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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:**

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| • 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

# Pakistan's Energy Transition

## Energy Governance

### How Karachi gets its electricity Part I

Source: [Zia Zuberi, The News, International](#), 2024-12-16

In a city that has ballooned from less than one million to over 20 million people in just a few decades, keeping the lights on is no small feat. Karachi, Pakistan's financial nerve centre, contributes 25 per cent of the country's GDP and generates about 50 per cent of its revenue. To power this economic juggernaut, Karachi depends on a dense, immense electricity infrastructure that ha..... [more >>](#)

### Three Lesco officials removed from service

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-12-16

LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has removed three of its officials from service after their involvement in electricity theft and negligence in their duties proved. The company's spokesman said here Sunday that on the instructions of Chief Executive Officer Engineer Shahid Haider, departmental actions are being taken against corrupt and incompetent employees. He said that Chief ..... [more >>](#)

### Diamer-Bhasha Dam cost surges by Rs570bn, NA told

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2024-12-17

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Water presented the details of the total cost of Diamer-Bhasha Dam in the National Assembly on Monday during the question hour and according to which the total cost of the dam had escalated to Rs1,049 billion compared to the approved cost of Rs479 billion. The House was also informed that the Diamer-Bhasha Dam construction of has been delayed by a period of 22-months as..... [more >>](#)

### Dar-led panel to craft power tariff cut strategy

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has constituted a seven-member committee to finalize plans to set power tariff by lowering taxes in the light of discussions with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Headed by Deputy Prime Minister Senator Ishaq Dar, the committee assigned the task consisted of Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Khan Ch..... [more >>](#)

### PM orders strict action against electricity theft and overbilling officials

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-28

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chaired a review meeting on the performance of electricity distribution companies, including Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO), and Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO). The meeting focused on addressing key issues related to overbilling, power theft, and ensuring transparency in billing practices, Express News rep..... [more >>](#)

### IPPs will agree to forensic audit, hopes PM's aide

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-12-16

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Power Muhammad Ali has disclosed that 15 out of 18 IPPs set up under 2002 and 1994 power policies have signed revised agreements on take and pay mode under the hybrid system, which will help save the government Rs800 billion in the remaining period of their existing contracts. However, they will be paid annually a reasonable amount to bear the exp..... [more >>](#)

### **Petrol price remains unchanged for next fortnight**

Source: [Saif Ur Rehman](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The federal government announced on Sunday to keep the price of petrol unchanged until December 31. The price of petrol will remain unchanged at Rs252.10 per litre for the next fortnight, according to a statement issued by the finance division. However, the government announced a reduction in the price of high-speed diesel by Rs3.05 to Rs255.38 per litre. Similarly, the prices of ker..... [more >>](#)

### **An energy strategy conundrum**

Source: [Afia Malik](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-16

Pakistan's energy sector is a pertinent example of a systemic issue that extends beyond mere implementation challenges. This sector grapples with persistent policy inconsistencies and ambiguities, an obsolete governance model influenced by vested interests, and unprofessional management. There is a notable lack of coordination along energy supply chains and among various energy subsectors &m..... [more >>](#)

### **Diesel cut by Rs3, petrol price stays unchanged**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday reduced the price of high speed diesel (HSD) and kept unchanged that of petrol for the next fortnight, ending December 31, in line with international prices. The finance ministry said Ogra had worked out the consumer prices of petroleum products, based on the price variations in the international market during the last two weeks. The ex-depot price of HSD..... [more >>](#)

### **Lesco detects 168,657 power pilferers**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-17

LAHORE - Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has so far detected a total of 168,657 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) during its ongoing anti-power theft campaign. The LESCO spokesman told media here Sunday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electric..... [more >>](#)

### **Petrol rate unchanged;Rs3.05 reduction in HSD price**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Government announced today that the price of petrol will remain unchanged, while the rates of other petroleum products will be reduced for the fortnight commencing December 16, 2024. The Finance Division stated that the price of petrol will stay at Rs 252.10 per litre. However, the price of high-speed diesel (HSD) will decrease by Rs 3.05 per litre, kerosene oil by Rs 3..... [more >>](#)

### **Reforming generation and transmission**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-16

NEPRA's latest report exposes Pakistan's power sector for what it is: a circus of inefficiency. Over 45,000 MW of installed capacity as of June 2024. Yet, reliable, cost-effective electricity remains elusive. Over 82 percent of electricity costs come from generation. Why? Overcapacity. Plants stand idle or run at part-load because demand forecasting was apparently optional. IPPs g..... [more >>](#)

### **The appalling state of power sector**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-16

The poor performance of power sector companies cost the exchequer Rs660 billion in FY24 despite a significant upward revision in power tariffs. Of this, Rs281 billion is due to higher transmission and distribution (T&D) losses compared to the permissible limit. Notably, the share of the only private entity, K-Electric (KE), in these losses is a mere 2 percent, while its share in power distribu..... [more >>](#)

**LPG price increased by Rs10 in Karachi**

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-16

KARACHI: Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) users' problems increased further as shopkeepers have increased LPG price by Rs10 per kg to Rs290 per kg in Karachi. According to report, LPG is being sold at a price of Rs36 per kg higher than the official price while OGRA has fixed the official price of LPG at Rs254 per kg. In this regard, shopkeepers blamed that marketing companies have inc..... [more >>](#)

**SNGPL to launch drive against compressor users**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-17

LAHORE: Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGPL) will launch a disconnection campaign against the compressor users shortly. The consumers have been asked to refrain from using the gas compressors which deprived others from consuming their rightful share, an SNGPL spokesperson said. He said SNGPL will continue to supply gas to the consumers during the winter season with special focus on peak demand hours..... [more >>](#)

**Cost of Diemer Bhasha Dam increases to Rs1.05trn**

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-17

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Water Resources Musadik Malik said that the cost of Diemer Bhasha Dam Project has increased from Rs479 billion to Rs1.05 trillion due to external and internal factors. In written reply to a question, the minister told the National Assembly on Monday that the reasons of exchange rate from rupees 105.3 to 278.3 per US dollar from 2018 to 2024 and approximately 23.34 perc..... [more >>](#)

**SSGC says rehabilitating aging gas distribution infrastructure**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-17

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) is currently engaged in the rehabilitation of its aging gas distribution infrastructure across Karachi. This is a crucial step towards improving the reliability and efficiency of gas supply to its domestic consumers. Currently, the Company is involved in rehabilitating a 2,500km long distribution network. Major rehabilitation work is underway with fast..... [more >>](#)

**LCCI demands immediate reduction in power prices, abolishment of fixed charges**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-17

LAHORE - The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged the government to immediately reduce electricity prices, lower taxes on the power sector and abolish fixed charges to alleviate the burden on industries and businesses. Addressing a press conference, LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad, Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman and Vice President Shahid Nazir Chaudhry said that electr..... [more >>](#)

**OGDCL revives heavy oil well in Chakwal, enhances production at Rajian Oil Field**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-17

ISLAMABAD - Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Pakistan's leading exploration and production company, has successfully revived a heavy oil well in the Northern Region field, marking a significant milestone in the nation's energy sector. The initiative was undertaken at the Rajian Oil Field located in Gujar Khan Exploration License (E.L.), district Chakwal, and is part of..... [more >>](#)

**Rs12 per unit power tariff cut on the cards by March**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-18

ISLAMABAD: The government aims to slash electricity tariffs by Rs12 per unit by March 2025 through agreements with private Independent Power Producers (IPPs), government power plants (GPPs), and renewable energy sources like wind and solar power plants. This plan follows intense negotiations and proposals to restructure existing contracts, potentially saving up to Rs300 billion annually. More imp..... [more >>](#)

### **Ogra proposes up to 26pc hike in gas prices**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-18

ISLAMABAD: The Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has asked the federal government to increase gas rates by up to 26pc to generate about Rs847.33bn during the current fiscal year. In its two separate determinations forwarded to the federal government on Tuesday, the regulator said it worked out an increase of Rs142.45 per million British thermal units or MMBTU in the average price for Su..... [more >>](#)

### **Discos petition to refund Rs2.5bn for November**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-18

ISLAMABAD: Reporting a second monthly growth in electricity demand of 6pc over last year, the public sector power companies have sought about 63 paise per unit negative fuel price adjustment (FCA) for November. If approved, the ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (Discos) would have to refund about Rs2.5 billion to consumers in January. The fuel cost for consumption in Novemb..... [more >>](#)

### **Power consumers to get relief of Rs0.63/unit**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-18

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers are set to enjoy a significant relief in power tariff, with a reduction of Rs0.63 per unit, owing to the monthly fuel adjustment for November 2024. Based on the available data, the Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guarantee (CPPA-G) had submitted a request for a reduction in the electricity rate of Rs0.6335 per unit as compared to the reference fuel charges of Rs7..... [more >>](#)

### **CPPA-G seeks Nepra's nod for refund of approximately Rs5b to consumers**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-18

ISLAMABAD - The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) has sought the National Electricity Power Regulatory Authority's nod for a refund of approximately Rs5 billion (Re0.63 per unit) to consumers, as the electricity generation has increased by 6.43 percent in November on year-on-year basis. In the petition submitted with Nepra, CPPA-G claimed that the reference fuel charges for Novembe..... [more >>](#)

### **OGDC considers disconnecting CPPs next month**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-18

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has considered the disconnection of Captive Power Plants (CPPs) effective January 2025, challenging and expedient to engage with the federal government. The OGRA on Tuesday has determined the Review of Estimated Revenue Requirement (RERR) of SNGPL and SSGCL for financial year 2024-25. The determination has submitted to federal government ..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt opposes K-Electric's tariff hike plea**

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2024-12-19

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has firmly opposed K-Electric's (KE) multi-year tariff proposal, describing it as an inflated and unjustified burden on Karachi's power consumers. Instead, the government has advised the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to reduce KE's proposed multi-year base tariff from Rs44.69 per unit to Rs34.87 per unit through a series o..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt not to import spot LNG cargo in January**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-12-19

ISLAMABAD: The government has formally decided not to import the much-touted LNG spot cargo in January next year to save precious foreign exchange. "An important meeting was held on December 16, 2024, with Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar which was also attended by Ministers of Industries and Production, Petroleum Division and high-ranking officials of Sui Northern," says a letter of S..... [more >>](#)

**Hiking gas rates**

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-19

IMPLEMENTATION of a new Ogra recommendation to increase the gas prices by an average 8.7pc or Rs142.45 per mmBtu in Punjab and KP, and 25.78pc or Rs361 per mmBtu in Balochistan and Sindh would help the government meet yet another IMF condition. The new rates will become effective from February just before the Fund sends its mission for the first review of its \$7bn programme, the success of which w..... [more >>](#)

**'Oil price cut must benefit consumers'**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-19

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has asked provincial administrations to take action against petroleum product dealers for failing to pass on the full impact of price reduction to consumers. The federal government has slashed petroleum prices several times but the entire benefit has not reached consumers owing to the poor administrative control of provinces. Now, the government has asked provin..... [more >>](#)

**509 power pilferers detected in Lesco region in 24 hours**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-19

LAHORE - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 509 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 Wednesday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against ..... [more >>](#)

**Energy sector; France concerned at 'challenges' faced by its firms**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-19

ISLAMABAD: Following Germany and United Kingdom (UK), France has also raised its concerns on challenges being faced by its companies working in the energy sector of Pakistan, sources close to SAPM on Power told Business Recorder. At a recent bilateral meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, with Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, French President Emmanuel Macron referred to challenges being faced by Fr..... [more >>](#)

**LPG adulteration**

Source: [Engineer Arshad H Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-19

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) oversees Pakistan's gas sector, including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Natural Gas, and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). However, domestic natural gas production is declining at 8-10 percent annually. Meanwhile, LPG is growing rapidly, accounting for 1.5 percent of Pakistan's energy mix. Pakistan consumes over two million tons of Liquefie..... [more >>](#)

**Sindh opposes increase in gas prices**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-19

KARACHI: Sindh Energy Minister Nasir Hussain Shah has rejected OGRA's decision to increase gas prices, calling it intolerable and arbitrary. In his response to OGRA's announcement, he said that the already burdened public cannot bear additional costs amid rising inflation. He urged the federal government to consult provincial governments before implementing OGRA's decisions..... [more >>](#)

**Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry opposes tariff hike for Sui Southern**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

KARACHI: While strongly opposing the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority's (Ogra) price hike recommendation for the Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd, the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has said that this unjust increase would add further burden masses and industries already grappling with inflation and soaring energy costs. In a statement on Thursday, President Mohammad Jawed Bi..... [more >>](#)

### **Kunnar well begins output**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

KARACHI: Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) on Thursday announced the commencement of production from its Kunnar West Well-3, located in Hyderabad. The well, brought into production at a wellhead flowing pressure (WHFP) of 1200 PSI with a 32/64" choke size, is currently producing 3.5 million standard cubic feet per day of gas, 30 barrels per day of condensate, and 3.8 tonnes p..... [more >>](#)

### **Protesters take control of Jamrud grid station**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

KHYBER: Agitated tribesmen in Jamrud tehsil took matters into their own hands by forcibly disconnecting power supply to all commercial feeders and redirecting the electricity to domestic consumers in an effort to alleviate loadshedding in their homes. Led by Kukikhel elders, protesters staged a demonstration and took control of the Jamrud grid station, cutting off power supply to all commercial a..... [more >>](#)

### **Bagasse-based IPPs agree new deals**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

ISLAMABAD: The cabinet has given the go-ahead for signing revised agreements with eight bagasse-based independent power producers (IPPs), owned by the ruling elite and political barons. According to the revised agreements, the IPPs will reduce their working capital component of tariff by 50% with effect from October 31, 2024. These agreements are estimated to lead to savings of Rs238 billion wh..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil marketers seek PM's intervention over margins**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

LAHORE: The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP) has demanded immediate intervention from Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to resolve the longstanding issues of the petroleum industry. In a letter written to PM Sharif, OMAP Chairman Tariq Wazir said that, despite being a cornerstone of Pakistan's economy, the petroleum industry was teetering on the verge of collapse due to the unresolve..... [more >>](#)

### **Power generation inches up at snail's pace**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

Power generation in November 2024 went up nearly 6 percent year-on-year at 7.7 billion units. This comes at the back of nearly 8 percent year-on-year increase in October. While not extraordinary numbers by any stretch, in the context of last 30 months where positive year-on-year variances have been a rare sighting –this has got people excited. It must be noted that November's growth is..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas price hike; Ogra's move to add to the woes of masses and industries alike: KCCI**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

KARACHI: Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) President Jawed Bilwani while strongly opposing the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority's recommendation for a gas price hike for Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL), stated that this unjust increase would add further burden on the public and industries already grappling with high inflation and soaring energy costs. Bilwani po..... [more >>](#)

### **Energy reforms need of the hour: EEPF**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

KARACHI: The Energy and Economy Parliamentary Forum has convened its third meeting chaired by Dr Nafisa Shah, and co convened by Arbab Sher Ali and Shezra Mansab Ali and attended by Senator Sadia Abbasi and MNAs Mubeen Jutt, Danial Chaudhry, Dr Amjad Ali. According to statement, the meeting reiterated that comprehensive and all encompassing energy reforms were the need of the hour and agreed ..... [more >>](#)

**Gas sector conundrum**

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

The gas supply management is totally messed up. The imported RLNG is in surplus; domestic gas production is curtailed while the households across the country are facing severe load-shedding. On the surface, this situation appears illogical. However, there is a method underlying the madness. With successive upward revisions in the gas prices, the demand fell in the last few years. The power sector&..... [more >>](#)

**Gas price hike; Industrialists urge govt to revisit decision**

Source: [Rizwan Bhatti, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

KARACHI: Industrialists have strongly opposed the proposed gas price hike, urging the federal government to reconsider in order to protect export-oriented industries and small and medium enterprises (SMEs). They warned that such an increase would severely impact these sectors, ultimately resulting in significant losses to the exchequer. Recently, the Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (O..... [more >>](#)

**Ogra notifies 2.7pc cut in RLNG prices for December**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-21

ISLAMABAD: With system losses touching a record 16.16 per cent, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Friday notified up to 2.7pc reduction in the sale price of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) for two Sui gas companies — SSGCL and SNGPL — for the current month. Through a belated notification, Ogra approved an increase in unaccounted-for gas (UFG) loss for SSGCL from 1..... [more >>](#)

**RLNG prices cut by up to 2.72pc for Dec Import of supercooled gas cargoes surges by over 71 percent**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-21

ISLAMABAD - The federal government Friday slashed the average sale prices of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) by up to 2.72 percent for the consumers of both the Sui Companies for the month of December 2024 as import of supercooled gas cargoes surged significantly by over 71 percent during the month. The RLNG prices for the consumers of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and Sui S..... [more >>](#)

**Refinery upgrades crucial to overcome sector challenges: report**

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2024-12-22

KARACHI: Refinery upgrade projects are essential to alleviate persistent challenges in the sector, which continue to heighten business risks in the absence of modernisation initiatives, says a report by the Pakistan Credit Rating Agency (Pacra). The approval and implementation of refinery policies are critical for the sector's growth, as these measures would not only enhance gross refining ..... [more >>](#)

**Citizens suffer as Karachi hit by severe gas crisis amid cold weather**

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-22

While the gas loadshedding is scheduled from 9:30pm to 6am and 2:30pm to 5pm, most parts of the city either remain without gas most of the day or receive gas with a very low pressure. Residents of different localities were of the view that unannounced gas loadshedding always hit the city whenever winter was round the corner. The gas crisis has aggravated since the arrival of winter in the city..... [more >>](#)

**CORPORATE WINDOW: Power sector at a crossroads**

Source: [Malik Bilawal Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-23

Pakistan's energy sector stands at a crossroads, crippled by a circular debt of almost Rs6 trillion as of now — a crisis threatening the country's economic and energy security. Circular debt is the amount that the power purchaser cannot recover from electricity distribution companies (Discos) and subsequently fails to pay to the independent power producers (IPPs). Although the ci..... [more >>](#)

### **WAPDA inks contract for reforms study Initiative will lead to adoption of global best practices**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-22

LAHORE: In a significant step towards institutional excellence and modernisation, the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) has signed the Institutional Assessment and Reforms Consultancy (IARC) contract with a consortium led by Ginger Sofreco (France), GME (Uruguay) and Warm Waters Advisory (Pakistan). The initiative underscores Wapda's commitment to adopting international best prac..... [more >>](#)

### **Power sector: role of WB, ADB, IMF**

Source: [Farhat Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-21

Once again the World Bank (WB) is reported to be currently working with the government to invite private sector participation in the distribution sector, starting with the best-performing power distribution companies (Discos), with the hope that the success of this initial initiative could pave the way for the private sector participation in under-performing Discos notwithstanding the fact that the ..... [more >>](#)

### **KP gov hosts road-show to showcase energy sector projects**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-22

PESHAWAR - The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government, in collaboration with the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED) programme, hosted a dynamic investment road-show in Islamabad, the other day, said an official press release issued here. The event was part of the series of similar road-shows recently organized in Karachi and Lahore. The event saw an impressive turnout, with active p..... [more >>](#)

### **Lesco detects 171,676 power pilferers**

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### **Govt disburses Rs159b subsidy to power sector during ongoing FY**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-23

ISLAMABAD - The federal government has released a subsidy of Rs 159 billion to the power sector from July 1 to December 18 of the current fiscal year, which is mere a 13.36 percent of the total budgeted subsidies of Rs1,190 billion allocated for the sector in FY 2024-25. However, an additional Rs50 billion is set to be released, bringing the total subsidy disbursed to Rs209 billion during the fir..... [more >>](#)

### **Circular debt: Agreed target with IMF fully on track**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-12-23

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Power said on Sunday that agreed targets with the IMF were fully on track and the end December target for restricting the circular debt was well within the limits. "The target agreed with the IMF is for managing the circular debt within certain limits during each quarter and the power sector is well within limit," the Ministry of Power said in a statement is..... [more >>](#)

### **Fixing the grid demands holistic and urgent intervention**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-23

As per NEPRA's performance evaluation report on power plants, 82 percent of electricity costs in FY24 were attributed to generation. However, at the same time, utilization of installed generation capacity remained low. Renewable energy was introduced as a low-cost alternative, but transmission bottlenecks are preventing its evacuation to load centers. This brings us back to the age-old de..... [more >>](#)

**KP produces 30,000 bpd of crude oil per day**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-23

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa produces 30,000 barrel of crude oil per day, which is 42% of the total national production. Similarly, the province produces 410 MMCFD of gas, which accounts for 13% of the national output. The province also produces 800 tons of LPG daily, representing 40% of the national LPG production. This was told during a meeting on oil and gas production in the province..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan joins fossil-fuel non-proliferation coalition**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has joined a coalition of climate-vulnerable countries advocating for a global fossil-fuel non-proliferation treaty, which seeks an equitable transition away from coal, oil, and gas. The proposed treaty, designed to complement the Paris Agreement, emphasises the need for financial and technological support to ensure fair energy transitions for developing nations. Rank..... [more >>](#)

**No load-shedding in franchise areas: SSGC**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-23

KARACHI: At the outset it must be noted that SSGC is continuously experiencing gas shortages due to the yearly depletion of indigenous gas reservoirs. It is a pertinent fact that SSGC's gas supplies have been reduced by 40% since FY 2017–18. The table (below) shows around 465 mmcf of gas depletion recorded during the past seven years. Given below are Year-wise gas supplies and Depleti..... [more >>](#)

**Energy conundrum**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-24

The onset of cold weather in the country has brought with it a familiar woe: a severe shortage of piped gas for households. With kitchens abandoned and citizens forced to turn to desperate and dangerous methods if they want a hot bath in this biting cold, it seems worth asking why our governments have no viable solutions to the people's everyday problems. Almost everything that is considered..... [more >>](#)

**Cabinet proposes uniform gas prices**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-24

ISLAMABAD: Cabinet members have urged Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to introduce uniform gas prices in a bid to do away with alleged favouritism, which benefitted certain manufacturers. At present, different gas prices are being charged from urea manufacturers. Some are paying lower tariffs whereas some others are asked to pay higher rates. However, all manufacturers are receiving same prices f..... [more >>](#)

**KATI opposes gas tariff hike recommendation by Ogra**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-24

KARACHI: The President of the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI), Junaid Naqi, has strongly opposed the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra)'s recommendation to increase gas tariffs for Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC). He warned that this proposal would place undue pressure on industries and the public, already struggling with rising inflation and energy costs. Junaid N..... [more >>](#)

**KE crackdown on power thieves in Gulistan-e-Johar**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-24

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE) continues its crackdown against power theft and non-payment of bills. In collaboration with the law-enforcement agencies, the power utility conducted an operation in Gulistan-e-Johar, removing over 1,200 illegal connections (Kundas) weighing a total of 2,000 kilograms from its installations. The illegal connections bypass the network's safety protocols, increasi..... [more >>](#)

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### **Nepra refuses to treat cold storages as industrial consumers**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-25

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has refused to treat cold storages as industrial consumers, directing all the Discos, including K-Electric to consider all cold storages under commercial tariff category as already notified in terms and conditions of tariff dated July 25, 2022. Two members of the authority have written dissenting notes. Member (Technical)..... [more >>](#)

### **KE told to pay Rs4.8m to parents of boy killed by electrocution**

Source: [Sumair Abdullah](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-25

KARACHI: A court has directed the K-Electric (KE) to pay over Rs4.8 million in compensation to the parents of an eight-year-old boy, who had died from electrocution in 2017 due to negligence of the power supply company. The parents of the deceased boy — Azhan Siddiqui — had filed a civil suit through their counsel Usman Farooq before senior Civil Judge (East) Ambreen Jamal, seeking ..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil and Gas Development Company revives well in Sindh**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-25

KARACHI: The Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) has announced the successful revival of Dars West-2 Well located in Tando Allah Yar district, Sindh. In a stock filing on Tuesday, OGDCL said it announced on Dec 8, 2023 that Dars West-2 Well was completed in the C-Sand of the Lower Goru Formation and integrated into the production system on Jan 31, 2024. However, due to a decline in wellh..... [more >>](#)

### **Winter gas woes**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-25

As winter descends upon the country, the plight of citizens is becoming increasingly dire. A severe gas crisis, exacerbated by a combination of soaring prices and crippling supply cuts, has rendered staying warm a luxury that many can no longer afford. Coupled with how rising electricity prices have made plug-in heaters and stoves prohibitively expensive, home heating is a pressing issue that dema..... [more >>](#)

### **LNG imports hurt local energy industry**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-25

ISLAMABAD: Liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports have once again started hurting the local oil and gas industry as exploration companies have suffered a loss of \$192 million in the last four months due to the addition of LNG to the transmission system. Following LNG import, gas utilities have curtailed supplies from local fields, which are operated by exploration companies. According to sources, t..... [more >>](#)

### **All cold storages to be charged under commercial tariff category: Nepra**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-12-25

ISLAMABAD - The cost of doing cold storage business will go up further as National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has directed all power distribution companies, including K-Electric, to charge all cold storages under commercial tariff category instead of industrial tariff. "The Authority is of a considered view that cold storage facilities do not fulfil the criteria as laid d..... [more >>](#)

### CCP session discusses steps for improving competition within power sector

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-25

ISLAMABAD - The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) organized a dissemination session at its head office to present key findings and actionable recommendations from its recently published Competition Assessment Study on the Power Sector. The session, led by CCP Members Saeed Ahmad Nawaz, Salman Amin and Ms Bushra Naz Malik, focused on the study's insights and discussed the next steps fo..... [more >>](#)

### 2,160MW Dasu project; Ministry told to speed up revised PC-1 process

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-26

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Economic Affairs has asked the Ministry of Water Resources to expedite the submission and approval of revised PC-1 of 2,160 MW Dasu hydropower stage-1 project from the government's competent fora in order to ensure signing and effectiveness of the negotiated loan and financing agreements well before the existing closing date, sources in the EAD told Business Record..... [more >>](#)

### Significant gas reserves discovered in KP by OGDCL

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-26

The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has announced the discovery of substantial gas reserves in the Bettani-2 well, located in the Lakki Marwat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, under the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) projects. The newly discovered reserves are producing 2.14 million standard cubic feet of gas and 74 barrels of condensate per day. This marks the firs..... [more >>](#)

### KE network review: Orangi, Shamsi Colony, Korangi sectors now exempt from load-shedding

Source: [Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-26

Karachi - Timely bill payments and a reduction in electricity theft have brought positive results, as several areas are now completely exempt from load-shedding. Following K-Electric's quarterly review of its network of 2,100 feeders, the following areas are now experiencing uninterrupted power supply such as Orangi Sector 14-A to 14-F, 15-A and 15-B, Shamsi Colony, Feroz Shah Colony and Ban..... [more >>](#)

### Another well revived in Hyderabad

Source: [A Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-27

KARACHI: OGDCL has revived and enhanced the production of oil to 900 barrels per day (BPD) from 480 BPD from Pasakhi-5 Well, located in District Hyderabad, Sindh. This well is part of the Pasakhi Development and Production Lease (D&PL) in which OGDCL holds a 100pc working interest, the company said in a stock filing on Thursday. .... [more >>](#)

### Payables by power cos to gas utilities; LPS on GDS hits alarming mark

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-27

ISLAMABAD: The amount of Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) on Gas Development Surcharge (GDS) payables by power companies to gas companies (PPL, MPL and SNGPL) has reached an alarming level of Rs76.399 billion, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. In a letter to the Power Division, the Directorate General of Gas (Petroleum Division) has informed that the Natural Gas (Development Surc..... [more >>](#)

### Defaulters: Lesco recovers over Rs93m in 24 hours

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-27

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has intensified its crackdown against power defaulters, recovering over Rs93 million from 284 defaulters within a 24-hour period. According to the Lesco officials, the recovery drive was carried out across various circles, with significant amounts recovered from defaulters in each region. Breakdown of recoveries included Northern Circle with ..... [more >>](#)

### **PM Shehbaz orders uninterrupted gas supply for domestic consumers**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-27

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has directed authorities to ensure uninterrupted supply of gas to domestic consumers during the winter season without delay. He made this directive while addressing a review meeting on gas supply situation in the country in Islamabad today. Taking notice of complaints about reduced gas supply to domestic consumers, the Prime Minister instructed reforms ..... [more >>](#)

### **493 power pilferers detected in LESCO region**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-27

LAHORE - The LESCO has detected a total of 493 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. A LESCO spokesman told the media here on Thursday that the company has also submitted FIR applications against electricity thieves, out of w..... [more >>](#)

### **OGDCL revives, enhances oil production from Pasakhi-5 Well in Hyderabad**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-27

ISLAMABAD - Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Pakistan's largest exploration and production company, has successfully revived and enhanced oil production from the Pasakhi-5 well, located in Hyderabad district of Sindh. The well is part of the Pasakhi Development & Production Lease (D&PL), with OGDCL holding a 100% working interest. As part of a strategic optimization..... [more >>](#)

### **K-Electric offers Rs4.98 per unit refund after November's high charges**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-28

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric, Karachi's power utility, has filed a petition with the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) seeking approval to refund Rs4.98 per unit to its consumers. The proposed refund comes after the utility charged higher per unit electricity rates in November 2024. Under the monthly fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for November, the company wants to refund appr..... [more >>](#)

### **Light rain exposes fragile power distribution system**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-28

LAHORE: Yet another jolt to fragile power system has been delivered by light rain in less than a week in the City. On Friday, around 200 feeders tripped in the Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) region during the rain. Many areas were deprived of electricity due to abrupt feeder trips, causing hardship for the masses. Citizens faced severe inconvenience, especially during Friday prayers due to..... [more >>](#)

### **Rs4.98 tariff cut for Karachi likely**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-28

ISLAMABAD: Consumers of Karachi are set to enjoy a reduction of up to Rs4.98 per unit in electricity tariffs on account of fuel charges adjustment for the month of November 2024. The reduction in electricity prices is due to a fall in prices of energy used in power plants. Consumers of K-Electric (KE) will enjoy an overall relief of Rs7.17 billion in electricity bills for the coming month. KE h..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas supply resumption;SIFC directs JJCL, SSGCL to seal deal by Jan 15th**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-28

ISLAMABAD: The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has directed Jamshoro Joint Venture Limited (JJCL) and Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) to reach an agreement by January 15, 2025 to restart gas supply to JJVL. As per WG decision (held at SIFC on Oct 1, 2024), the Petroleum Division was instructed to ensure the conclusion of beneficial commercial agreement for both SSGC an..... [more >>](#)

**Winter Woes**

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-28

As temperatures drop, so does the reliability of gas supply for domestic users, leaving many households grappling with severe disruptions. From inconsistent pressure to erratic timings and outright load-shedding, these issues have become an annual winter ritual, causing widespread frustration. It is baffling that a country boasting significant natural gas reserves, particularly from the Sui fields..... [more >>](#)

**PM Shehbaz orders swift action to curb electricity theft**

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-28

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has directed the relevant departments to take concrete measures to prevent electricity theft. He was chairing a review meeting regarding the performance of electricity distribution companies in Islamabad. The Prime Minister also directed to complete the installation of smart meters as soon as possible to bring transparency in the billing system. He said st..... [more >>](#)

**Lesco detects 481 power pilferers**

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-28

Lahore - The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) detected a total of 481 connections where customers were pilfering electricity across all its circles in five districts (Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur, and Okara) during its anti-power theft campaign in the last 24 hours. A LESCO spokesman told the media on Friday that the company had also submitted FIR applications against electri..... [more >>](#)

**Gul Ahmed Holdings to acquire Gallant Energy as CCP approves share purchase in Pakistan's LPG sector**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-28

ISLAMABAD - The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has authorised the acquisition of 100 percent shareholding of M/s Gallant Energy (Private) Limited by M/s Gul Ahmed Holdings (Private) Limited, pursuant to a Share Purchase Agreement. Gul Ahmed Holdings (Private) Limited, is a private limited company, primarily focused on investment activities across various sectors. Gallant Energy (Private)..... [more >>](#)

**Govt achieves key power sector reform: Leghari**

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2024-12-29

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has announced a significant progress in reforming Pakistan's power sector, with sharp focus on reducing electricity prices, incentivizing industrial growth and addressing long-standing structural issues. In a press conference on Saturday, Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari highlighted the government's efforts to stabilize the economy a..... [more >>](#)

**SIFC dismayed at delay in removal of hurdles for refineries upgrade projects**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-12-29

ISLAMABAD: The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has expressed dismay over the delay in actualizing the Brownfield Refinery, 2023 owing to which the upgradation of the local refineries with \$5-6 billion investment has not yet kicked off mainly because of the failure of the authorities to resolve the sales tax exemption on POL products—a budgetary measure included in finance bill..... [more >>](#)

**Authorities looking to abolish ROE of govt power plants**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-12-29

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to abolish the return on equity on its power plants which generate 52 per cent of the electricity across the country and, to this effect, the task force on the power sector will initiate talks with the government power plants (GPPs) in January, 2025. Doing away with the return on equity (RoE) of government power plants would help massively reduce their capaci..... [more >>](#)

### **Power Minister Awais recalls struggle to reform power sector amid chronic issues**

Source: [Kalbe Ali, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-29

ISLAMABAD: As the end of the calendar year approaches, Power Minister Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari highlighted the government's key achievements and ongoing initiatives in the power sector. In a news conference on Saturday, the minister announced that the government is pursuing privatisation and concession models for electricity distribution, starting with appointing independent direct..... [more >>](#)

### **Talks with IPPs help govt save Rs 1trn?**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-29

ISLAMABAD: The Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Khan Leghari, on Saturday, claimed that a savings of Rs1 trillion had been achieved following the government's "whole-of-government" approach in negotiations with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), with the support of Army Chief General Asim Munir. Addressing a press conference on the nine-month performance of the power sector..... [more >>](#)

### **PM orders strict action against power theft**

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-29

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday ordered strict action against electricity theft and the officials responsible for over-billing, saying that all those involved in these activities must be held accountable. The Prime Minister said this while chairing a review meeting on the performance of electricity distribution companies, including Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), ..... [more >>](#)

### **Overbilling unacceptable, PM Shehbaz warns Discos**

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-29

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday directed the authorities to complete the installation of smart meters as soon as possible to ensure transparency in the billing system and called for concrete steps to prevent electricity theft. The prime minister chaired a review meeting on the performance of Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs). The deliberations centered on the affair..... [more >>](#)

### **Petrol price may drop by Rs2 per litre**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2024-12-30

ISLAMABAD: The petrol price may tumble by Rs2 per litre but the price of high speed diesel (HSD) is likely to hike by Rs3.62 per litre from January 1, 2025 for the next fortnight. According to industrial sources, there is no demand and supply issue in the international market, however, the uncertainty triggered on account of geo-political situation, particularly the Syria situation and how the ne..... [more >>](#)

### **New year likely to start with hike in diesel prices**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-30

ISLAMABAD: Owing to impact of oil prices in international market, the prices of high-speed diesel (HSD), kerosene and light diesel oil (LDO) are estimated to increase by about Rs4 to Rs5 per litre on New Year's Eve, for the first fortnight of 2025. However, informed sources said, the ex-depot price of petrol was estimated to be range-bound, swinging either way with a Re1 per litre change, d..... [more >>](#)

### **Fertilizer plants; Subsidised gas supply fuels circular debt**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-30

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has been apprised that providing gas to fertilizer plants at subsidized rates has resulted in accumulation of circular debt, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The issue of supply of gas to local fertilizer industry has also recently been discussed threadbare at a meeting of federal cabinet, when a report of a Cabi..... [more >>](#)

**Construction of Chashma-5 NPP commences today**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-30

MIANWALI: A ceremony to formally commence the construction of Chashma Nuclear Power Project Unit-5 (C-5) is being held here on December 30 (Monday). The pouring of concrete into the foundation slab of the Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) marks the formal start of its construction, said a news release. Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), the operator of the nuclear plants in the country, p..... [more >>](#)

**Energy crisis; Federal ministers fail to reply: PPP**

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-30

KARACHI: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Secretary Information Shazia Marri on Sunday said that PPP did not join the federal government, but Bilawal Bhutto is still worried about the country. Addressing a press conference along with Surendar Valasai, in-charge of Media Cell Bilawal House, Shazia Marri said that despite repeated reminders about the current energy crisis, the federal minist..... [more >>](#)

**Grid defection: a looming challenge for Pakistan's utilities-I**

Source: [Engr. Syed Faizan Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-30

Grid defection refers to the phenomenon where electricity customers generate and store sufficient power locally to become partially or entirely independent of the central utility grid. This shift is often facilitated by advancements in generation technologies such as solar panels, wind turbines, energy storage systems like lithium-ion batteries and micro-electronics such as hybrid and smart invert..... [more >>](#)

**Attock Petroleum Limited**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-30

Attock Petroleum Limited (PSX: APL) was Incorporated in 1998 an oil marketing company It is part of the vertically integrated Attock Oil Group. While FY23 shareholding pattern is not available yet, FY22 annual report shows that its sponsor, Pharaon Investment Group Limited Holding s.a.l holds the largest shareholding at 34 percent, whereas other key shareholders include Attock Refinery, Pakistan O..... [more >>](#)

**Energy tariff will come down, hopes Aurangzeb**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-30

ISLAMABAD/FAISALABAD - Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Sunday reaffirmed his government's commitment to promoting export-led growth, identifying agriculture and information technology (IT) as the twin sectors to drive Pakistan's sustainable economic growth. Speaking to farmers and stakeholders in Kamalia, Toba Tek Singh, the minister emphasized..... [more >>](#)

**Chashma nuclear power plant unit 5 construction begins**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-31

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan marked a significant milestone in its energy sector on Monday when the formal construction phase of Chashma Nuclear Power Plant Unit 5 (C-5) commenced with the start of concrete pouring. The event was attended by prominent dignitaries, including Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong, Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal and Chairman Pakistan At..... [more >>](#)

**How Karachi gets its electricity**

Source: [Zia Zuberi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-23

Part II It's not enough to just produce and transmit electricity. Large areas like Karachi are an amalgam of communities and ethnicities and urban dynamics. The highest losses occur in the last mile of the journey, where encroachment and unplanned growth spawn electricity theft through kundas. These illegal connections are installed by amateurs in complete disregard of the safety hazards, s..... [more >>](#)

### Diesel price likely to rise by Rs3.62 per litre

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-31

ISLAMABAD: The price of high-speed diesel is likely to be increased by Rs3.62 per litre for the fortnight beginning from January 1, 2025. However, the price of petrol may rise by only 11 paise per litre and settle at Rs252.11. High-speed diesel price, after an estimated increase of Rs3.62, will reach Rs259 per litre. Petrol is mainly used in passenger vehicles while diesel is primarily consum..... [more >>](#)

### \$1.23bn gas dwelling carried out in 3 years, Senate panel told

Source: [Bureau Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel on Thursday was apprised that the gas dwelling has been carried out at 56 different locations over the last three years with the total expense of around \$1,230 million. Approximately, around 7,696 barrels oil and 260 mmcf gas has been produced daily from these explorations. The Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum meeting chaired by Senator Umar Farooq was c..... [more >>](#)

### Senate panel asks Pesco to resolve issues facing industry

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-22

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Power has directed the Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco) to resolve issues of industry and businesses including related to solar net metering. According to official documents, these directions have been issued at a recent meeting of the committee presided over by Senator Mohsin Aziz, who had invited businessmen and industrialists from KPK who..... [more >>](#)

## Renewable Energy

### Solar panels free of charge; Provincial govts' move leaves policymakers scrambling

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-17

ISLAMABAD: The rampant import and installation of solar panels in the country, which is paying over Rs 2 trillion as capacity payment to power producers, has left the policymakers scrambling, especially after the announcement of provincial governments to distribute panels to low-income consumers free of cost or at a very cheap price. The whole scenario has also been brought to the notice of P..... [more >>](#)

### Energy issue eases in Gwadar with growing use of solar system

Source: [INP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-19

ISLAMABAD - Energy issue is getting resolved in Gwadar with growing public tendency of using solar system. "Throughout 2024, sales of solar systems in my store have increased by about 60 percent, as well as revenue has been on an upward trend. Chinese brands are particularly popular because they are good value for money compared to other foreign brands in the Gwadar region," said Mu..... [more >>](#)

### Sindh vying to provide affordable, clean electricity: minister

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-20

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Energy, Planning and Development Syed Nasir Hussain Shah stated that the Sindh government is making significant efforts to provide affordable and clean electricity to the people of the province. Speaking at a seminar titled "Energy Crisis" organised by Pakistan Business Arena at a local hotel, he said the government is actively working on improving the energ..... [more >>](#)

### Public schools in Sindh set to be solarize, says energy minister

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-21

Sindh's Minister for Energy, Nasir Hussain Shah, announced plans to gradually solarize all government schools in the province and pledged full support to private schools in adopting solar energy solutions. According to Express

News, speaking at the "Paigham-e-Pakistan, Istehkam-e-Pakistan" event during the All Sindh Science and Arts Gala at PAF Museum, organized by the Directorate..... [more >>](#)

### **Advanced energy storage products introduced**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-24

LAHORE - An ESS event was successfully held on 22nd December in Lahore, which introduced six advanced energy storage products. Themed "Encounter Dyness", the event garnered widespread attention from industry partners, technical experts, and media within the energy sector, including Waqas Moosa, chairman of Pakistan Solar association. At this launch event, they unveiled six new produ..... [more >>](#)

### **Renewable energy; Projects get Nepra exemption**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-25

ISLAMABAD: In a major, but split decision, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has amended its law to exempt renewable energy projects to be established by the foreign countries under Inter Governmental Commercial Transactions (IGCT) Act, 2022, and those projects which had qualified for IGCEP 2021. There was stiff resistance from some of the authority members who were against ..... [more >>](#)

### **'Nuclear technology can solve energy crisis'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-26

KARACHI: Peaceful use of nuclear technology and its optimum utilisation holds the key to resolving energy-related woes of Pakistan besides helping the country achieve a sustainable solution to mitigate the climate change crisis. This was the crux of the discourse held during the seminar on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy organised by the Center for International Strategic Studies Sindh (CISSS) i..... [more >>](#)

### **Federal govt to spend Rs26b to install 100MW solar power plants in GB**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-27

ISLAMABAD - To overcome the severe power outages in Gilgit Baltistan, the federal government will install 100 megawatts solar plants with the cost of approximately Rs26 billion. The federal government has already invited Chinese companies to invest in solar projects in Gilgit Baltistan. Feasibility study for the installation of solar plants in three different locations in Gilgit Baltistan will be..... [more >>](#)

### **Major sports venues to be shifted to solar system: minister**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-27

LAHORE: All major grounds and sports complexes of the province will be shifted to solar system and this development will help a lot in saving the plenty of revenue in the shape of electricity charges. Punjab Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Faisal Ayub Khokhar shared this information while presiding over a meeting at the National Hockey Stadium on Thursday. Parliamentary Secretary for Sports..... [more >>](#)

### **Solarisation of all prisons in Punjab approved**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-31

LAHORE: Punjab Home Department has approved a scheme to shift all prisons in the province to solar energy, a move expected to significantly reduce electricity costs and promote sustainable energy solutions. According to details, a budget proposal of Rs2.3 billion has been prepared to install solar systems across Punjab's 44 jails. Currently, the annual electricity bill for these prisons amo..... [more >>](#)

# SDPI's Engagement

## A Study

### **Pakistan's PM2.5 ratio surging at alarming pace, urgent control needed: report**

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### **Pakistan among five countries with worst air quality: study**

Source: [Aamir Yasin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan ranks among the top five countries with the worst air quality, with cities like Islamabad and Peshawar experiencing significant public health risks due to air pollution. The country's average Air Quality Index (AQI) in 2023 was 160, with PM2.5 levels 14.7 times higher than the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommended limits. It was revealed in a recent study ..... [more >>](#)

### **Poor AQI posing public health risks in Peshawar, Islamabad**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-26

Islamabad: PM2.5, airborne particles less than 2.5 micrometres in diameter, are the most hazardous form of air pollution due to their ability to penetrate deep into the lungs and bloodstream causing severe health issues. This was revealed in a recent study on 'Air pollution's deadly impact on health in Pakistan: a deep dive into PM2.5 levels in Peshawar and Islamabad' conducted ..... [more >>](#)

## Dialogue News

**Rapidly growing environmental degradation manageable through climate-resilient WASH**

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LAHORE, Dec 28 (SABAH): The experts at policy dialogue underscored the need to align climate-resilient Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a pathway to achieving sustainable development and economic prosperity to join the League of upper-middle-income countries by 2030. This national commitment highlights the importance of aligning po..... [more >>](#)

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## ED Activities

**Govt notifies high-level committee to monitor sugar stocks, exports**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Profit](#), 2024-12-17

The government has officially notified the high-level committee constituted by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to develop a robust system for monitoring and reporting sugar stocks to ensure timely decisions on exports. Chaired by the Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, the committee includes federal ministers, top officials, and leading economic experts, including Dr. Abi..... [more >>](#)

**Committee to monitor sugar production**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-18

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has constituted a 12-member committee tasked with developing a robust system for monitoring and reporting sugar stocks to ensure timely export decisions. The committee, to be chaired by Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, will include the minister for industries, the state minister for finance, the secretary of food security, representatives of the intelligence..... [more >>](#)

### **Sugar stock monitoring body notified**

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Source: [ChiniMandi](#), [Chini Mandi](#), 2024-12-18

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**'Think-tanks must bridge gap between research and actionable solutions'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-12-25

Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), emphasising the importance of an impartial and solution-oriented approach has said that think-tanks must remain objective and bridge the gap between research and actionable solutions. Dr Suleri was addressing inaugural steering committee meeting of National Network of Economic Think-Tanks (NNET)..... [more >>](#)

**SDPI hosts landmark NNET steering committee meeting**

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ISLAMABAD, Dec 24 (APP): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) hosted the inaugural steering committee meeting of the National Network of Economic Think-Tanks (NNETT) in a collaborative effort to bridge the gap between academia, industry, and policymakers. NNETT, the network, initiated in 2018, seeks to unite think-tanks, civil society, and academia under one platform. Representing..... [more >>](#)

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## Media Briefing

**Media urged to raise awareness on family planning to address population growth**

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2024-12-30

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**Effective policies sought to address reproductive health issues**

Source: Bureau Report, [The News, International](#), 2024-12-28

PESHAWAR: Adviser to Chief Minister on Information and Public Relations Barrister Mohammad Ali Saif on Friday emphasized the need for effective policies and their implementation to address critical issues such as reproductive health and family planning. Speaking as chief guest at a meeting of the Peshawar Media Coalition on reproductive health and family planning, he highlighted the necessity of ..... [more >>](#)

**Media Urged To Raise Awareness On Family Planning To Address Population Growth**

Source: APP, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2024-12-29

PESHAWAR, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 29th Dec, 2024) Recognizing socio-economic challenges posed by the rapid population growth in Pakistan, media professionals have been urged to play a proactive role in raising awareness about importance of family planning and reproductive health. This was the central theme of a coalition meeting for media on reproductive health and family planning, organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)..... [more >>](#)

**Saif stresses need for effective family planning policies**

Source: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-28

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## Roundtable Discussion

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Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-12-19

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**Experts seek solutions to climate crisis**

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**'Pakistan can be leader in industrial decarbonisation'**

Source: Rasheed Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2024-12-27

Islamabad: Benjamin James Matthew Williamson, CEO, Staalbaek Ltd, has said that Pakistan possesses a significant opportunity to become a leader in industrial decarbonisation. Mr Matthew was addressing a roundtable discussion on 'Business case for decarbonisation in Pakistan' hosted here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Saleha Qureshi from SDPI moderated. Accord..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

**Reimagining chambers of commerce: A catalyst for economic renaissance**

Source: Abdullah Khalid and Saad Ali Ahmed, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-17

In the intricate tapestry of Pakistan's economic infrastructure, the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCIs) emerge not as passive institutional structures, but as potential catalysts of transformative change, currently paralyzed by systemic inertia, political entanglements, and a reactive approach that has systematically undermined economic potential. Our extensive study of the divers..... [more >>](#)

**Urgency of forest management**

Source: Mobeen Ali Khan & Dr Hina Aslam, [The News, International](#), 2024-12-22

Over the past few years, Pakistan has gained international recognition for its ambitious reforestation efforts. The Billion Tree Tsunami Afforestation Project in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was launched in 2014. Later, it was extended to the Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Program. The programme achieved notable success by planting and naturally regenerating over 1 ..... [more >>](#)

**Powering Pakistan: bridging gaps in sustainability**

Source: [Ahad Nazir, The News, International](#), 2024-12-22

Pakistan's energy sector is at a precarious intersection of availability, affordability and sustainability. Addressing these critical dimensions is imperative for fostering economic growth and social equity. The absence of a synchronised approach across these nodes has entrenched systematic inefficiencies, undermining national progress. To navig..... [more >>](#)

**The economic paradox**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, The News, International](#), 2024-12-29

In 2024, Pakistan's economy presented a paradox: tentative recovery amidst persistent vulnerabilities. Given the unique set of political and security challenges, including a volatile regional environment, the year's modest gains were particularly hard-earned. Braving many challenges, the economy managed to inch forward, reflecting resilience..... [more >>](#)

**Optimism in tough times**

Source: [Ahad Nazir, The News, International](#), 2024-12-29

As curtains drop on 2024, Pakistan's trade and economic landscape is a mosaic of resilience, ambition and unyielding challenges. The year bore witness to an economy grappling with structural weaknesses yet striving to unlock its potential. The macroeconomic environment, underpinned by exchange rate volatility, inflationary pressures and persist..... [more >>](#)

**Every breath you take**

Source: [Maryam Shabbir Abbasi, The News, International](#), 2024-12-29

This year, Pakistan faced a worsening air pollution crisis, profoundly affecting public health, economic productivity and quality of life. Urban centres, especially in the Punjab, experienced record-breaking levels of smog and air pollution, elevating the issue to a critical point in public discourse and policy deliberations. Despite various mitigation efforts, the severity of the crisis persists..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan's Food Export Paradox**

Source: [Soha Nisar, Daily Times](#), 2024-12-29

Pakistan's food export sector is a story of paradoxes: while boasting record-breaking breakthroughs, it remains overshadowed by systemic inefficiencies that threaten its long-term sustainability. As I reflect on the recent data, I cannot help but feel a mixture of pride and apprehension. On one hand, we revel in the historic \$8 billion export milestone achieved in the 2023-24 fiscal year, a..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Zaki Abbas](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-12-30

As finance remains modest and climate-induced disasters wreak havoc across the globe, Pakistan, like the rest of the Global South, struggles to stay afloat, making do with whatever scant resources it has to take on mitigation and adaptation projects. Despite the urgency and severity of climate disasters, progress on climate action moved at a snail's pace at the national and global levels. T..... [more >>](#)

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### **Tobacco industry's promotional tactics luring youth towards vaping, nicotine addiction**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-12-19

PESHAWAR, Dec 19 (APP): The tobacco industry's promotional tactics including catchy lucky draw schemes, advertising flavoured e-cigarettes, substantial incentives to retailer and distributors are luring young generation towards nicotine addiction through vaping and use of velo pouches. "By applying devious tactics of 'Harm Reduction' narrative, the tobacco industry is extensive..... [more >>](#)

### **UN, China among others acknowledge Pakistan's efforts on SDGs: Ayaz Sadiq**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-12-20

ISLAMABAD, Dec 20 (SABAH): A National Meet on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) convened by the SDGs Secretariat brought together policymakers, international organizations, and provincial representatives to address Pakistan's progress and challenges in meeting the 2030 agenda. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker of the National Assembly, emphasized the importance of continued global and domestic ..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan's SDG efforts earn praise from UN, China, global leaders, says NA speaker**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-12-20

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## Seminar News

**2024 year of economic stabilization, reviving growth & recovery: Dr Suleri**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-12-30

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**3pc GDP growth, reduction in inflation & policy rates projected**

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## Workshop News

**Stakeholder workshop mulls over on inclusive Climate Commitments 3.0 for Pakistan**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-12-18

ISLAMABAD, Dec 18 (APP): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) held a stakeholder national workshop on Wednesday focused on developing an inclusive approach to Pakistan's climate commitments under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) framework. The event, titled "Developing Inclusive Climate Commitments: NDCs 3.0 for Pakistan," convened policymakers, exp..... [more >>](#)

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**Stakeholder workshop mulls over on inclusive Climate Commitments 3.0 for Pakistan**

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ISLAMABAD, Dec 18 (DNA): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) held a stakeholder national workshop on Wednesday focused on developing an inclusive approach to Pakistan’s climate commitments under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) framework. The event, titled “Developing Inclusive Climate Commitments: NDCs 3.0 for Pakistan,” convened policymakers, exper..... [more >>](#)

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