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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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- Energy finance and economics
- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

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Energy Governance

155,480 power pilferers detected

Source: [Staff Report](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-17

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 155,480 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 413 days of grand anti-power theft campaign. A LESCO spokesman told the media here on Saturday that the company had also submitted FIR applications against e..... [more >>](#)

SHC suspends Pakistan Railways' notice demanding dues from K-Electric

Source: [Express News](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-23

The Sindh High Court has issued a stay order on the demand notice issued by Pakistan Railways to K-Electric, halting any further action regarding the payment of dues. The court proceedings took place after K-Electric challenged the demand notice issued by Pakistan Railways for payments related to electric poles and wiring. K-Electric's lawyer argued that Pakistan Railways has repeatedly soug..... [more >>](#)

Firewood shortage creates problems in Shangla

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

SHANGLA: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's far flung mountainous district of Shangla has been in the grip of severe cold, and the incomplete working plan for tree chopping by the Forest Department has left residents facing immense difficulties. The lack of access to gas and subsidized electricity in the cold hill stations like Shangla, force people to rely on fire wood from local forests. However, the F..... [more >>](#)

Aptma asks govt to renegotiate gas cut with IMF

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma) has called on the government to renegotiate its commitment with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) regarding the planned discontinuation of gas supply to captive power plants in the textile sector by the end of January next year, emphasising that maintaining this facility is crucial for the industry to recover lost ground and en..... [more >>](#)

Textile industry hits out at gas supply cut-off notices

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-28

LAHORE: While expressing concern over the threat of gas supply disconnection and notices of additional security payment from Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), the Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PHMA) has urged the government to withdraw these notices and ensure smooth gas supply to the export-focused value-added textile industry. This way, it said, exports wo..... [more >>](#)

Sahiwal coal-fired power plant keeping emission level at minimum level through advanced technologies

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

ISLAMABAD - At a critical juncture of time when Punjab is grappling to wriggle out of smog dilemma, Sahiwal coal-fired power plant, built and operated under CPEC, is keeping emission level at bare minimum level through advanced technologies such as Electrostatic Precipitators (ESP) and Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) systems. These cutting-edge technologies effectively capture and remove particu..... [more >>](#)

Power demand rises by 7% in October

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-24

KARACHI: The demand for power increased by 7% to 10,262 gigawatt hours (GWh) in Pakistan in October, driven partly by the slow-paced revival of industrial activities and partly by the prolonged summer season compared to the same month last year. The much-needed rise in electricity generation, however, failed to offset the rising fuel cost in the end-consumer tariff. Fuel costs surged by 10% year..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Petroleum Ltd makes third discovery in Sujawal

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Planning and Development and Energy Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has announced a major discovery of gas and condensate in Sujawal. The Pateji-X1 exploration well in the Shah Bandar Block is estimated to produce 11.7 million standard cubic feet of gas and 198 barrels of condensate per day. The Sindh Energy Holding Company (Pvt) Ltd (SEHCL), a joint venture partner in the Sh..... [more >>](#)

Power users may get refund for fourth month

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD: Reporting a reversal of the declining trend in power consumption after many months, public sector power companies have sought a Rs1.016 per unit negative fuel cost adjustment (FCA) in electricity bills, with an estimated refund of Rs10 billion for consumers overcharged in October. This will be the fourth consecutive month of negative FCA, mainly because of substantial fuel allowances a..... [more >>](#)

Three energy projects cleared for \$200m loan

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) on Friday cleared three power sector projects worth around Rs59 billion to secure a \$200 million loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for strengthening ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos). Presided over by Planning Minister and Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission Ahsan Iqbal, the meeting requested the E..... [more >>](#)

LESCO detects 607 power pilferers in 24 hours

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) detected a total of 607 connections from where 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. A LESKO spokesman told the media here on Friday that the company had also submitted FIR applications against elect..... [more >>](#)

Govt raises RLNG prices by up to 2.68 percent

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD - The federal government Friday increased the average sale prices of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) by up to 2.68 per cent for the consumers of both the Sui Companies, for the month of November 2024, as import of supercooled gas cargoes has dipped by over 22 percent. The RLNG prices for the consumers of Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Com..... [more >>](#)

XWDiscos consumers all set to enjoy another drop in power bills next month

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD - The consumers of Ex-Wapda Discos (XWDiscos) are all set to enjoy another drop in power bills next month, as the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) has sought the National Electricity Power Regulatory Authority's nod to refund Rs1.0159 per unit to consumers on account of monthly FCA for the fourth consecutive month. In the petition submitted with Nepra, CPPA-G claimed that [more >>](#)

Our coal dilemma

Source: [Manzoor Ahmed Alizai](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-17

In recent years, Pakistan has turned to coal development as a potential solution to its ongoing energy crisis. The country operates nine coal-fired power plants that generate approximately 21.8 terawatt hours (TWh) of energy annually, using both imported and locally sourced coal from the Thar Desert. To further reduce costs, the government is planning to switch all plants running on imported coal [more >>](#)

CDWP approves Rs58.8bn energy projects for improved power distribution

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The Planning Commission's Central Development Working Party (CDWP) has approved three major development projects in the energy sector, with a combined cost of Rs58.857 billion. Chaired by Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal, the forum approved the first project, the "Power Distribution Strengthening Project (SEPCO)," worth Rs9,014.360 million. This project, proposed for..... [more >>](#)

PPL announces hydrocarbon discovery in Sujawal

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-16

KARACHI: Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) announced on Friday the discovery of hydrocarbon reserves from the Pateji X-1 well, located in District Sujawal, Sindh. "We are pleased to disclose that a gas/condensate discovery has been made from the exploration well Pateji X-1 in the Shah Bandar block," said a notice issued by PPL to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX).The Shah Bandar block,..... [more >>](#)

Nepra warns Discos and KE; 'Resolve overbilling issue or face legal action'

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has warned Discos and K-Electric to resolve overbilling issues of consumers or face action in accordance with the law. The power regulator, in a letter, referred to its earlier letter dated July 30, 2024 regarding the issue of regulations in which it had directed all the DISCOS for adjustment of bills issued on pro-rata basis..... [more >>](#)

POL products' prices remain unchanged

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD: Federal government on Friday announce to keep the prices of petrol and high speed diesel (HSD) unchanged for second half of November. The Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority worked out the prices of petroleum products for the next fortnight based on the price trends in the international market during the last two weeks. In the international market, the price of petrol rose to \$..... [more >>](#)

Legal action against Discos?

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

How on earth is Nepra (National Electric Power Regulatory Authority), a public sector entity, going to take legal action against Discos (power distribution companies), also public sector entities? It turns out that the power sector regulator was so upset by the circular debt (CD) report for June 2024 that it decided to sue Discos that contributed to CD of Rs276 billion in terms of transmission and..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum imports grow 1.68pc in July-October

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD: Petro-leum group imports witnessed 1.68 percent growth during the first four months (July-October) of the current fiscal year 2024-25 and remained \$5.113 billion compared to \$5.029 billion during the same period of last fiscal year, says Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The exports and imports released by the PBS revealed that imports during July-October 2024 (fiscal year 2024-..... [more >>](#)

Changes in Petroleum Act opposed Traders argue not all chemicals need to be handled as inflammable

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-17

KARACHI: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has raised objections to the amendment to the Petroleum Act 1934 and called for excluding the list of chemicals. In a statement, FPCCI President Atif Ikram Sheikh said, "We have been receiving complaints from importers for many months that after the amendment made to the Petroleum Act 1934 on August 5, 2023 &ndash..... [more >>](#)

Comprehensive energy pricing, distribution overhaul to help tame circular debt

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-18

ISLAMABAD: Despite ambitious reforms, Pakistan's longstanding issue of circular debt remains a formidable challenge. The government has set in motion a Circular Debt Management Plan (CDMP) for FY2024-25, aiming to contain the swelling debt in the power sector—already a staggering Rs2.393 trillion. With adjustments spanning tariffs, subsidies and operational efficiency, the plan unders..... [more >>](#)

Gas transmission network becomes vulnerable as pressure reaches 5.228bcf

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-18

ISLAMABAD: The gas line pack pressure continues to oscillate in the range of 5.12 to 5.228bcf, higher than highly danger mark of 5bcf in the last five days. Senior officials of the Energy Ministry told The News the high pressure has made national gas transmission network across the country vulnerable, as imported gas consumption by the power sector has tumbled. Officials said, "When pressu..... [more >>](#)

Kundi directs SNGPL to ensure minimal gas outages in winter

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-25

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi said here on Sunday that all-out efforts would be made to resolve gas outage and low pressure issues in the province. He stated this while addressing a ceremony here. Mr Kundi lamented that the province produced gas but faced excessive outage. He directed the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines officials to ensure minimal gas..... [more >>](#)

Govt approach to IPPs comes perilously close to coercion

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-18

Negotiations with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are well under way in the second phase, following the successful termination of agreements with five IPPs in the first phase. In this round, authorities aim to keep the IPPs operational while transitioning to a 'take and pay' model, a challenging task given the lack of a competitive market. The task force must deliver realistic polic..... [more >>](#)

Objections raised on Amendment to Petroleum Act 1934

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-17

KARACHI: Atif Ikram Sheikh, President FPCCI, has apprised that Abdul Ali Khan, Director General of Explosives, has visited FPCCI Head Office and met with the representatives of chemical importers, traders, industrialists and trade bodies. "We have been receiving complaints from importers for the past many months that after the amendment carried out in the Petroleum Act 1934 on August 5,..... [more >>](#)

Surcharge on fossil fuels

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-17

It's been learnt that one of the key measures under consideration to increase the tax-to-GDP ratio, as agreed with the IMF (International Monetary Fund), is imposing a new surcharge on fossil fuels to generate additional revenue. Indeed, according to a recent report by the FBR (Federal Board of Revenue), an additional 2.6 percent increase is required in the ratio to take it to the 13.7 perce..... [more >>](#)

LESCO says 1933 feeders exempted from load-sheddingSource: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-17

LAHORE: In a significant move to optimize power distribution, the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has declared 1933 out of 2221 feeders free of load-shedding. Chief Engineer Operations Abbas Ali introduced new categories for feeders, categorizing them based on line losses. Feeders with 0-10% line losses, totaling 1601, have been placed in Category-1 and will experience no load-shedding..... [more >>](#)

Sale of 35pc new gas reserves okayed after 11 monthsSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-19

ISLAMABAD: Over one-third of the newly discovered gas reserves would be sold to private companies, a high-level committee decided on Monday. The decision by the committee, led by Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, came after almost a year-long resistance from government-owned gas companies over this issue. The committee decided to sell 35pc of new gas finds to third-party private entities thro..... [more >>](#)

Oct power generation soars 7.2pc to 13,793MW YoYSource: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-19

KARACHI: Power generation increased by 7.2 percent YoY to arrive at 10,262 GWh (13,793 MW) during October 2024, compared to 9,572 GWh (12,865MW) during the same period last year. Moreover, on a MoM basis, power generation witnessed dip of 17.8 percent. During the first four months of FY25, power generation fell by 5.4 percent YoY to 50,808 GWh (17,211 MW) compared to 53,709 GWh (18,194 MW) in..... [more >>](#)

Keeping the lights on: understanding ancillary services in power gridSource: [Engr Syed Faizan Ali Shah](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-19

With distributed generation on the rise, consumers now play dual roles as both energy producers and consumers, making the job of power system operators more complex. Stabilizing the grid amid fluctuating demand and supply—especially with unpredictable sources like rooftop solar and wind—is like balancing on a tightrope. Ancillary services are the specialized support systems that help o..... [more >>](#)

ECC approves 3-month winter electricity relief packageSource: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-20

ISLAMABAD - The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Tuesday approved a three-month winter electricity relief package announced by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif earlier this month. Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb chaired the ECC meeting, where several key agenda items were discussed and decisions were made. The ECC considered proposal submi..... [more >>](#)

ECC approves 'winter package'; Eligible consumers to pay Rs26.07/kWh tariffSource: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-20

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Tuesday approved a three-month winter electricity relief package - calling the subsidy-neutral interim relief initiative, under which, a tariff of Rs26.07/kWh will be charged to all eligible consumers on the respective incremental consumption, above the benchmark consumption in the corresponding months. The Federal Ministe..... [more >>](#)

Schlumberger selected for tight gas evaluation studySource: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-20

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) had announced an international tender for "integrated study of tight gas prospectivity evaluation". After a rigorous two-stage evaluation process involving 11 international bidders and seven short-listed companies, Schlumberger (M/s SLB) was selected as the preferred contractor. The selection was based on Schlumberger&..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum Div for selling 100mmcf gas to third party

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman / Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-20

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Division has prepared a summary for the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) for comments on allowing maximum sale of 100 MMCFD gas to third party in open auction mode to be explored by Exploration and Production (E&P) companies on first come first serve basis, well informed sources told Business Recorder. On November 18, 2024, a high level inter-m..... [more >>](#)

Production, export of petroleum products rise

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD: The first four months of FY25 saw a 30.98 per cent increase in crude oil imports, leading to higher-than-expected production of petroleum products by local refineries and an increase in exports. Preliminary estimates suggest that the increase in local production of petroleum products in the past few months and its exports from the country is likely to boost economic growth in [more >>](#)

Govt nixes circular debt return plan

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD: The government has shot down a proposal to reduce electricity prices by about Rs4 per unit by retiring Rs1.8 trillion worth of circular debt through raising public debt – in a move that underscores limited options for providing any substantial relief to consumers. The only success that the government has so far achieved is the reduction of 60 paisa per unit by terminating the co..... [more >>](#)

Losses incurred by Discos in first quarter down by 22pc: Power Div

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD - Ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (DISCOs) have incurred losses of Rs239 billion on account of transmission and distribution losses during the first three months of the fiscal year 2024-25. The losses incurred by Discos during the first quarter (July to September) of 2024 have declined by 22 percent as compared to the same period last fiscal, claimed the Power Division. The results for [more >>](#)

OGDCL accelerates tight gas exploration with strategic initiative in Pakistan's Indus Basin

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD - Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Pakistan's industry leader in exploration and production (E&P), is making significant strides in the development of the country's unconventional hydrocarbon resources. This follows incentives introduced by government under the new tight gas policy in 2024, which offers a 40% premium over the 2012 policy price to prom..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum group imports up by 1.68pc to \$5.11b in 4 months

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD - The petroleum group imports increased by 1.68 percent during the first four months of the current fiscal year as compared to the imports of the same months of last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. The imports of overall petroleum group during July-October (2024-25) stood at \$5,113.616 million as against the imports of \$5,029.009 million during July-October (2023-..... [more >>](#)

CASA-1000 power transmission system; JWG holds meeting with WB, IFI reps in Turkiye today

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD: The Joint Working Group (JWG) on CASA-1000 is scheduled to meet with the World Bank and other IFIs and donors on November 21-22, 2024 in Istanbul (Turkiye), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The main objective of this JWG meeting will be to discuss a number of significant issues related to advancement towards construction completion of the CASA-1000 power transmission s..... [more >>](#)

NJHPP shutdown, Kanupp debt re-profilingSource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday said the projected financial benefit of Rs 60 billion has not been passed on to the consumers of Discos and K-Electric (KE) due to closure of 969 MW Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHPP) and debt re-profiling of Karachi Nuclear Power Plant-2 (Kanupp) "There was under recovery of Rs 60 billion during the [more >>](#)

Q1FY25; PD claims Discos' losses drop 22pcSource: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has claimed that losses of power Distribution Companies (Discos) have declined by over 22 percent during the first quarter of current fiscal year. According to Power Division, Discos suffered a loss of Rs 591 billion on account of line losses and less recovery during last fiscal year 2023-24. However, losses stood at Rs 239 billion in first quarter of the current..... [more >>](#)

Power generation still strugglingSource: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

Electricity generation in October 2024 at 10 billion units has got some mistake it for the demand finally turning a corner. Granted, that a near 8 percent year-on-year increase in electricity generation, which is also the highest increase in 14 months is a legit reason for jubilation. But it must not be forgotten it is coming on the back of a double-digit decline last year same month, which was th..... [more >>](#)

Circular debt enigmaSource: Editorial, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-22

Circular debt has attained the status of a white elephant, and it is there to stay. At the root of all ills are the deals with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) that are taking a heavy toll on the public purse. Under a new plan of the Power Division, the government has Hobson's choice of either opting to settle the outstanding Rs1.8 trillion liabilities by issuing five-year fixed interest rat..... [more >>](#)

Nepra calls public hearing on 26th to clear winter reliefSource: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-23

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has called a public hearing on Tuesday (Nov 26) to approve the implementation of a winter incentive package at the request of the federal government to spur falling electricity demand. Under the government plan, the subsidy-neutral incentive package will come into force on Dec 1 and end on Feb 28, 2025, expecting to boost power..... [more >>](#)

Non-solar consumers bear Rs200b burdenSource: Zafar Bhutta, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-23

ISLAMABAD: A report titled "The Distributed Divide – How Solar Expansion Affects Non-Adopting Consumers and Utility Economics" and released by Arzachel, reveals that non-solar consumers have borne a staggering burden of Rs200 billion in fiscal year 2023-24 due to the rapid expansion of solar energy adoption. This transition has caused an estimated tariff increase of Rs2 per kilow..... [more >>](#)

Govt orders Rashakai SEZ grid link in 3 daysSource: Israr Khan, [The News, International](#), 2024-11-24

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Saturday directed the Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco) to make the grid connection of Rashakai Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa functional within three days, emphasizing swift resolution of pending issues. Additionally, the governor of the State Bank of Pakistan was tasked with appointing a focal person to address investor concerns and..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL's unaudited accounts for 3Q2023; Rs135.67bn GIDC recovery raises serious questions

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-24

ISLAMABAD: Sui Northern Gas pipelines Limited's declaration of Rs135,673,877 as recoverable Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) in its unaudited accounts for third quarter ending September 30, 2023, raises some serious questions. The 2018 amendment granted a 50 per cent waiver on GIDC arrears to the CNG sector, slashing their dues by half. This was a significant adjustment t..... [more >>](#)

Selling gas to third parties

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-24

Whatever the pros and cons of the Petroleum Division's decision to sell 35 percent of future gas discoveries to private companies through a competitive bidding process, how is anybody to take such initiatives seriously when the chain of command is deliberately bypassed to facilitate their passage? It turns out that the decision was taken by a task force headed by Foreign Minister/Deputy Prim..... [more >>](#)

Overcharged and underpowered

Source: [Dr S Ahmed](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-18

The 1994 Power Policy's 'door-crashing' offer, designed to attract private investment in Pakistan's power generation sector, hinged on the inclusion of capacity charges. This provision, added just before the policy's enactment and absent from the original recommendations made by the Prime Minister's Task Force on Energy, served as a pivotal element in reshaping..... [more >>](#)

Hydropower potential vs reality

Source: [Engr. Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-25

Pakistan's total hydropower potential is estimated at 59,796MW gross, with about 41,045MW considered both technically and economically viable. However, despite this significant potential, only a fraction has been developed, with the current hydropower generation capacity at 10,635MW connected to the national grid. This includes 9,389MW managed by Wapda in the public sector, and 1,246 MW deve..... [more >>](#)

E&P firms face over Rs50bn loss in four years due to cut in gas outflows

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-25

ISLAMABAD: The country's exploration and production (E&P) companies have braved over Rs50 billion loss in four years during the 2021-24 period just because of reduction in their gas outflows by gas companies to reduce the line pack pressure in the national gas transmission system, a senior official of the Energy Ministry told The News. The official said that the exploration and producti..... [more >>](#)

PM endorses gas sale mechanism approved by Dar's task force

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-25

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday gave a go-ahead to the implementation mechanism earlier okayed by the 20-member task force headed by Deputy PM Ishaq Dar on November 18 for enforcing the amended E&P policy 2012, which allows the Exploration and Production (E&P) companies to sell 35 percent gas from their future gas well to private sector on auctioned prices. The Council [more >>](#)

A pattern of flawed energy choices

Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-25

Pakistan's power generation capacity expansion process continues to face credibility challenges despite being regularly conducted with an established regulatory framework. Consequently, the government has built power plants to cater to a demand that is simply not there, leaving Pakistan with more electricity than it can consume and more capacity payments than it can afford. There is a con..... [more >>](#)

20 held for power theft

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-25

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: The Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) team nabbed 20 power pilferers red handedly during combing operations conducted against power theft in different areas. A team led by its SDO Cantt Sana Ullah Khan along with Superintendent Sardar Kashif, under the supervision of PESCO Dera Circle Superintending Engineer Engr Fida Muhammad Mehsud conducted operations against power th..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz announces 100MW supply for GB

Source: [Jamil Nagri | Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-25

GILGIT / Islamabad: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Wednesday that the federal government is actively working to support the people of Gilgit-Baltistan and the region's development is among its top priorities. The prime minister said this while chairing a special meeting of the GB cabinet after he arrived in Gilgit for a daylong visit. He was accompanied by federal ministers Ahsan I..... [more >>](#)

Dryout fears mount as lockdown disrupts fuel transportation

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

ISLAMABAD: The tight lockdown of major cities, motorways and national highways imposed by the government to thwart PTI's march on the federal capital has started breaking down the supply chain of petroleum products, particularly in Punjab and Islamabad. Senior government officials said the POL-carrying tankers and lorries movement had been severely affected in major cities because of offici..... [more >>](#)

PTI protest: Many cities risk fuel shortage amid supply chain issues

Source: [Saif Ur Rehman](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-26

ISLAMABAD: The innumerable roadblocks and other preventive measures taken by the government against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) march towards Islamabad have hindered fuel supply across the country leading to a risk of fuel shortage in several cities. In a statement, Petroleum Dealers Association Secretary Khawaja Atif said: "There is a chance of shortage of petroleum products in L..... [more >>](#)

FPCCI calls for overhaul of law to regulate LPG supply

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

KARACHI: Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), President, Atif Ikram Sheikh has urged the government to reform the Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) law to align with the realities of the liquid petroleum gas (LPG) supply chain in the country. The proposed updates aim to make the regulatory environment equitable, effective, and safer for all stakeholders and [more >>](#)

PTI protest: Road blocks lead to petrol shortage

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

The ongoing protests by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) have led to significant road blockages, causing a severe disruption in the supply of petroleum products across Punjab, including Lahore and the twin cities. Fuel tankers remain stuck on multiple highways, exacerbating the shortage of petrol in the region. Khawaja Aatif, Secretary of the Petroleum Dealers Association, warned that the situ..... [more >>](#)

Punjab, KP, AJK, Islamabad exposed to fuel shortage amid roads closure

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

ISLAMABAD - Petrol pumps are likely to run out of fuel as POL supply to cities in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, AJK, and Islamabad disrupted due to roads closure amid the PTI's expected protest in the federal capital. There is no supply from Karachi, the petrol pumps in Gujranwala have already dried, and if the ongoing situation of roads closure persists, petrol pumps in Punjab, Islamabad a..... [more >>](#)

FPCCI chief underscores need for 'new' Ogra law

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

KARACHI: Atif Ikram Sheikh, President FPCCI, has demanded that the country needs a new law for its Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) to reflect the ground realities of LPG supply chain in the country and make the regulatory environment facilitative, enabling and fair to all the stakeholders and consumers. Atif Ikram Sheikh elaborated that OGRA law does not include retailers and ends w..... [more >>](#)

The rollercoaster journey of IPPs in Pakistan

Source: [Tauseef H Farooqi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

In the early 1990s, Pakistan embarked on what seemed to be an energy revolution. With Hubco launched in 1994 as the country's first greenfield Independent Power Producer (IPP) and the privatization of Kapco in 1996 to National Power UK, Pakistan positioned itself as a trailblazer in attracting private investments in the power sector. These milestones marked a promising beginning, creating a [more >>](#)

Gas being supplied with proper pressure, says SNGPL

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-27

LAHORE: Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL) shall continue to supply gas to the consumers during the winters particularly in the peak demand hours, said a spokesperson for the SNGPL. All efforts are being undertaken in the matter. Moreover, gas is being supplied with adequate pressure and currently there is no issue of low pressure in any area. In case of gas pressure complaints faced by consume..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff likely to rise by 26 paise per unit in December

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-27

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday noted that the negative fuel cost adjustment (FCA) requested by ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) would actually result in an average tariff increase of 26 paise per unit in December. A senior Nepra official told a public hearing that the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) sought Rs1.02 per unit negative F..... [more >>](#)

47pc unaware of power bills relief: survey

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-28

KARACHI: Forty-eight percent of Pakistanis are aware of Punjab govt's August and September Rs14 electricity bill relief while 47pc expressed ignorance. Gallup Pakistan has released a new survey, according to which urban population and majority of men appeared to be aware of electricity bill relief. According to the survey, 58pc of men are aware of electricity bill relief, while 40pc said t..... [more >>](#)

Iesco extends due date for bill payments

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-28

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) has extended the due date for payment of electricity bills for batch nos. 2, 3, 4, 24, 27, 28, and 29 has been extended to November 29, 2024, says a press release. Considering the law and order situation and road closures causing difficulties for consumers in paying their electricity bills, Chief Engineer CSD Islamabad Electric Supply Company (..... [more >>](#)

Lesco detects 544 power pilfering spots

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-28

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) detected 544 power pilfering spots in Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara districts during its anti-power theft drive during the last 24 hours. Talking to reporters, a Lesco spokesman said the company had also submitted reports of the pilferage to relevant police stations and 164 FIRs have been registered so far. The Lesco official..... [more >>](#)

Sindh opposes gas sale framework

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-28

ISLAMABAD: Sindh has vehemently opposed the approval of a framework for the sale of 35% local gas to private parties — a decision that, if implemented, would put an additional Rs243 billion burden on residential consumers over the next five years due to the use of imported gas as an alternative. The Sindh government did not endorse the summary, which sought the "approval" of the [more >>](#)

'Winter package' to be made available to KE consumers as well: govt

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-27

ISLAMABAD: The government assured on Tuesday that three months incremental consumption-based Winter Package at Rs 26.07 per unit, designed sans solar (net metering) consumers and capping of 25 per cent increase, will be available to K-Electric (KE) consumers at par with power Distribution Companies (Discos) consumers. This was the crux of government's documents, and views of Regulator a..... [more >>](#)

Power sector: Private Sector Participation is a must

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-27

Pakistan's power sector is an enigma that continues to hold back the country's economic potential. Despite substantial investments in generation capacity over the past few decades, distribution remains the weakest link in the energy chain. Power distribution companies (DISCOs) continue to bleed, with transmission and distribution (T&D) losses reaching over 17 percent, nearly double..... [more >>](#)

LESCO detects 544 power pilferers in 24 hours

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-28

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) detected a total of 544 connections from where 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. A LESCO spokesman told the media here Wednesday that the company had also submitted FIR applications against electr..... [more >>](#)

KE willing to refund Rs0.27/unit to consumers under Oct FCA

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-29

ISLAMABAD: Karachi-Electric (KE), Pakistan's largest private utility, has filed a petition with the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), willing to refund Rs0.27 per unit to consumers in their March bills as it charged higher from power consumers in their October bills. This adjustment, which is called monthly fuel charges adjustment (FCA), is for the month of October. This..... [more >>](#)

Hike in petrol price by Rs3, diesel Rs2.87/litre worked out from Dec 1

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-29

ISLAMABAD: The petrol price has been projected to increase by Rs3 per litre and diesel by 2.87 per litre from December 1, 2024 for the next fortnight due to a slight hike in international prices in the last 12 days. However, officials are expecting a decline in POL prices in the global markets from Thursday or Friday on account of the Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire, hence no change in the POL prices..... [more >>](#)

\$7bn IMF loan benchmark: Govt on tightrope over gas cut to CPPs from Jan

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-29

ISLAMABAD: The government is treading a tightrope for being bound by the IMF program, as one of its structural benchmark of disconnecting the captive power plants (CPPs) from gas supply and connecting the industry to grid-electricity from January 2025 has started haunting the top decision makers. Four federal ministers put their heads together here on Thursday on how to handle the structural benc..... [more >>](#)

Second autotransformer energised for City

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-29

LAHORE: National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) Thursday energised 2nd 250 MVA autotransformer at 220 KV Grid Station Wapda Town Lahore to enhance its power transmission capacity. The Project Delivery (North) Lahore team has completed the augmentation work of existing 160 MVA, 220/132 KV autotransformer (T-2) with 250 MVA 220/132 KV autotransformer. It was a part of World Bank funded Nat..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices may stay mostly unchanged

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-29

ISLAMABAD: The prices of major petroleum products are estimated to remain mostly unchanged for the next fortnight ending December 15 owing to a negligible change in international prices and a minor gain in the exchange rate. Informed sources said the average prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) had slightly increased in the international market in the last fortnight. Import premium on b..... [more >>](#)

Sindh govt unveils 'comprehensive' plan to address power challenges

Source: [Dawn Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-29

KARACHI: The Sindh government is taking steps to revolutionise the province's electricity infrastructure, announcing a comprehensive renewable energy program aimed at providing cost-effective power solutions to millions of residents. Sindh Minister for Energy Syed Nasir Shah revealed the government's ambitious initiative during an Energy Dialogue organised by The Knowledge Forum and N..... [more >>](#)

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Refund of Rs461 million to K-Electric consumers sought NEPRA sets public hearing on company's petition for Dec 5

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-29

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has filed a petition with the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) for refunding Rs0.27 per unit to consumers as part of the monthly fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for October 2024, which will amount to a total of around Rs461 million. In this regard, Nepra has scheduled a public hearing for December 5, 2024 to review the company's request. The hearing wi..... [more >>](#)

LCCI lauds Ministry of Energy for accepting its demand

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-29

LAHORE - The Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry has expressed deep appreciation to the Ministry of Energy's Petroleum Division for addressing its long-standing demand and releasing imported industrial chemicals and petrochemicals from various Karachi ports. These goods, classified as Class A under the Petroleum Act of 1934, had faced prolonged clearance delays, severely affecting indu..... [more >>](#)

KE seeks Nepra's nod for refunding 27 paisas per unit to consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-29

ISLAMABAD - K-Electric has sought the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) nod for a refund of 27 paisas per unit to consumers, which the company had additionally charged from Karachiites during the month of

October. In a petition filed with NERPA, K-Electric showed its willingness to refund Rs461 million (27 paisas per unit) to consumers, on account of monthly fuel charge adjus..... [more >>](#)

New IPP deals; PM tasks Fatemi to address Siemens' grievances

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-29

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has deputed Special Assistant on Foreign Affairs, Syed Tariq Fatemi to hold a session on the dispute between M/s Rousch Power's German partner M/s Siemens on a new deal negotiated by the Task Force on Energy, headed by the Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Khan Leghari, well-informed sources in Foreign Ministry told Business Recorder. A letter wri..... [more >>](#)

Sindh minister says govt has unveiled comprehensive plan to address power challenges

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KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Energy, Planning and Development Syed Nasir Shah has said that, Sindh government is taking significant steps to revolutionize the province's electricity infrastructure, announcing a comprehensive renewable energy programme aimed at providing cost-effective power solutions to millions of residents. Sindh Minister for Energy Syed Nasir Shah revealed the governm..... [more >>](#)

Revised PPAs inked with about one dozen IPPs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The government's energy task force has reportedly signed revised Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with about a dozen Independent Power Producers (IPPs) established under Power Policies of 1994 and 2002, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The task force headed by the Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Khan Leghari and comprising SAPM on Power, Muhammad Ali, National C..... [more >>](#)

No 'sacred cow' among IPPs now: Awais

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-30

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Division, Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari Friday said providing relief to the power consumers is the top priority of the government. Talking to media at FPPCI Capital Office, he said the government has taken multiple steps after consulting all the stakeholders to improve the energy sector. He said the Winter Package relief is to give boost to the industry. T..... [more >>](#)

OGRA hikes LPG prices for december amid rising dollar value

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-30

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has announced an increase in Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) prices across Pakistan. For December, the price of LPG has been set at Rs 254.30 per kilogram, with the cost of a domestic cylinder now fixed at Rs 3,079.79, up from Rs 2,999.47 in November. The rise in LPG prices is attributed to the strengthening value of the US dollar, impacting import and s..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Net metering: timely policy intervention

Source: [Jawwad Rizvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-17

For Zakir, a retired banker with no pension, it was becoming challenging to maintain his standard of living post-retirement. He had availed the option of buying an asset, his house. As utility bills soared, he looked for a cost-effective option for his power needs. Installing solar panels seemed to be a viable option. "I installed a 10-kilowatt..... [more >>](#)

'USAID leads country's renewable energy transformation'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-18

KARACHI: A small village in southern Pakistan, where light after sunset was once a rare luxury, now glows with steady electricity generated by wind power. Jhimpir, a town once overlooked, now stands as a beacon of renewable energy, thanks to collaboration between the United States and Pakistan. This transformation is part of a series of clean energy initiatives led by the United States Agency..... [more >>](#)

K-P govt to shift health centres on solar energy

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-20

The provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to switch all health centres in four districts to solar energy. According to the Provincial Health Advisor, Ihtesham Ali, health centres in Peshawar, Swabi, Nowshera, and Haripur, including all non-teaching hospitals, will be converted to solar power. He stated that under the Human Capital Investment Program, 195 health centres in these..... [more >>](#)

Net metering system: Roof solar panel tariff may be cut to Rs7.5-11 per unit

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD: The government is considering reducing the roof solar panel tariff to Rs7.5-11 per unit from the existing over Rs21 per unit at which the electricity is being given to the national grid through the net metering system. Right now, two units generated through roof solar panels are equal to one unit of grid electricity. The buyback tariff from solar consumers may be brought down to Rs7.5..... [more >>](#)

Solar technology alone can't significantly curb electricity demand: Nepra

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-21

ISLAMABAD - National Electric Power Regulatory Authority Wednesday dismissed the government stance that solar technology alone could considerably dip electricity demand and insisted on addressing broader governance and operational issues within Discos. The dip in electricity demand was echoed in a public hearing conducted by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on a petition by [more >>](#)

Balancing the beam

Source: [Wali Muhammad Farooqui](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-25

Across Pakistan, a sweeping shift toward solar energy is underway as the adoption of solar installations, both large and small, accelerates across residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. Spurred by falling costs and the promise of energy independence, this solar surge is reshaping the nation's energy landscape. But as this transformation unfolds, it is also exposing a troubling div..... [more >>](#)

Winds of change: Stabilising Pakistan's grid with offshore energy

Source: [Amina Shahab](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-25

Pakistan's national power grid grapples with severe efficiency issues and financial losses, with transmission and distribution (T&D) losses hovering between 20 and 25 per cent, among the highest globally. These losses amounted

to an alarming Rs30,794 million in FY2022-23, according to the Pakistan Credit Rating Agency. Pakistan's geographical layout complicates the problem further..... [more >>](#)

Non-solar power 'penalty'

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

The rapid adoption of solar energy in recent years has been heralded as a significant step toward sustainable energy and environmental stewardship. However, an unfortunate side effect of the transition has been the heavy burden that has been shifted onto non-adopting consumers. A recent report by energy-focused consultancy firm Arzachel raises alarming concerns about the financial implications [more >>](#)

The costs of solar rush

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-26

The adaptation of solar energy in the electricity mix is happening in Pakistan at one of the fastest paces in the world. There are unintended consequences and implication on the grid where the burden of capacity payment (which is a problem even before the rapid solarization) is skewing towards non-solarized consumers – mainly middle and lower classes. This issue is well covered in a rec..... [more >>](#)

Govt slammed for excluding net-metering from winter package

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-27

ISLAMABAD: Business and industry groups on Tuesday criticised the exclusion of solar net-metered consumers from the winter package and demanded that K-Electric be bound to pass its impact on to Karachi'ites. At a public hearing on the government's three-month winter package for electricity consumers, the business representatives also raised questions over the application of lower rate..... [more >>](#)

Karachi mayor opens project to generate solar power for KMC building

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-28

KARACHI: Mayor Barrister Murtaza Wahab on Wednesday said that the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) had become the country's first municipal council to transition to solar energy. "The installation of a solar energy system at the KMC building will reduce the financial burden on the corporation by millions of rupees," he said while talking to reporters after inaugurating the..... [more >>](#)

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SDPI's Engagement

Dialogue News

Absence Of Proper Legislation Leading To Rise In Health Hazardous Cosmetics

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2024-11-22

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 22nd Nov, 2024) The experts at a policy dialogue on Minamata Convention Compliance has said rampant use of non-compliant cosmetics in the absence of appropriate legislation, lack of awareness and quality infrastructure are not only raising grave health and environmental concerns, but also bringing embarrassment to the country at the international..... [more >>](#)

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'Women's financial inclusion key to economic empowerment'

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-16

ISLAMABAD - Experts have called for women's financial inclusion for their economic empowerment. They deliberated upon the crucial role of financial inclusion in empowering women, noting its potential to drive both social and economic progress. Sharing their views at a panel discussion titled 'Towards Economic Empowerment: Women's Financial Inclusion in Pakistan', the exper..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

One earth, one breath

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-17

When smog rolls across the Subcontinent, it makes no distinction between Lahore and Delhi, friend or foe. This toxic haze defies borders and geopolitical tensions, drifting freely from one city to another, creating an unspoken crisis that

endangers millions. As a policy analyst in Islamabad, I can't help but ponder the possibility of cross-border cooperation between Pakistan and India to ta..... [more >>](#)

Critical crossroads

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2024-11-17

As COP29 unfolds in Baku, it is increasingly clear that climate finance is indeed the linchpin of meaningful global climate action. Money — who pays; how much; and on what terms — continues to dictate whether climate ambitions can translate into real, measurable progress. Against a backdrop marked by Donald Trump's re-election and his threats to exit both the Paris Agreement and [more >>](#)

Enhancing sustainable development

Source: Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi, [The News, International](#), 2024-11-17

The recently-concluded 27th Sustainable Development Conference, having the theme From Fragility to Resilience: Enhancing Sustainable Development, highlighted the significant challenges Pakistan faces in its fight against climate change and the broader quest for sustainable development. The large congregation of participants from a score of countries f..... [more >>](#)

The necessity of living wage

Source: Maheen Rehan, [The News, International](#), 2024-11-17

Living wage has emerged as a fundamental debate, addressing the pressing need for remuneration that enables workers to maintain a dignified standard of living. A living wage is designed to provide for essential needs such as food, clothing, shelter, healthcare and education, thereby promoting economic equity and social justice. Given that the prevail..... [more >>](#)

Negotiation in the neighbourhood

Source: Saleha Qureshi, [The News, International](#), 2024-11-17

The annual climate conference is often portrayed as a forum for uneasy alliances, where arch enemies with deep-rooted political differences set aside decades of tension to come together for the common purpose of climate action. In this rare convergence, nations that are otherwise divided by historical grievances and geopolitical disputes sit across the table, united by the shared urgency to tackle..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's tobacco control dilemma

Source: Radma Nouman Shah, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-18

Pakistan's struggle with tobacco control reveals how industry interference and policymaker susceptibility can undermine public health efforts. Recently, Pakistan has been operating without a WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) technical focal point. This position is crucial as it serves as the country's liaison with the Convention Secretariat, ensuring compliance wit..... [more >>](#)

Toxic air hazards

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A case for district finance commissions

Source: [Abdullah Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-11-24

Pakistan stands at a crucial point in its political and economic development. Strengthening its local governments is a more pressing need today than ever before. Article 140A of the constitution mandates independent and financially empowered local governments; the reality often falls short of this ideal. Local governments continue to depend on provincial authorities for financial resourc..... [more >>](#)

Why District Finance Commissions matter

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LOCAL FINANCE Pakistan stands at a pivotal moment in its political and economic trajectory, where strengthening local governance is more critical than ever. Although the constitution, especially through Article 140A, mandates the establishment of independent and financially empowered local governments, the reality frequently falls short of this ideal. Local governments continue to rely heavily o..... [more >>](#)

Strengthening philanthropy: Building a path for sustainable social investment

Source: [Abdullah Khalid](#), [Rabea Nawaz and Maheen Rehan](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-25

Philanthropy in Pakistan is more than just a tradition that is woven into the social fabric, guided by principles of Zakat (mandatory almsgiving) and Sadaqah (voluntary charity). Pakistanis contribute an estimated PKR 500 billion (USD 3 billion) annually to charity, placing the nation among the most generous in the world. According to World Giving Index 2024, Pakistan ranks a modest 33rd out of 14..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

Terminating PPAs – A panacea to release consumers from IPPs clutches

Source: [Raziq Ali Shah](#), [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2024-11-18

ISLAMABAD, Nov 17 (APP): Switching towards Competitive Trading Bilateral Contracts Market (CTBCM) regime, liberalization and privatization of power sector will have longstanding effects on power tariff, paving way for relief to consumers and contribute to overall economic growth of the country. Since high-power tariff had been hammering our economic growth and piling up huge circular debt, the in..... [more >>](#)

COP29 negotiations on finance deal at a standstill

Source: [Zaki Abbas](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-22

THE so-called climate finance conference at COP29 failed to make any headway on Thursday, as a new draft resolution for the new collective quantified goal (NCQG) — termed disappointing by Pakistan's lead negotiator — failed to bridge the chasm between the developed and developing countries on how to scale up finance to counter climate change. Soon after its delayed release in [more >>](#)

Seminar News

Taxing Tobacco Vital To Reduce Consumption, Saving Lives: Experts

Source: [Commerce Desk](#), [Daily Spokesman](#), 2024-11-16

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 16th Nov, 2024) Speakers at a seminar believed in commitment to leveraging taxation as a critical tool for public health and economic sustainability. The seminar titled

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Speakers underscore importance of introducing health-specific taxes

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Experts Advocate Strong Tobacco Taxation for Public Health

Source: [Mrs Anjum Shahnawaz](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2024-11-16

Islamabad, November 16, 2024 – Experts at a seminar titled "Taxing Tobacco: A Path to Reducing Consumption and Saving Lives" highlighted the pressing need for a comprehensive and sustainable tobacco taxation policy in Pakistan. Organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), the seminar brought together policymakers, public health experts, and civil society rep..... [more >>](#)

SDPI holds seminar: Speakers highlight need for robust tobacco tax policy

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-11-19

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar on Monday expressed serious concern that the absence of taxation on smokeless tobacco products and minimal regulation on nicotine pouches has allowed the industry to target consumers through alternative channels. The seminar titled "Taxing Tobacco: A Path to Reducing Consumption and Saving Lives", was organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Ins..... [more >>](#)

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Tobacco tax reforms direly needed to save lives, boost economy

Source: [Abdul Ahad Bhatti](#), [Samaa tv](#), 2024-11-18

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