event featured tributes that emphasized his commitment to humanity and integrity. Tahir Dhindsa, Director of SDTV, described [more >>](#)

Speakers celebrate Pervaiz Tahir's legacy of national service with humility, truth in eyes of power

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-10-01

ISLAMABAD, Sep 30 (APP): 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 the first de..... [more >>](#)

Speakers celebrate PT's legacy of national service with humility

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-10-01

Full text not available. E-link: available <https://epaper.pakobserver.net/popup.php?newssrc=issues/2024/2024-10-01/15377/2.jpg> [more >>](#)

Environment Journalists Forum elects executive body

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-05

Islamabad: The Environment Journalists Forum on Thursday elected its maiden executive body comprising climate journalists from print, electronic, news agencies and digital media. The elections were held here at the Conference Hall of Ripah International University with 20 climate and environment beat reporters participating in them. Four climate journalists cast vote online via Zoom. Ali Jabir fr..... [more >>](#)

Special Discussion

IMF urges policy reform as Pakistan's Economy improves

Source: [Tayyaba Nazir](#), [Minute Mirror](#), 2024-10-10

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Resident Representative for Pakistan Esther Pérez Ruiz stated during a meeting with experts, civil society and academia that since the launch of the Stand-By Arrangement in July 2023 confidence in policymaking has increased resulting in inflation reaching its lowest level in three years international reserves doubling and the economy being on a path to impr..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's economy continuously improving but challenges remain, IMF representative says

Source: [Yasir Nazar](#), [Aaj TV News](#), 2024-10-10

International Monetary Fund Representative Esther Perez Ruiz has commended Pakistan's efforts to improve living standards and achieve macroeconomic stability. Speaking at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute in Islamabad, Ruiz praised the steps taken in 2023 to stabilize the economy, noting that the situation is gradually improving. However, Ruiz also acknowledged the ongoing chall..... [more >>](#)

IMF rep in Pakistan acknowledges improvement in country's economy

Source: [News Desk](#), [HUM News](#), 2024-10-10

Praising the efforts being made by the government since 2023 to strengthen Pakistan's economy, Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to Pakistan Miss Esther Perez Ruiz on Thursday acknowledged that the country's economic situation was gradually improving, which should not be underestimated, reported 24NewsHD TV channel. Speaking at a function at the Sustainable..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Needs Policies to Unclutter Economy, Reduce Trade Barriers: IMF Official

Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2024-10-10

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Resident Representative for Pakistan Esther Pérez Ruiz at an interaction with experts, civil society, and academia on Thursday said that post Stand-By Arrangement launch in July 2023, the confidence in policymaking has improved with inflation plummeting to its lowest level in three years, international

reserves more than doubled, and the economy on the cour..... [more >>](#)

IMF 21st program, EFF envision progressive Pakistan through structural reforms in govt: Esther Ruiz

Source: [INP](#), [Independent News Pakistan](#), 2024-10-10

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IMF advises Pakistan to shift economic strategy towards reducing trade barriers

Source: [Monitoring Desk](#), [Profit](#), 2024-10-11

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recommended that Pakistan transition its economic growth strategy from heavy government involvement to a focus on reducing trade barriers to enhance production. Esther Pérez Ruiz, the IMF's resident representative for Pakistan, offered this advice during a session at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). During the discussion,..... [more >>](#)

IMF's resident representative supports reforms in public sector

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

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'Pakistan made policy mistakes'

Source: [Irshad Ansari](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: While claiming that Pakistan made policy mistakes, IMF Resident Representative in Pakistan Esther Perez on Thursday said strong policies are necessary for the successful implementation of the new loan programme. Speaking at an event organized by SDPI, Perez said the IMF new programme aims to expand the tax base, bringing the agricultural sector into the tax net. Under the new program..... [more >>](#)

IMF commends Pakistan's economic recovery efforts, highlights challenges

Source: [Nayyer Ali](#), [Samaa tv](#), 2024-10-10

IMF representative in Pakistan Esther Perez Ruiz has commended Pakistan's efforts toward economic recovery, noting that significant strides have been made in stabilizing the economy. Speaking at an event in Islamabad, she emphasized that inflation has significantly decreased, and the country's foreign exchange reserves have increased, reflecting the positive impact of recent economic po..... [more >>](#)

IMF calls for lowering trade barriers

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund urged Pakistan on Thursday to shift its growth model away from the government's pivotal role in economic decision-making to an emphasis on lowering trade barriers in order to stimulate

production. The suggestions came from Esther Pérez Ruiz, the IMF resident representative for Pakistan, during an interaction at the Sustainable Development Po..... [more >>](#)

IMF calls for provincial role in fiscal affairs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan requires an enhanced role of provinces in fiscal affairs in the aftermath of the 18th Constitutional amendments and the provinces are going to impose the Agriculture Income Tax (AIT) with the approval of respective legislative bodies, says the IMF's Resident Chief Esther Perez Ruiz on Thursday. She said that the post-Standby Arrangement in July 2023, the confidence in po..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan needs to enhance provinces' role in line with 18th Amendment: IMF representative

Source: [Shahbaz Raza](#), [Nukta](#), 2024-10-11

Pakistan's federal government needs to enhance the role of provinces in line with the 18th Constitutional Amendment, which not only gives them more autonomy but also decentralizes finances. This was stated by International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Resident Representative in Islamabad Esther Pérez Ruiz during a seminar on Thursday. The seminar was titled, "Raising Pakistani Living..... [more >>](#)

IMF rep in Pakistan acknowledges improvement in country's economy

Source: [News Desk](#), [24News tv](#), 2024-10-10

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IMF official supports reforms in public sector

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: International Monetary Fund (IMF), Resident Representative for Pakistan, Esther Pérez Ruiz Thursday supported reforms in the public sector to enable more efficient role in generating the resources needed to improve public services, build human capital, and upgrade infrastructure in a more fair and sustainable manner. Ruiz on Thursday at an interaction with experts, civil society..... [more >>](#)

Economy IMF 21st program, EFF envision progressive Pakistan through structural reforms in govt: Esther Ruiz

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Islamabad: International Monetary Fund (IMF), Resident Representative for Pakistan, Esther Pérez Ruiz on Thursday at an interaction with experts, civil society, and academia said that post Stand-By Arrangement launch in July 2023, the confidence in policymaking has improved with inflation plummeting to its lowest level in three years, international reserves more than doubled, and the econom..... [more >>](#)

Webinar News

Experts for simplifying power tariff structure

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a webinar organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Tuesday called for the simplification of Pakistan's electric power system and tariff structure to alleviate the burden on consumers. They stressed that the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) and the Ministry of Energy determine electricity tariffs, and independent power produ..... [more >>](#)

Booklet debunking myths around electric power tariff structure launched

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-03

Islamabad: Ahad Nazir, Head, Centre for Private Sector Engagement, has said that Pakistan's power sector is technical and complex while the most frequently asked questions by the consumers are pertaining to fuel price adjustment and quarterly tariff adjustment. Mr Nazir was addressing a webinar organised here to launch Sustainable Policy Institute's latest booklet "Understanding [more >>](#)

SDPI launches booklet on debunking myths about electric power system, tariff structure

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-10-02

ISLAMABAD, Oct 02 (APP): The experts at a webinar on Tuesday emphasised the need to simplify the existing electric power system and tariff structure for reducing burden on the domestic consumers. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organised the webinar to launch its latest booklet "Understanding Electric Power System and Tariff Structure in Pakistan: A Basic Guide", a..... [more >>](#)

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Workshop News

SDPI, ILO host a 'Validation Workshop' that brings experts from development sector, industry & academia to deliberate on project outcomes & its impacts on textile & leather sector of country

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD, Oct 03 (SABAH): Pakistan is 9th largest exporter of textile products and 5th largest producer of cotton in the world. The textile sector comprises 60% of the country's exports and account for 8.5% of the country's GDP. The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), with financial assistance from the European Union (EU), has implemented an eigh..... [more >>](#)

Driving Change: ILO's Efforts in Pakistan's Textile Sector

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