

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
- 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

KE removes over 1,800 illegal connections

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

KARACHI: K-Electric, in collaboration with the law-enforcement agencies, conducted operations against electricity thieves and the kunda mafia in Saddar and Gulistan-e-Jauhar areas. In Saddar, the power utility removed 1,325 illegal connections (kundas) weighing a total of 1,135kg, contributing to theft of over 300,000 units of electricity per month. During the operation, 262 cases of electric..... [more >>](#)

Contracts being negotiated with 8 IPPs, NA told

Source: [Muhammad Anis](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-26

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar Friday told the National Assembly that contracts with five independent power producers (IPPs) have been terminated, while contracts have been negotiated with eight IPPs which would help bring down the electricity prices. Responding to a calling attention notice, the minister said the government is focusing on bringing down the e..... [more >>](#)

PM forms body for input on Neelum Jhelum power project fault

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-25

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has constituted a committee to recommend remedial measures for repair/rehabilitation of Head Race Tunnel (HRT) of 969 MW Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHPP). The committee which has been tasked to submit a report to the Prime Minister in a month, will also submit the cost estimates of the repair work and source of funding, official source told The Nat..... [more >>](#)

Imported coal supply to Sahiwal power plant; CPPA-G asks PR to increase number of freight trains

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-29

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has asked Pakistan Railways (PR) to increase freight trains to ensure supply of imported coal to 1320 MW Sahiwal coal power plant, official sources told Business Recorder. The CPPA-G referred to its previous correspondence, where Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (HSR) notified a critical shortage of coal at their 2x660 MW power plant, st..... [more >>](#)

Diesel price goes up for first time in three months

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-16

ISLAMABAD: The government has increased the price of diesel by Rs5 per litre, while the rate of petrol has been kept the same for the next fortnights, according to an official announcement. This is the first hike in the prices of petroleum products in three months, which have been constantly going down due to the falling prices in the international market. In a late-night..... [more >>](#)

Over 200,000 AMI meters installed in Rawalpindi

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-16

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) has successfully installed over 200,000 state of the art Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters so far in various parts of Rawalpindi City and Cantonment Circles. Terming the AMI is a revolutionary initiative in power sector by the government, Project Director Moshin Raza Gillani said that this project is successfully continue in two ope..... [more >>](#)

'Take and pay' mode; Govt tailors four customised options for 18 IPPsSource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-16

ISLAMABAD: The government experts are said to have tailored four options of 'take and pay' mode to be offered to 18 Independent Power Producers (IPPs) established under Power Generation Policies of 1994 and 2002, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. "We will give final touches to available options for 18 IPPs to shift from 'take or pay' mode to 'ta..... [more >>](#)

ISMO: A game-changer for Pakistan's electricity market?Source: Engr Abu Bakar Ismail, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-16

In a significant step toward reforming Pakistan's power sector, the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) recently approved the formation of the Independent System and Market Operator (ISMO). This move is seen as crucial for addressing longstanding inefficiencies in the power sector and advancing the country's Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM). The creation of ISMO wil..... [more >>](#)

Power struggleSource: Editorial, [The News, International](#), 2024-10-17

Among the many things that Pakistan has failed at, failing to get its power policy right tops the list. The now-viral IPP contracts started as a solution to the country's power crisis when depleting gas resources forced the move to coal-fuelled power plants to pull the nation out of the hour-long loadshedding mess – leadint to the era of 'capacity payments'. What failed to [more >>](#)

Pragmatic Tariff-setting, Government Support crucial for DISCO privatization success.Source: Syed Shoaib Shahram, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-17

Pakistan's power sector circular debt has reached PKR. 2.655 billion and some reports even ominously predict that it will cross PKR 2.8 trillion, reflecting inefficiencies prevailing in the system which have dragged it to the depths of darkness. As per Ministry of Energy, DISCOs contribute 596 billion in circular debt on account of higher T&D losses . The MoE is looking into this closely..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum Levy target: A Rs215 billion cutSource: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-17

The IMF Article IV Report detailing the contours of Pakistan's latest Extended Financing Facility (EFF) are finally out, answering many a question. 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 Rs..... [more >>](#)

Electricity market stuck in limboSource: Sajid Mehmood Qazi, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-17

Pakistan's electricity sector reform has been a topic of discussion for over three decades, with the ambition to transition from a monopoly-based single-buyer model to a competitive multi-buyer, multi-seller market. The initial vision of introducing market-driven reforms was articulated as early as 1992 in the Strategic Plan, which outlined the unbundling, corporatization, and eventual priva..... [more >>](#)

Termination of contracts with IPPsSource: Editorial, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-17

The government's decision to terminate power purchase agreements (PPAs) with five of Pakistan's oldest independent power producers (IPPs) marks a pivotal shift in the country's energy sector. The development will see the wrapping up of the take-or-pay model that the IPPs were operating on, generating future savings of Rs411 billion, which will reduce the average electricity tariff..... [more >>](#)

Net metering: Balancing the scales—I

Source: [Asim Javed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-17

Potential promises of clean, sustainable, and long-term cost-saving alternatives have dominated the discussion about solar energy and net metering. While solar rooftops have undoubtedly benefitted many households, there is another side to the story—one that is often overlooked. After the introduction of highly flawed Nepra's net metering regulations, more households have invested [more >>](#)

Summary sent to cabinet: Govt to pay Rs72bn to 5 IPPs

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-18

ISLAMABAD: The summary submitted to the federal cabinet and details of settlement with the five independent power producers (IPPs) reveal a mutually agreed-upon termination of contracts. Besides clearly stating that the said IPPs have voluntarily ended their contracts in the supreme interests of the country after friendly and cordial talks with the government, the details of the summary, available..... [more >>](#)

Two-day power suspension schedule issued

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-18

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) on Thursday issued 2-day power suspension programme for Friday and Saturday for various areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development work. According to Iesco Spokesperson, the power supply of different feeders and grid stations would remain suspended for the period on Friday from 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM, Rawalpindi City..... [more >>](#)

Oil industry denounces restrictive fuel pricing

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-18

ISLAMABAD: The oil industry has aired serious concern over what it says is restrictive pricing of motor fuels that has caused them a loss of millions of rupees. In a letter sent to the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) chairman, the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) – an industry lobby comprising refineries and oil marketing companies (OMCs) – expressed fears over deviation..... [more >>](#)

Failure to sign BSPs, finalise OPMs;Nepra issues show-cause notices to CPPA-G, NTDC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-18

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has issued show cause notices to Central Power Purchasing Agency–Guaranteed (CPPA-G), the Market Operator (MO) and National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) on failure to sign black start procedures (BSPs) and finalize operating procedure manuals (OPMs) of all power plants. Sharing the background of show cause n..... [more >>](#)

Power reforms: The needle moves

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-18

The IMF's Article IV Consultation report on Pakistan highlights positive developments, particularly from the energy sector's perspective. The focus has shifted from tariff adjustment-only reforms to a more holistic set of reforms aimed at enhancing distribution and transmission efficiencies and stressing the need to privatize state-owned generation and distribution companies. The docum..... [more >>](#)

Towards 'Take and Pay' contract settlement

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-18

Energy prices have increased tremendously which has created controversy and unrest in the country. IPP (Independent Power Producer) contracts are under great debate. Many people argue that these are unfair and unjust. Take or Pay contracts are criticized arguing that IPPs are paid even if no electricity is produced and supplied. Capacity charges (in ordinary language) fixed charges are too high be..... [more >>](#)

Net metering: Balancing the scales—II

Source: [Asim Javed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-18

In the previous piece of this essay, we observed that although there are fuel cost savings of 6.29% when we utilise the solar rooftop generation during the daytime, it is also evident that this saving is causing a counter upsurge in the unit price of consumers by 12.45%. We explained the reasons why non-solar consumers are punished, which is due to more and more solar rooftop installations. I..... [more >>](#)

Pragmatic tariff-setting, govt support crucial for disco privatization success

Source: [Syed Shoaib Shahram](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-18

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Pay-mode conversion: Govt summoning 18 IPPs next week

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-19

ISLAMABAD: The government is expected to commence summoning top bosses of 18 Independent Power Producers (IPPs), established under Power Generation Policies, 1994 and 2002 next week, to place available options for conversion of their plants from 'take or pay' to 'take and pay' mode, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The government has claimed savings of Rs [more >>](#)

No let-up in circular debt crisis

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-19

ISLAMABAD: Government efforts to address the chronic issue of circular debt have failed to create any impact as there is no improvement in the situation, the power division has informed the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) in a report. In the Circular Debt Report for June 2024, the power division admitted that debt continued to rise. The report did not mention the total amount of circular debt..... [more >>](#)

Authorities recover Rs122b amid crackdown on electricity theft

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-19

More than 86,000 individuals have been arrested across Pakistan in an ongoing nationwide crackdown on electricity theft, Express News reported. The campaign has also recovered Rs122.35 billion since it launched in September 2023. Operations were carried out in several cities, including Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Islamabad, Multan, Peshawar, Hyderabad, Sukkur, and Quetta, resulting in..... [more >>](#)

OGRA seeks response from SSGC on geyser charges in gas bills

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-19

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has called on the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) to clarify the charges related to geysers in gas bills. OGRA has requested SSGC to provide a written explanation regarding the costs of geysers and their associated installation charges. OGRA clarified that consumers are not obligated to use SSGC contractors for the installation of geysers and are free to..... [more >>](#)

Circular debt — the hidden force behind rising electricity costs

Source: [Ammar H Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-19

The real crisis in the power sector is not about power generation; rather about debt. Surplus power generation capacity isn't a bad thing — it's an opportunity to drive industrial growth and stimulate demand. However, the inability to capitalise on this is largely due to a debt overhang, stemming from a combination of project debt, working capital debt, and circular debt. The [more >>](#)

Energy projects; Aurangzeb to seek financial aid during US visit

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-20

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb is to meet Geoffrey Ross Pyatt, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources during his forthcoming visit to Washington to discuss energy sector issues and seek financial assistance for energy projects, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. US Ambassador Donald Blome held a meeting with Finance Minister, on October 17, [more >>](#)

Govt asked to boost indigenous production of oilseeds

Source: News Wire, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-20

FAISALABAD - Oilseed crops carry a significant potential to help Pakistan reduce the edible oil import bill, so policymakers should promote such crops through extending incentives to the growers. Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor of University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF), told a news website that Pakistan was spending more than \$2 billion on import of edible oil annually. He said without pr..... [more >>](#)

The age of electricity

Source: Syed Rashid Husain, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-21

At the offices of the Centre for Global Energy Studies (CGES) at 17 Knightsbridge, London, veteran Saudi oil minister, the late Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani would look into his crystal ball and prophecise, "Oil will not end, oil era will come to an end." That was prophetic, especially when uttered in an era when Peak Oil was the currency in circulation. Decades later, my wonderful frien..... [more >>](#)

Declining power demand in Pakistan fuels RLNG surplus

Source: INP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-22

The decline in power demand in Pakistan has resulted in an unexpected surplus of regasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG), posing significant risks to the stability of the country's energy supply. Talking to WealthPK, Dr Khalid Waleed, head of energy unit at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), highlighted that the recent economic downturn exacerbated by global inflation and lo..... [more >>](#)

Interim order upheld to prevent illegal increases in Sui gas bills

Source: News Desk, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-22

The Sindh High Court has upheld an interim order to prevent the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) from taking illegal actions against consumers regarding increases in gas bills and meter charges. A two-member bench led by Chief Justice Muhammad Shafiq Siddiqui heard the petition against the rise in gas bills and the collection of meter charges. Advocate Tariq Mansoor argued that the SSGC had alt..... [more >>](#)

KE says not interested in Thar Block-II project sans its inclusion in IGCEP

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-21

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric (KE) has reportedly shown unwillingness to take ahead the 300-MW Mine Mouth coal-fired project at Thar Block -II until its inclusion in the Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) is ensured, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The power utility company's viewpoint has been shared by its Chief Strategy Officer Shahab Qader Khan in his commun..... [more >>](#)

Net metering: Balancing the scales—III

Source: Asim Javed, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-21

One frequent option often advocated to address the issue of growing power rates for all consumers, particularly non-solar households, is to renegotiate current Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). The goal is to transition PPAs from a "Take or Pay" to a "Take and Pay" arrangement. It appears straightforward on the surface, and many experts feel that this change could reduce th..... [more >>](#)

Summoned for probe in 2nd phase; IPPs agitating over non-paymentSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-22

ISLAMABAD: The Independent Power Producers (IPPs) that are to be quizzed in the second phase to shift them from take or pay to take and pay mode reportedly are now agitating on stoppage of their payment by the CPPA-G since the last two weeks, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The government is expected to send calling notices to 18 IPPs of 1994 and 2002 Policies for negotiating on..... [more >>](#)

Pacts deadline looms; Refineries' upgrade plans hit snagsSource: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-22

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is grappling with a major hurdle in its plans to upgrade domestic refineries as the deadline for signing upgrade agreements looms. The issue stems from the sales tax exemption granted by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) in the national budget 2024-25, which has created uncertainty for investors. With around \$6 billion worth of investment hanging in the..... [more >>](#)

Nepa grants KE 14pc return in divided decisionSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-23

ISLAMABAD: In a majority vote, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) has granted K-Electric a 14 per cent dollar-indexed return on equity (ROE) for all its generation plants under a multi-year tariff spanning seven years, ending in 2030. The decision has faced strong opposition from the regulator's member tariff who labeled it unfair to consumers. In its determination r..... [more >>](#)

Discos seek to refund Rs8.5bn for SeptemberSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-23

ISLAMABAD: Having already charged 20 per cent higher fuel cost over last year, the public sector power companies have sought about 70 paise per unit negative fuel price adjustment (FCA) in upcoming bills to refund about Rs8.5 billion overcharged in September. This will be the third straight month that FCAs remain negative, mainly because of substantial fuel allowances allowed by the National El..... [more >>](#)

Power bills to drop also in NovemberSource: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-23

ISLAMABAD: Ex-Wapda distribution companies (XWDISCOs) have proposed a refund of Rs0.7057 per unit to power consumers in their November 2024 bills, following higher charges levied in previous month of September. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA), acting on behalf of these companies, has submitted a petition to National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) to finalise the monthly [more >>](#)

Centre, AJK fail to finalise power tariff, WUC rateSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-23

ISLAMABAD: The federal government and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K) government are said to have failed to finalise electricity tariff and rates of Water Usage Charges (WUC) as wide differences were witnessed on this issue between federal government entities and AJ&K government, well informed sources told Business Recorder. At a recent meeting of Steering Committee presided over by Adv..... [more >>](#)

Rs0.7 per unit relief likely for consumers DISCOs to refund Rs8.55b to consumers under FCA for SeptemberSource: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-23

ISLAMABAD: The consumers of electricity are likely to get relief of Rs0.70 per unit on account of fuel charge adjustment (FCA) for September 2024. The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought negative adjustment of Rs0. 70 per unit in FCAs of Discos for September 2024. The DISCOs are likely to refund Rs8.55 billion to the consumers. NEPRA will hold a public hearing on Octo..... [more >>](#)

Net metering: Balancing the scales—IV

Source: [Asim Javed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-23

As we concluded in the previous part of this essay, renegotiating the power purchase agreements is difficult, if not entirely impossible. The next possible solution is to change the net metering mechanism into the gross metering arrangement to cope with the rising electricity billing gap between solar and non-solar customers. Like other shelf solutions, this also appears to be a straightforward fi..... [more >>](#)

Sindh asks Centre to increase supply of natural gas

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-23

KARACHI: Sindh Energy Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has said that Sindh is currently the largest gas producing province with a total production of 1800 mmcf to 2000 mmcf, which is 65 percent of the total gas production in the country. He said currently 900 mmcf gas is being supplied to Sindh while the requirement is 1600 mmcf gas. Under Article 158 of the Constitution, the first right [more >>](#)

Power generation drops 6.4% Declines to 12,487 GWh as energy mix changes, demand weakens

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-24

KARACHI: Power generation declined by 6.4% to 12,487 gigawatt-hours (GWh) in Pakistan in September, compared to the same month last year. This was due to a significant rise in energy prices beyond affordability, the expansion of off-grid low-cost solar power production nationwide, and low demand for electricity from poorly performing industrial sectors. The persistent drop in demand for power fr..... [more >>](#)

Disco applicable rates; Govt set to provide power to SEZs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-24

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to provide electricity to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) at the same rates which are applicable in jurisdictions of power Distribution Companies (Discos) and K-Electric (KE), well informed sources told Business Recorder. If implemented this would violate the government pledge to the IMF under the ongoing programme to end concessional funding and tariffs for speci..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL announces gas discovery in Khairpur

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-24

KARACHI: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has announced the gas discovery from Sawan South Block lower Goru B Reservoir Sand of Shahu-1 located in district Khairpur, Sindh Province. The joint venture comprising OGDCL (20 percent working interest), United Energy Pakistan Limited, the operator (75 percent), Government Holding Private Limited (2.5 percent) and Sindh Energy Holding..... [more >>](#)

Steps afoot to provide cheap energy to industry, says Jam Kamal

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-24

KARACHI: Jam Kamal, Federal Minister for Commerce, has said that the government is taking steps to provide energy to industries at cheaper rates to reduce the cost of doing business, enabling the domestic industry to compete in the world market. He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 5th edition of TEXPO Pakistan 2024, a flagship event of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (..... [more >>](#)

Net metering: Balancing the scales—V

Source: [Asim Javed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-24

To achieve a win-win solution for all stakeholders—solar users, non-solar consumers, utility companies, and the government—it is necessary to strike a balance between supporting renewable energy and ensuring that the financial

burden of system maintenance is equitably distributed. This article's final part provides actionable ideas to address the growing concerns raised by net me..... [more >>](#)

Power bills to drop in Oct as Nepra approves Rs0.8555/unit refund

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-25

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers, who paid higher rates in August 2024, will be getting refunds of Rs0.8555/unit in their October bills after the power regulator maintained in its latest decision that the power generation cost was low during the month under review while consumers were charged higher rates. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) took the decision in a public hear..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL gives schedule for gas supply

Source: [Khalid Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-25

Rawalpindi: On the directions of federal government, SNGPL had given a schedule that consumers will get natural gas from 6:00 am to 9:00 am in morning, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm in afternoon and from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at night. The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) Executive Officer (Technical) Muhammad Faisal told 'The News' that according to government directions, we were p..... [more >>](#)

Gas found in Sanghar

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-25

ISLAMABAD/KARACHI: Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) on Thursday announced the commencement of production from its exploratory Baloch-2 well in the Sembar formation, located in Sanghar district of Sindh. The company had announced the gas condensate discovery from the Baloch-2 well on August 30, 2024, and brought its production to the system, a statement said. The well, situated wit..... [more >>](#)

Nepra announces 85 paise per unit refund

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-25

ISLAMABAD: Bringing an ongoing bickering within the regulator to the public domain, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday announced an 85 paise per unit negative fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for electricity sold to consumers of power distribution companies (Discos) in August at a higher rate. The decision, reached by a majority vote of 4:1, followed an unprecedented m..... [more >>](#)

85 paisa relief in FCA for August okayed

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-25

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday asked ex-Wapda distribution companies (XWDISCOs) to refund Rs0.8555/unit to power consumers on account of fuel charges adjustments (FCA) for August 2024. This refund will be made in the power bills of October 2024, the power regulator announced in its latest decision. On September 26, the regulator held a public hea..... [more >>](#)

Guddu Thermal Power Plant; CPGCL urges SBP to grant LC approval in favour of GE

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-25

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Generation Company Limited (CPGCL) has approached the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) for approval to establish Letter of Credit (LC) of \$ 12,630,944 in favour of General Electric for procurement of critical parts for Guddu Thermal Power Plant, well informed sources told Business Recorder. According to the CPGCL, 747 Guddu Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP) is an effi..... [more >>](#)

Power play: Boosting the grid for a renewable future

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-25

In Pakistan's power sector, there has been overinvestment in base load power plants, while matching investment in transmission and distribution networks has lagged. This mismatch hinders the integration of renewables into the system, as they require a robust and dynamic grid infrastructure. Cognizant to the fact, multilaterals like The World bank, Asian Development Bank, and Islamic Dev..... [more >>](#)

IPPs: a slippery situation?

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-25

Negotiations with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are progressing. Following the termination of contracts with five IPPs after they were deemed redundant, a revised agreement with eight bagasse-based IPPs is being finalised. Next in line are the 18 IPPs established under the 1994 and 2002 policies, which will be coaxed to shift towards a 'take-and-pay' model and agree to reductions [more >>](#)

The power sector challenges

Source: [Malik Abdul Wasey](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-25

Due to a significant economic downturn and resentments in public, the government had no choice but to implement important reforms in power sector by engaging in renegotiations with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) first. As a result of these negotiations, a certain percentage of the IPPs agreed to modify their contracts in a way that is mutually beneficial. However, the situation was complicated..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan asks Qatar to shift 5 LNG cargoes to 2026

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-10-26

ISLAMABAD: Following the reduction in the RLNG consumption, Pakistan has formally asked Qatar to reschedule five LNG cargoes that are to be imported in the calendar year 2025, and now the country would get those in 2026 under the flexible clause, a senior official of Ministry of Energy told The News. "However, authorities are also trying to firm up the plan to shelve import of 13 more LNG c..... [more >>](#)

Karachiites shocked with Rs3.04 tariff hike for July

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-26

ISLAMABAD: Notwithstanding a lot of hue and cry raised by business, trade and political representatives, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday notified about Rs3.04 per unit additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) in the consumer bills of K-Electric for electricity consumed in July. The higher FCA would hardly make any major impact on consumers as the r..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL posts Rs41bn quarterly profit

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-26

ISLAMABAD: While announcing a robust Rs41bn quarterly profit, the state-run Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) on Friday blamed about Rs15bn loss of profit on financial and operational decisions of three energy sector companies — two of them operating in the public sector. The board of directors of OGDCL, which met on Friday, announced financial results for the quarter ending [more >>](#)

Nepra allows KE to collect additional Rs3.03 per unit from consumers in Dec bills

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-26

ISLAMABAD - Karachiites will face another electric shock as NEPRA has allowed K-Electric to collect additional Rs3.0362 per unit from consumers in their December bills on account of fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for July 2024. The decision came after NEPRA reviewed KE's fuel cost data for July 2024, following its provisional assessment of the company's power generation and purchases. T..... [more >>](#)

Ogra decides to allow import of around 266,000 metric tons of high speed diesel

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-26

ISLAMABAD - Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority has decided to allow import of around 266,000 metric tons of high speed diesel (HSD), which has been termed by the local refineries a share violation of SIFC's directive for giving first priority to upliftment from local refineries and in case of permission to import give first priority to PSO. Despite offer from PSO during the product review m..... [more >>](#)

Leakage in Uch gas line; OGDCL, UPL lock horns over force majeure notice

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-27

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Development Company (OGDCL) and Uch Power (Private) Limited (UPL) have reportedly locked horns on the 'disputed' force majeure notice on gas supply, well-informed sources in OGDCL told Business Recorder. On August 22, 2024 OGDCL sent a force majeure notice to the power project and subsequently on August 28, 2024 force majeure cessation notice regarding claim..... [more >>](#)

Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline project crucial for South Asian energy security

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-27

Islamabad: Muhammad Soroush, a prominent Tehran-based analyst who also heads "Saramad" think tank based in Tehran, has said that Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline project is crucial for South Asian energy security and the regional attempts of diversification. Mr Soroush said this at a seminar on "The Iran Pakistan gas pipeline" organised here by Institute of Regional Studies (IR..... [more >>](#)

56,322 electricity thieves arrested

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-28

LAHORE: Punjab police arrested 56,322 electricity thieves across the province, including Lahore, this year. A total of 96,722 cases have been registered against electricity thieves, with challans for 60,926 cases submitted. Over 8,000 electricity thieves have been convicted. In the provincial capital, Lahore, 30,891 electricity thieves were arrested, and 30,495 cases were registered. Challans for..... [more >>](#)

Tariff troubles

Source: [Usama Abdul Rauf](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-28

Pakistan's tariff structure has long been a topic of contention, both domestically and internationally. While intended to protect local industries and boost revenue collection, the country's tariff policies have inadvertently stifled competitiveness, discouraged exports, and worsened the trade deficit. At a time when economic recovery hinges on international trade and investment, a re..... [more >>](#)

Powering the future

Source: [Engr. Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-28

The recent political turmoil and economic regression caused by record-high electricity tariffs and bills have highlighted the urgent need to develop and expand nuclear power generation, which remains one of the cheapest energy sources globally. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has acknowledged the sluggish growth in electricity consumption across the country, primarily due..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices likely to drop by up to Rs3 per litre

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-28

ISLAMABAD: The prices of major petroleum products — petrol and high speed diesel (HSD) — are estimated to go down by Rs2 to Rs3 per litre with effect from Nov 1 for a fortnight, after a minor reduction in global prices. Informed sources said the average prices of petrol and HSD decreased in the international market by about \$1.5 and \$2.5 per barrel, respectively, in the last fortnig..... [more >>](#)

Thar coal can produce gas 'cheaper than LNG': study

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-28

ISLAMABAD: The gas produced from Thar coal would be cheaper than the imported liquefied natural gas (LNG) and could help reduce the price of fuel and electricity for residential and commercial users, according to a new report. Currently, the coal mined from Thar is being used to produce electricity and not gas. However, laboratory tests have shown that the mineral is suitable for gasification and..... [more >>](#)

Power theft, unpaid bills: Lesco suspends supply to 2 high-loss Kasur villages

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-28

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) disconnected on Sunday power supply to two villages of Kot Radha Kishan (Kasur), whose feeders were already included in high-line loss category, over non-payment of electricity bills worth millions of rupees since long. Reacting to the Lesco action, the residents of these villages took to streets and staged protest by blocking a main road. Accor..... [more >>](#)

S Arabia to finalise \$1.2bn oil facility in December

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-29

ISLAMABAD: In the aftermath of giving confirmation to the IMF for the provision of an oil facility, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's high-level delegation is expected to visit Pakistan by December 2024 to finalise modalities to provide \$1.2 billion Saudi Oil Facility (SOF). The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) has granted its confirmation for a fresh SOF, paving the way for securing approval from..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's power costs among highest in S Asia for industry, commerce

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's residential power tariff ranks closely to, or slightly higher than, those of neighboring countries in the region, yet the country's industries and businesses face some of the steepest electricity costs in South Asia. According to recent data, Pakistan's industrial and commercial sectors pay significantly more per kilowatt-hour (kWh) than counterparts in Ind..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices cut from Nov 1 likely

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-29

ISLAMABAD: The POL [petrol, oil, lubricant] prices may witness a decline by Rs1.42 to Rs3.32 per litre from November 1, 2024, for the next fortnight due to decrease in crude oil price in the international market. The petrol price may go down by Rs3.29 per litre and high speed diesel (HSD) by Rs3.13 per litre, industrial and official sources told The News. "The average price of petrol had dr..... [more >>](#)

Gas prices may rise as SNGC requests Rs 64 per MMBTU hike from Ogra

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-29

Sui Northern Gas Company has submitted a request to Overseas Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) for an increase of Rs 64 per MMBTU in gas prices. According to the request, Sui Northern is facing a shortfall of 20 billion 58 crore 20 lakh rupees during the current financial year, which includes 48 crore 90 lakh rupees allocated for the LPG AirMix project. Furthermore, Sui Northern will have to pay w..... [more >>](#)

CASA-1000: WB mission due today to remove bottlenecks

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-28

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank (WB) is to despatch its Implementation Support Mission to Islamabad and Lahore for the Central Asia South Asia (CASA) -1000 electricity Transmission and Trading Project from October 28 to November 1, 2024, sources in Economic Affairs Division told Business Recorder. The Mission which will engage with National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) and CASA team to [more >>](#)

Capacity payment issue; 10 IPPs seek PM's interventionSource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-28

ISLAMABAD: Annoyed with the government's approach towards private sector power generators, 10 Independent Power Producers (IPPs) established under Generation Policy 2002, have approached Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, setting conditions to terminate their sovereign contracts, well informed sources told Business Recorder. In a joint letter to the Prime Minister, 10 IPPs; i.e., M/s Pakgen..... [more >>](#)

Cost of misguided energy policiesSource: Shahid Sattar, Asim Riaz and Syed Absar Ali, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-28

"Elimination of captive power from the gas sector" has been committed to the IMF as a structural benchmark to be achieved by January 2025 without understanding the monumental implications this has for Pakistan's industry. Apart from that in-house power generation is an inseparable part of the industrial process as also declared by the Supreme Court, and was incorrectly segre..... [more >>](#)

Power generation: Rethink rooftop solar. Now!Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-29

In the midst of all the IPP "negotiations" and attempts to "reform" the power sector – the biggest problem in the equation, that is the system demand from the grid, keeps getting trickier. No amount of cost side measures will put an end to what has now become a significant affordability issue, unless ways are found to bring back demand. There is more than one way to d..... [more >>](#)

OGDC 1QFY25: Profit slips, optimism drills deepSource: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-29

After strong earnings in FY24, Oil & Gas Development Com-pany Limited (PSX: OGDC) posted a profit after tax of Rs 41 billion for the first quarter of FY25, marking a 16 percent year-over-year decline. This decrease was driven primarily by reduced international oil prices, PKR appreciation against the USD, and a higher effective tax rate compared to 1QFY24. OGDC's revenue for the qua..... [more >>](#)

France-based arbitration: Pakistan hires 3 law firms to argue case against IranSource: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2024-10-30

ISLAMABAD: The government has hired the services of three law firms to fight the case in the Court of Arbitration in Paris moved by Iran against Pakistan for not completing its portion of gas pipeline and failure to have an intake of 750mmcf/d gas under the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline. Top official sources in the Law Division and Attorney General's Office said Pakistan hired the services of w..... [more >>](#)

Gas utilities seek up to 54pc increase in tariffSource: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

ISLAMABAD: The two gas utilities — SNGPL and SSGCL — have sought up to a 54 per cent increase in prescribed prices to meet their revenue requirements for the current fiscal year (FY25). Gas prices are revised twice a year under the law, based on determinations by the Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), which the government uses to set consumer prices for various categories. [more >>](#)

Progress on Tarbela 5th Extension reviewedSource: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

ISLAMABAD: WAPDA Chairman Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani (Retd), on Tuesday, reviewed progress on the under-construction project at 1530 MW-Tarbela 5th Extension, according to a press statement. The chairman undertook a detailed visit of key sites, which included the raised intake, the tunnel and power house, and observed the construction work taking place. During the on-site briefing, the chairman was [more >>](#)

'Thar coal can reduce gas cost by 60%'

Source: [Shahram Haq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

LAHORE: The gasification of Thar coal can reduce gas cost by 60% from the current \$20 per million British thermal units (for imported gas) to \$8 per mmBtu, providing a more affordable and reliable energy source. It was revealed by Dr Farid Malik, former chairman of the Pakistan Science Foundation and a leading expert in energy and technology management. Talking to a group of journalists, he said..... [more >>](#)

National task force kicks off major reforms in electricity supply

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

The National Task Force has launched a series of reforms in the power sector, confirmed the chairman on Wednesday. Owais Laghari, the Chairman of the Task Force and Federal Minister for Energy revealed that efforts to privatize distribution companies are underway, along with plans to establish a new power market structure. The new framework will allow consumers to purchase electricity from v..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 590 power pilferers in 24 hours

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 590 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 the last 24 hour. The LESCO spokesman told media here Tuesday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electr..... [more >>](#)

Sui Companies seek Ogra nod for up to 53.47pc hike in gas prices

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

ISLAMABAD - The Sui Companies have sought the nod of Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) for a hike of up to 53.47 percent in average prescribed prices of gas for the financial year 2024-25. Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has sought a hike of 3.66 percent, while Sui Southern has asked for 53.47 per cent increase in the average prescribed prices of gas for FY2024-25. In two separ..... [more >>](#)

Nine fatalities: Nepa imposes Rs23 million fine on Gepco

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

ISLAMABAD - National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has imposed a fine of Rs23 million on Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) for nine fatalities in its service area during 2022-23. The authority also directed GEPCO to give compensation of Rs4 million each to the families of six deceased public persons, in its order in the matter of show-cause notice issued to GEPCO on account of fatal [more >>](#)

Deals with IPPs; Govt faces backlash from foreign govts

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

ISLAMABAD: The government has reportedly started receiving disturbing messages from different foreign governments over 'one-sided' deals with some Independent Power Producers (IPPs) through the energy task force, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Sources said the German government has conveyed reservations of M/s Rousch Power Project Limited, (RPPL) a power company own..... [more >>](#)

PPL in 1QFY25

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

The oil and gas exploration and production sector has witnessed a weak first quarter of FY25, primarily due to weaker oil prices, falling production flows, and appreciating domestic currency. Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PSX: PPL) reported a 20 percent year-on-year decline in earnings in 1QFY25. However, despite ongoing challenges in production and market prices, a favorable cost structure supported..... [more >>](#)

First Aramco-branded retail station launched

Source: [Ahmad Malik](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

KARACHI: Aramco unveiled its first fuel retail station in Pakistan on Tuesday. It follows Aramco's acquisition of a 40 percent stake in Gas & Oil Pakistan (GO), a key player in Pakistan's downstream sector with a network of over 1,200 fuel retail stations nationwide. Aramco is one of the world's leading integrated energy and chemicals companies, and its partnership [more >>](#)

The tallest nail

Source: [Sheikh Muhammad Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

To a hammer everything is a nail and IPPs are the tallest nails. Decades ago, when this scribe was a student of Botany, at the Government College, his ecology professor had noted "they imposed an engineering solution onto a biological/ecological problem". He was referring to SCARP, the Salinity Control and Reclamation Project, entailing of sinking of numerous tube-wells in affected areas..... [more >>](#)

Power rates to rise despite lower fuel costs

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-31

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) announced on Wednesday that electricity rates for consumers of ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) will be higher next month despite lower fuel costs. During a public hearing on fuel cost adjustments (FCA) for September's electricity consumption, a Nepra case officer said that "there would be a net increase of [more >>](#)

Neelum-Jhelum shutdown bleeds millions, fuels energy crisis

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-31

ISLAMABAD: The 969-MW Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project, offline since May due to a severe rock burst fault, continues to drain hundreds of millions from the national exchequer while depriving consumers of low-cost electricity, experts revealed. The shutdown has intensified the country's hydroelectric power shortfall, contributing to ongoing energy challenges. During a public hearing, the NE..... [more >>](#)

In distress call, traders seek tariff cut

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-31

LAHORE: The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) has issued a distress call, urging the government to bring Pakistan's industrial electricity tariff under control, which is the highest in the region and posing a grave threat to the country's competitiveness at the global level. In a statement, LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad, Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman and Vice..... [more >>](#)

Fuel adjustments on QTAs, FCAs; Nepra explains how positive financial impact will be reversed

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-31

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) said on Wednesday the positive financial impact of fuel adjustments on QTAs and FCAs with respect to eight bagasse-fired IPPs will be reversed to negative after formal applications are filed by the concerned parties as per the revised understandings/agreements. This was revealed by Muhammad Yousaf, Additional Director General..... [more >>](#)

Oil prices: All eyes on China

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-31

Israel's rather tepid response to Iranian attack has considerably eased concerns of a full-blown Middle East war, and that has sent pacifying signals to the oil markets. Although, no immediate ceasefire scenarios are in play in Lebanon and Palestine – market participants have taken Israel's response to Iran as an early sign of de-escalation. While Iran has vowed to retaliate, a rep..... [more >>](#)

KE, SBP collaborate to enable seamless bill payments via Raast

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-31

KARACHI: Accelerating the digitisation of payments, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and K-Electric (KE) have made a significant advancement by signing agreements to initiate a Proof of Concept under Raast's Payment Initiation Service Provider (PISP) model. This collaboration will assess the feasibility of incorporating K-Electric's consumer and bill payment services into Raast, P..... [more >>](#)

Who truly own the IPPs?

Source: [Engr Suleman Najeeb Khan](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-31

The Pakistan power system is ever in the news – unfortunately, always in the negative sense. The power tariffs are backbreaking while the service to the power consumers has plummeted to the lowest rung. The whole country has turned into power sector analysts – with all and sundry coming-up with bizarre solutions. The solutions fall between renewable energy as the ultimate solution and p..... [more >>](#)

Solar showdown: the untold power play behind Pakistan's energy revolution—II

Source: [Engr Syed Faizan Ali Shah](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-31

Residential net metered solarization Considering that the domestic net-metered solar systems are contributing only 1.55 TWh (calculated using a 16% capacity factor), while the total reduction in energy demand in domestic sector over the last year was two years is approximately 6.8TWh, shows that there is still a huge delta of energy reduction which has to be covered from other sources of ener..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Solar gains, grid pains

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-16

The standard for policymaking is to establish clearly defined short, medium, and long-term goals. Unfortunately, Pakistan's power sector has long been plagued by knee-jerk reactions, with the government playing the game of whac-a-mole: constantly addressing one issue only for another to emerge. It's a never-ending cycle. After considerable effort, the government has successfully neg..... [more >>](#)

'Solar technology leads towards green revolution'

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-22

Islamabad: Chinese solar technology powers are leading towards green revolution, in unpopulated areas of Attock district, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday. Investors from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province have long been purchasing low-cost uncultivated land in the unpopulated areas of Attock district, with the aim of transforming these barren fields into agricultural and livestock farms. However, thi..... [more >>](#)

Dow University, Central Jail get solar power system

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-23

KARACHI: Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah launched a series of key infrastructure and energy projects across the city, aimed at improving the city's recreational facilities, road networks, and energy sustainability. Accompanied by cabinet members, including Sharjeel Memon and Saeed Ghani, the CM inaugurated multiple road and solarisation projects, along with a football ground during his five-..... [more >>](#)

Equitable energy access for all emphasised amid solar surge

Source: [Jamila Achakzai](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-25

Islamabad: The rapid growth of rooftop solar systems is transforming Pakistan's energy landscape but also creating disparities for lower-income electricity consumers who remain dependent on the traditional grid. To address this,

ensuring equitable energy access for all consumers is crucial. This was the main point highlighted by experts during a discussion on 'Navigating the Solar Surge:..... [more >>](#)

Green-tech hub launched to transform energy sector

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-26

Islamabad: A world-class green-tech hub (G-TH) was launched here on Friday by the climate change ministry in collaboration with national and global energy sector stakeholders, including universities, with the objective of transforming Pakistan's energy landscape and reduce energy sector's carbon footprints by tapping into green technologies, fostering renewable energy solutions and ec..... [more >>](#)

Grid-based battery energy storage solutions

Source: [Farrukh Mahmood Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-28

The rise in demand for electric vehicles (EVs) worldwide, driven by governments' rebates to curb carbon emissions, has spurred advancements in battery technology. Significant research funding has gone into the EV battery to achieve the objectives of a high number of charge cycles, distance, and low weight and volume, with Chinese companies, CATL and BYD are leading the way. These developm..... [more >>](#)

Solar showdown: the untold power play behind Pakistan's energy revolution—I

Source: [Engr Syed Faizan Ali Shah](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

In Pakistan, significant emphasis is placed on net-metered solarization, with the reduction in energy demand often attributed to rooftop net-metered systems. Whether it is Government, Ministry of Energy or Power distribution companies (DISCOs), all raise a hue and cry about the reduction in demand and point fingers towards net metering consumers. However, solarization is not limited to just net me..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Dialogue News

Experts Highlight Challenges, Opportunities In Shifting From Coal To RE

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2024-10-24

The experts at a policy dialogue convened by Pakistan- German Climate and Energy Partnership (PGCEP) and the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here on Thursday explored the economic, social, and environmental implications of early coal power plant retirement in..... [more >>](#)

Experts highlight challenges, opportunities in shifting from Coal to RE

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-10-25

ISLAMABAD, Oct 24 (APP): The experts at a policy dialogue convened by Pakistan- German Climate and Energy Partnership (PGCEP) and the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here on Thursday explored the economic, social, and environmental implications of early coal power plant retirement in Pakistan. The session, titled "Political Economy of Early Coal Retirement in Pakistan, &rdqu..... [more >>](#)

Experts highlight challenges and opportunities in shifting from coal to renewable

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-10-25

A policy dialogue convened by Pakistan- German Climate and Energy Partnership (PGCEP) and the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in Islamabad explored the economic, social, and environmental implications of early coal power plant retirement in Pakistan. The session, titled "Political Economy of Early Coal Retirement in Pakistan," attracted stakeholders from government, ci..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

Greening the future How nature-based solutions can save Pakistan

Source: [Umaima Ahmed](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2024-10-18

Investing in Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) is crucial to achieving Pakistan's climate adaptation goals. The National Adaptation Plan of Pakistan emphasizes the importance of NBS as a vital element in the country's climate policy. However, this inclusion needs to be followed by concrete, actionable interventions along with systematic monitoring and evaluation frameworks to ensure effecti..... [more >>](#)

A case for dialogue

Source: [Junaid Zahid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-25

ISLAMABAD - Business-to-Business activities between China and Pakistan are ongoing and in this regard, major road shows for Leather and Fisheries are being organised in different cities of China. These shows will be held on October 29 in the city of Qingdao and on November 5 in the city of Guangzhou in which prominent Pakistani companies will participate, including 30 representatives from 17 fi..... [more >>](#)

Disarmament for a Sustainable Future

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-10-29

Disarmament Week arrives like a clarion call for introspection, compelling us in Pakistan to rethink our approach to security, climate change, and national defense. We find ourselves ensnared in an arms race, propelled by regional tensions and a relentless pursuit of military might. Yet, amidst this fervent drive for accumulation, we face an undeniable truth: military activity is accelerating the..... [more >>](#)

Gone with the haze: can 35 by 35 help?

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-30

In South Asia, the moniker 'fifth season' aptly captures the air pollution and smog that returns annually to engulf urban and semi-urban regions, especially during the winter months. The season is defined by cities shrouded in thick haze, roads lined with coughing commuters, and emergency health alerts, impacting the lives of millions across the region. Several factors contribute to..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Moment at COP29

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-10-31

COP29 is more than just another climate conference- it's a pivotal moment, especially for developing nations like Pakistan, where the stakes are higher than ever. As the global community continues to grapple with the devastating effects of climate change, this year presents an unparalleled opportunity for countries on the front lines of the crisis to push for real, lasting change. The year [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

Symposium held in Islamabad on China-Pakistan cooperation to drive modernization

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2024-10-20

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 19 (Xinhua) -- The Hong Ting Forum themed "Understanding China-Pakistan All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership and Chinese-style Modernization Development Path" has been held in Pakistan's federal capital city of Islamabad. The symposium held on Friday drew about 100 participants, including diplomats, scholars, and media representatives. It was co-convened b..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan permits GMO soybean imports to address protein supply

Source: [Monitoring Desk](#), [Profit](#), 2024-10-25

The federal government has approved the import of genetically modified (GMO) soybeans, granting licenses to 39 companies. This landmark decision aims to support the poultry sector, which relies heavily on soybean as a protein source for feed. The Pakistan Poultry Association (PPA) welcomed the move, describing it as crucial for maintaining steady protein supplies, especially after a prolonged ban..... [more >>](#)

Seminar News

Pakistan needs to focus on climate diplomacy: PM's aide

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-29

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Romina Khurshid Alam said Pakistan needs to focus on climate diplomacy respecting regional norms and values while spearheading global focus on enhanced climate finance for less-developed vulnerable countries. She was speaking at a pre-COP29 summit on 'Pakistan's climate resilience: road to [more >>](#)

Romina for respecting regional norms in climate diplomacy

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-10-28

ISLAMABAD, Oct 28 (APP): Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam on Friday said Pakistan needs to focus on climate diplomacy respecting regional norms and values while spearheading global focus on enhanced climate finance for less developed vulnerable countries. The Pre-COP29 Summit on "Pakistan's Climate Resilience: R..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan needs to focus climate diplomacy respecting regional norms, values: Romina Khurshid Alam

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-10-28

ISLAMABAD, Oct 28 (SABAH): Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam has said that Pakistan needs to focus on climate diplomacy respecting regional norms and values while spearheading global focus on enhanced climate finance for less developed vulnerable countries. The Pre-COP29 Summit on "Pakistan's Climate Resilience: [more >>](#)

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