



Pakistan's Energy Transition



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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

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

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

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

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

Subjects Covered

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

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Energy Governance

The Final Cut

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

As the final shipment of Russian gas reached Europe in late 2024, a significant chapter of energy cooperation came to a close. What was once a mutually beneficial relationship—where Russia's vast reserves of gas and oil flowed through pipelines into Europe's energy-hungry markets at relatively cheap rates—is now history. Alongside this economic exchange, the strategic ties [more >>](#)

Govt to end electricity purchases as independent electricity market takes shape

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-15

The government will cease purchasing electricity after March this year, as approval has been granted for the creation of an Independent Electricity Market. This was disclosed during the National Assembly's Question Hour by Minister for Energy Sardar Awais Ahmad Leghari. Leghari explained that the new market system will allow consumers to buy electricity directly from various suppliers, en..... [more >>](#)

Awam Ka Muqadama

Source: [Dr Farid A Malik, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-10

In all litigation (Muqadama) there is a 'Complainant' and 'Respondent' while the case is heard by the judge in an open court. Those who are affected seek relief from the afflicter through a legal process; the roles are clearly defined. In certain situations, at times frivolous cases are filed to get a desired outcome. Even public at large is declared 'Respondent'..... [more >>](#)

Nepra eyes tariff revamp as power demand pattern shifts

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has instructed policymakers to conduct a comprehensive study to adjust the time of use (ToU) tariff in response to changing demand patterns for electricity. This directive was issued during a public hearing on the petition of state-owned power distribution companies (DISCOs) who sought Nepra's approval for refunding Rs0.63 [more >>](#)

Petrol price up by Re0.56 per litre

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has increased the price of petrol by Re0.56 per litre on New Year's Eve, for the first fortnight of 2025. Its new price will be Rs252.66/litre from the previous Rs252.10/litre after an increase of Re0.56/litre. On the other hand, high speed diesel prices increased by Rs2.96/litre and its new rates will be Rs258.34/litre from the previous Rs255.38/litre. [more >>](#)

Power sector on brink: Circular debt soars to Rs2.4 trillion

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power sector faces significant challenges, with high electricity costs, systemic inefficiencies, and a growing circular debt at the forefront increasing the financial burden on consumers. The ex-WAPDA distribution companies (DISCOs) added a staggering Rs591 billion to the circular debt in FY2023-24, primarily due to excessive transmission and distribution (T&D) loss..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan secures \$200m ADB funding to upgrade power distribution

Source: [PPI](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD: A \$200 million loan agreement was signed between the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the power distribution project here on Tuesday. The ceremony was held at the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Secretary Dr Kazim Niaz signed the agreement on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, while Deputy Country Director Asad Aleem signed on behalf of ADB. The [more >>](#)

CDA, SNGPL join hands to address gas woes

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-01

Islamabad: Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) Muhammad Ali Randhawa, here on Tuesday held a meeting with General Manager (GM) of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) in a bid to resolve longstanding gas-related issues in the federal capital. The meeting focused on enhancing cooperation between the two organizations and implementing solutions for Islamabad's gas infrastructure [more >>](#)

Power tariff to edge higher despite lower fuel costs

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD: The government announced on Tuesday that electricity tariffs for January 2025 will see a slight increase compared to December 2024, despite lower-than-expected fuel costs. The adjustment comes as part of an early rebasing of the national tariff regime and changes in peak and off-peak timings. At a public hearing presided over by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Ch..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel jump; LPG becomes cheaper

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD: The government on Tuesday raised the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by 56 paise and Rs2.96 per litre, respectively, effective immediately for the fortnight ending Jan 15. On the other hand, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) notified a reduction in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) prices by Rs4.01 per kg, or 1.58 per cent, for January. In a late-night announ&sh..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff likely to be cut by 63 paise

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-15

ISLAMABAD: Consumers are set to enjoy a reduction in electricity rates up to Rs0.63 per unit next month. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has directed policymakers to conduct a study to adjust time-of-use tariff due to the change in demand pattern. The regulator gave the order while conducting a public hearing on slashing power tariff by Rs0.63 per unit on account of fue..... [more >>](#)

DISCOs face governance issues

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD: The poor recovery of bills by power distribution companies (DISCOs) added Rs276 billion to circular debt during financial year 2023-24. Additionally, defaulters contributed Rs900 billion to the circular debt. In its State of Industry Report 2024, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) said DISCOs faced significant governance challenges that hindered effective managem..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric cracks down on power theft in Karachi, removes illegal connections

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

K-Electric (KE) has continued its efforts to combat power theft and non-payment of bills in Karachi, conducting a significant operation in Malir with the help of law enforcement agencies. The operation led to the removal of over 150 illegal electricity connections, known as "kunda," weighing a total of 1,280 kilograms from KE's infrastructure. These illegal connections were foun..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers burdened with additional Rs15.28/unit in supplemental charges during FY 2023-24

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD - The electricity consumers were burdened with an additional Rs15.28/unit in supplemental charges (taxes, surcharges, and levies) during FY 2023-24, while ex-WAPDA distribution companies added Rs591 billion to the debt during the fiscal year on account of excessive losses and less recoveries. The performance of state-owned power distribution companies (DISCOs) has further deteriorated..... [more >>](#)

Nepra orders study on adjusting peak hours

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Tuesday instructed the government to conduct a comprehensive study to adjust peak hours (the time of use tariff) in response to changing demand patterns for electricity usage. This directive was issued during a public hearing on the petition of the Ex-Wapda power distribution companies (XWDISCOs) which sought the NEPRA's..... [more >>](#)

Nepra irked by lack of studies on changing demand patterns

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) expressed frustration on Tuesday with the Power Division and its associated entities for failing to conduct any studies to update the system in response to changing demand patterns. "The financial impact of partial load has significantly increased by Rs 9 billion due to the change in demand, with an average increase of Rs 3..... [more >>](#)

Ogra decreases LPG cylinder prices

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Tuesday decreased the LPG cylinder prices with effect from January 1, 2025 owing to a decline in the international market. The authority issued a notification reducing the price of LPG for the month of January. The price of LPG has been reduced by Rs 4 per kilogramme. The per kilogramme price of LPG has now been fixed at Rs 250.28. [more >>](#)

Hike in petrol, diesel prices on New Year's eve

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-01

ISLAMABAD: Federal government on Tuesday announced increase in the prices of petroleum products up to Rs 2.96 per litre for fortnight starting from January 1, 2025. According to Finance Division, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) worked out the consumer prices of petroleum products in view of the fluctuation in the international market in the last fortnight. The price of petrol has..... [more >>](#)

Prolonged power outages: Doctors, staff stage protest, block KKH in Battagram

Source: [Sheraz Ahmad Sherazi, The News, International](#), 2025-01-02

BATTAGRAM: The doctors and medical staff at the District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital Battagram on Wednesday staged protest against prolonged electricity loadshedding, bringing the health service at the health facility to a standstill. Led by the doctors of DHQ Hospital, the protesters gathered on the KKH and blocked the traffic for several hours. The patients and their families faced severe hardship..... [more >>](#)

Concerns raised over gas sale deal without bidding

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD: MOL Pakistan, an operator and 10 per cent shareholder in Tal Block, Kohat, has finalised the sale of gas from the newly developed Razgir field, which is 65pc owned by the state-owned entities (SOEs), to the first privately owned gas firm — Universal Gas Distribution Company Ltd (UGDCL). This enables the Islamabad-based UGDCL to acquire about 50 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) [more >>](#)

Oil sales dip 19pc

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

KARACHI: Oil sales fell by 19 per cent month-on-month and rose 3pc year-on-year to 1.28 million tonnes in December. Sales were up 4pc to eight million tonnes during 1HFY25 compared to 7.68m tonnes in the same period last year. Arif Habib Ltd (AHL) said petroleum products sales rose 2pc to 15.62m tonnes during CY24. Petrol sales fell 15pc month-on-month and 1pc year-on-year to 0.57m tonnes..... [more >>](#)

Industries demand oil price reduction

Source: [Gohar Ali Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

KARACHI: Industrialists have condemned the recent hike in diesel and petrol prices and urged the prime minister to take action and reduce the rates. On the one hand, the PM announced the Uraan Pakistan programme while on the other hand, institutions were raising prices of petroleum products, which reflected a stark contrast in policies, the industrialists said. According to a notification issue..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to fix electricity rate at Rs26 per unit

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD - Chairman Economic Policy and Business Development and former caretaker minister Gohar Ejaz has said that the reforms in the energy sector are inevitable. While comparing Pakistan's power tariffs with other regional countries, here, he said that Pakistani power consumers are paying three and four times high tariffs as compared to Turkey and Egypt. He said Pakistan's industri..... [more >>](#)

Govt to approach upcoming US admin for waiver of sanctions on Pak-Iran gas pipeline

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistani government has decided to approach the upcoming US administration for the waiver of sanctions on the Pak-Iran gas pipeline project. According to sources, Pakistan plans to seek an exemption from these sanctions to avoid potential economic repercussions. The government is emphasizing that the gas pipeline project with Iran is a critical step toward securing affordable ener..... [more >>](#)

Nepra expresses reservations over Gepco's 5-year investment plan

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) Wednesday expressed reservations over the Gujranwala Electric Power Company's proposed Rs100 billion five-year investment plan and asked the company to justify such a huge investment amid slumping electricity demand. NEPRA held a public hearing on its petition chaired by NEPRA chairman, which focused on GEPCO's inv..... [more >>](#)

Power consumption growth; GEPCO cites net metering as major hurdle

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD: The Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) on Wednesday identified net metering as one of the key obstacles hindering the growth of electricity consumption supplied by it. Presenting its five-year (2024–2030) investment plan, which amounts to Rs 100 billion, before the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), GEPCO's team outlined their goal to reduce el..... [more >>](#)

Prioritising imported RLNG to domestic gas harms energy sector

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's energy sector is grappling with escalating financial issues, primarily driven by the forced suspension of domestic natural gas production. Currently, energy sector (power and gas) circular debt stood at over Rs 5.5 trillion despite government's untiring efforts to curtail it. Concurrently, domestic oil and gas production companies have suffered substantial revenue..... [more >>](#)

Power sector: (Woeful) State of Industry Report

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

The power sector regulator, Nepra has issued the much-awaited State of Industry Report 2024, which expectedly reads more like a sequel to the horror tale from a year or five ago. Just when one thought the state of affairs in the power sector – across verticals from generation to transmission and from planning to distribution – could not get any worse than 2023, FY24 made a new low. The..... [more >>](#)

Govt moves on efficient utilisation of energy

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-03

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has asked the governments of four provinces, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan to implement building codes for energy conservation. This initiative applies to public sector projects, private commercial buildings, and housing structures. It also includes guidelines for restricting urban expansion to minimise energy losses and reduce the need for invest..... [more >>](#)

'Fuel outlets should have EV charging units'

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-03

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Industries and Production on Thursday proposed the installation of charging units for electric vehicles at every fuel station to promote eco-friendly transport. The committee chairman, Senator Aon Abbas, expressed concern over the regulatory mechanism of the new energy and renewal energy. "Who is controlling the prices of solar panels? And w..... [more >>](#)

Leghari's remarks on KE's 7-year MYT spark controversy

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-03

ISLAMABAD: Recent remarks by the Minister of Energy, Sardar Awais Leghari, regarding K-Electric's seven-year Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) have sparked considerable controversy. His suggestion to reduce KE's tariff application under the new MYT, purportedly to "protect" Karachi's residents, has left industry experts confused. Many experts argue that even if KE's [more >>](#)

POL products; Dec sales up 3pc to 1.28m tons YoY

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-03

KARACHI: The sales of petroleum products in the country increased by 3.0 percent on year-on-year basis to 1.28 million tons in December 2024, mainly due to lower petroleum product prices, macroeconomic stabilization and a decline in smuggling, experts said. Total sales for the first half of FY25 have increased by 4.0 percent YoY at 8.0 million tons as compared to 7.7 million tons in the same [more >>](#)

Energy Minister Leghari stresses need for implementation of ECBC-2023

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-03

Minister for Energy (Power Division) Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari has written letters to All Chief Ministers, Prime Minister AJK and federal ministers for implementation of Energy Conservation Building Code 2023 (ECBC-2023). The Federal Minister has stressed the need for implementation of this Code to increase efficient utilization of energy and reduce its leakages/wastage. He, in his letter,..... [more >>](#)

PSO faces mounting receivables of Rs858bn by end-2024

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-04

KARACHI: Pakistan State Oil (PSO), the state-owned oil marketing company (OMC), entered 2025 burdened with significant receivables, which surged to an alarming Rs858 billion by the end of 2024. As of June 2024, PSO's total receivables stood at Rs810 billion. However, these continued to grow, reaching Rs858 billion by December 2024, driven primarily by its involvement in liquefied natural gas..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum Exploration Limited acquires energy assets from Kuwaiti firm

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-04

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Exploration (Pvt) Ltd has acquired energy assets from Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC), including the acquisition of oil and gas concessions located in Dadu, Kirthar, Tajjal, and Qadirpur. This includes Bhit and Qadirpur leases, expanding the company's exploration portfolio and strengthening its presence in the energy sector. Th..... [more >>](#)

Nepra slams power policies for driving up consumer costs

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-04

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has criticised the government's indicative generation plans, citing overinvestment in peak demand capacity, delays in expanding Thar coal projects and discouraging rooftop solar adoption as key contributors to rising consumer tariffs and a burden on government finances. In its special report on generation sector challenge..... [more >>](#)

Govt plans to set up 100MW solar project in GB

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-04

ISLAMABAD: The government has announced plans to establish a 100 MW solar power project in Gilgit-Baltistan as part of the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP), official sources informed Business Recorder. The decision was made during a recent meeting chaired by the minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan. The solar project will be implemented in GB after a feasibility study a..... [more >>](#)

State-owned oil, gas companies need to revamp business plans: Finance Division

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-04

ISLAMABAD - The Finance Division has said that key weaknesses in all five state-owned oil and gas companies lie in financial mismanagement, aging infrastructure, lack of diversification, poor risk management, and insufficient technological innovation and recommended that to remain competitive and sustainable, these companies need to revamp their business plans to address these structural weaknesses..... [more >>](#)

KUFPEC deal to ensure energy security

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-05

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Exploration (Pvt) Limited (PEL) has acquired key energy assets from Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (Kufpec). This strategic move not only solidifies PEL's position in the energy sector but also strengthens the country's energy security at a time when the petroleum sector is facing immense challenges. The acquisition of assets from Kufpec – spanni..... [more >>](#)

Gwadar coal-fired power project in limbo over tariff dispute

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-05

ISLAMABAD: The long-awaited 300MW coal power project at Gwadar remains stalled, as the Chinese company CHIC Pak Power Company (Private) Limited is unwilling to proceed unless Nepra revises the project's tariff upward. Sources told Business Recorder that both the Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) and the Chinese firm, which uses the Chinese government to influence Islamabad, [more >>](#)

Razgar Fields: POL objects to Hungarian company selling gas to private firm without bid

Source: [Saif Ur Rehman, The News, International](#), 2025-01-05

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Oilfields Limited has raised objections to a proposed agreement by a Hungarian gas production company to sell gas from Razgar Fields in Kohat to a local private company without a bid. POL has written a letter to the Petroleum Division, along with other companies involved in the joint venture. Pakistan Oilfields is a 25 percent partner in the Razgar gas field. According to sour..... [more >>](#)

PEL strengthens Pakistan's energy sector with KUFPEC asset acquisition

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-01-05

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Exploration (Pvt) Limited (PEL), a leading private-sector Exploration and Production (E&P) company in Pakistan, has achieved a significant milestone by acquiring key energy non-operated assets from Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC). The newly acquired assets include concessions in Dadu, Kirthar, Tajjal and Qadirpur, home to some of the country's [more >>](#)

Power planning

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-06

THE National Electric Power Regulatory Authority, the power sector regulator, has rightly blamed poor planning for generation overcapacity, which has made electricity unaffordable not just for residential consumers but also for industry. In a new report, the regulator has noted that "overinvestment in generation capacity to meet peak demand" is one of the key contributors to rising con..... [more >>](#)

Nepra highlights recurring woes

Source: [Farrukh Mahmood Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-06

Each year, the National Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) releases the State of Power Industry Report, which outlines key events, technical and financial data, and sector issues. This comprehensive report offers valuable insights for planners and operators within various power-related entities. Unfortunately, the same problems are highlighted year after year in Nepra's annual report, wit..... [more >>](#)

CORPORATE WINDOW: Untangling the gas sector

Source: [Afia Malik](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-06

A lack of sustainable solutions marks the entire energy landscape; whether it is the electricity, gas, or petroleum sector, the story is more or less the same. The circular debt of the gas sector has reached Rs2.89 trillion, including Rs0.81tr interest, according to the energy ministry cited in the print media as of September 2024. As per official figures, the debt was reduced temporarily to Rs2..... [more >>](#)

PM orders inquiry into Lesco reinstatement, overbilling, alleged graft

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-06

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has ordered a thorough investigation into the reinstatement of 12 officers of the Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco), allegations of overbilling, Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) involvement in unlawful practices and other related matters concerning Lesco operations in recent months. The premier has directed the submission of the inquiry report within t..... [more >>](#)

Lesco collects over Rs6m from 97 defaulters

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-01-06

LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has recovered Rs6.005 million from 97 defaulters in all the five districts- Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara- during last 24 hours of its recovery campaign. A Lesco spokesman told media here Sunday that the company recovered outstanding dues of Rs3.089million from 11 defaulters in Northern Circle; Rs1.029million from 17 defaulters [more >>](#)

Load-management: Gas supply to CNG stations suspended

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-01-06

MANSEHRA: The Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Association on Sunday suspended gas supply to vehicles across Hazara Division and elsewhere in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under gas load-management policy after its successful talks with the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL). "We have shut down CNG stations in Hazara and the rest of the province following successful talks with SNGPL and representa..... [more >>](#)

High cost of power Pakistan's high electricity cost is crippling consumers and the economy.

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

The high cost of electricity in Pakistan is a critical challenge that is affecting all categories of consumers – domestic, commercial and industrial. This has not only strained domestic budgets and caused social commotion, but has also affected the national economy, by way of increasing the cost of manufacturing, thereby making our exports uncompetitive in the international market, and hence..... [more >>](#)

NTDC transmission constraints lead to 1,545pc surge in losses

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

ISLAMABAD - The losses incurred due to the congestion in NTDC transmission and the inadequacy of the transmission system have increased by over 1,545 percent from Rs3.67 billion in FY 2021-22 to Rs60.386 billion in FY 2023-24. Similarly, liability on account of Non-Project Missed Volume (NPMV) of energy, due to grid constraints/operational issues, has been on the rise and increased by 1,975 per..... [more >>](#)

KE stunned as its five projects remain out of IGCEP

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric (KE) is reportedly in shock over reports indicating that its five renewable energy projects (wind and hybrid) are not part of the Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2024, which is in its final stages, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The power utility company has conveyed its concerns to the Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Leghari, alongs..... [more >>](#)

It's the Referee's call

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

NEPRA's State of Industry Report FY24 surprisingly came out within 2024, continuing the trend of identifying bottlenecks in generation, transmission, and distribution while hoping the government will improve its management. Generation capacity utilization remains a major obstacle. The average annual capacity utilization last year was just 33 percent, meaning the benefits of having 46,00..... [more >>](#)

LESCO collects Rs6m from 97 defaulters

Source: [Safdar Rasheed, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

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Energy sector

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

The energy crisis in the country continues to remain a challenge with no end in sight. At its core, the issue stems from excessive government involvement, leading to poor planning and suboptimal execution. Regulatory bodies and the government failed to conduct proper studies to assess demand and plan accordingly. Instead, decisions are often driven by whims and criminal negligence such as adding p..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan State Oil

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

Pakistan State Oil (PSX: PSO) is the largest oil marketing company (OMC) in the country, commanding the highest market share in the sector. The company plays a pivotal role in the marketing and distribution of various petroleum products, including motor gasoline (Mogas), high-speed diesel (HSD), furnace oil (FO), jet fuel (JP-1), kerosene, compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan committed to IMF gas supply to CPPs would be cut off: minister

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-07

ISLAMABAD: Amid a heated exchange between Finance Minister Mohammad Aurangzeb and PTI senators, the minister revealed that Pakistan had committed to discontinuing gas supply to captive power plants under a 2021 agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) but it was not implemented by that government. Minister for Finance Aurangzeb said that such action led to creating a trust deficit in [more >>](#)

Faulty meters in Lesco region exceed 120,000

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-07

LAHORE: The number of single-phase faulty meters in Lesco region has crossed 120,000 and the people are facing problems in timely replacement of faulty meters in various areas of the provincial metropolis. According to Lesco sources, thousands of faulty meters could not be replaced for the last four months while consumers are facing multiple problems in payments of bills for faulty meters. When c..... [more >>](#)

Captive power cut

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-07

THE IMF's refusal to relax its demand for discontinuation of massively subsidised gas supplies to mostly inefficient captive power plants owned by wealthy textile producers, in order to eliminate cost distortions between power supply from the national grid and in-house generation, is understandable. Where power supply is a problem, captive power producers would be asked to pay additional Rs1..... [more >>](#)

Higher petroleum imports widen trade gap with Middle East

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-07

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's trade deficit with the Middle East increased 3.86 per cent to \$5.514 billion in the first five months of 2024-25 from \$5.309bn due to the rise in petroleum imports. According to data compiled by the State Bank of Pakistan, the widening trade gap would concern policymakers mainly because of the rising arrival of petroleum products from the region. Petroleum consump..... [more >>](#)

Downstream oil sector deregulation; OCAC refuses to endorse any future road map

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-07

ISLAMABAD: The Oil Companies Advisory Committee (OCAC) has issued a strong statement, asserting that the oil industry will not endorse any future roadmap for deregulation of the downstream oil sector unless the industry is actively involved in its development. The committee emphasised the need for prior consultation with industry stakeholders to ensure any proposed changes are feasible and be..... [more >>](#)

Power sector's bleeding wound

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-07

Rs600 billion. That's the staggering cost of inefficiencies in Pakistan's power distribution sector, as highlighted by Nepra's "State of Industry Report 2024." The numbers paint a grim picture, with key indicators like transmission and distribution (T&D) losses and billing under-recovery deteriorating further. What's worse? This is not a sudden crisis but the [more >>](#)

Powering Hunza

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-07

The protests in Hunza's Aliabad district against the ongoing power crisis entered their fourth consecutive day on Monday, with the Karakoram Highway—linking China and Pakistan—remaining blocked throughout. This standoff, if not resolved promptly, threatens not only to disrupt trade with China but also to deepen the frustration of the Gilgit-Baltistani people, who feel neglected i..... [more >>](#)

Govt completely ignores private oil refineries, OMCs in consultation process

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-07

ISLAMABAD - The federal government is not taking private stakeholders on board and has completely ignored oil refineries and oil marketing companies (OMCs) in the consultation process for the deregulation of oil prices. "While the Prime Minister and finance minister are repeatedly stressing inclusion of private sector in consultation, the mandarins in the Petroleum Division apparently thi..... [more >>](#)

Nepra orders Rs0.76/unit refund for XWDiscos, Rs0.49/unit refund for KE consumers in Jan bills

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

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PM says govt mulls options to slash electricity prices

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday told the federal cabinet that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) had announced to extend the \$2 billion debt that was due to be paid back by Pakistan this month. The prime minister, in his televised opening remarks at the federal cabinet meeting chaired by him, apprised the members of his "positive and constructive" meeting with UAE P..... [more >>](#)

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Power sector: Costly gaps

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

The power sector continues to battle inefficiencies, and the numbers tell a grim story. Two indicators—Part Load Adjustment Charges (PLAC) and Non-Project Missed Volume (NPMV)—highlight the financial strain of suboptimal operations, both on the sector and end-consumers. PLAC, triggered when power plants operate below their full load capacity, has seen a steep rise over the past fe..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Refinery Limited

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

Pakistan Refinery Limited (PSX: PRL) is a hydro-skimming refinery based in Karachi, Pakistan. Established in 1960, PRL processes imported and local crude oil into products like furnace oil, diesel, kerosene, jet fuel, and gasoline, with a capacity of 50,000 barrels per day. The refinery operates at two locations: the main facility at Korangi Creek and crude oil berthing and storage at Keamari..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff slashed by 75 paisa

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has reduced electricity tariff up to 75 paisa per unit for consumers of ex-Wapda power distribution companies (DISCOs) and K-Electric on account of fuel charges adjustment (FCA). The power-sector regulator cut tariff up to Rs0.7556 per unit for DISCOs due to variations in fuel charges in November 2024. For K-Electric consume..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers to get relief this month

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-08

ISLAMABAD: Power consumers across Pakistan can expect reduced electricity bills in the current month, as the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has directed power distribution companies, including K-Electric (KE), to refund excess charges collected previously. In separate decisions issued Tuesday, Nepra approved refunds of Rs0.7556 per unit for consumers of state-run Discos unde..... [more >>](#)

Nepra flags Qesco performance, Rs139bn losses

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has raised serious concern over the financial and operational inefficiencies of the Quetta Electric Supply Company (Qesco), citing its inability to meet key transmission and distribution loss targets. During a public hearing on Tuesday, Nepra officials disclosed that Qesco's transmission and distribution losses surged to 29..... [more >>](#)

'Rangers to assist Lesco to catch power thieves'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-08

LAHORE: Soon paramilitary force will take action along with teams of Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) against defaulters and power thieves. According to an official, Lesco administration has sought rangers' help in taking action against defaulters and electricity pilferers. Rangers will assist in the first phase in Okara and Eastern Circle. An operation will be conducted against the t..... [more >>](#)

GB power crisis

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

MASS protests are not a novelty in Pakistan, and when the state refuses to listen through the available channels — which it often does — people take to the streets and disrupt life to get their message across. Protests have been continuing in Gilgit-Baltistan since last week over 22-hour power outages in the region. Demonstrators, braving the mountainous area's harsh winter weath..... [more >>](#)

Nepra notifies refunds for power consumers

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday notified negative fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of 76 paise per unit for ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) and 49 paise for consumers of K-Electric in January's bills. The refunds were approved for Discos' consumers for November and KE's users in October. The KE had proposed a 27-paise per un..... [more >>](#)

Azad Kashmir intensifies hydropower development to tap 8,000 MW potential

Source: [Tariq Naqash](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

MUZAFFARABAD: Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) has intensified efforts to harness its vast hydropower potential of approximately 8,000 megawatts (MW), with key projects progressing to address energy needs and bolster local development. This was stated by Khawaja Masood Qadir, Managing Director of the AJK Power Development Organisation (PDO), during an interaction with media persons on Tuesday, hours [more >>](#)

Electricity prices may drop by up to Rs12 per unit: minister

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

Federal Minister for Energy, Awais Leghari, announced that ongoing talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) could result in a reduction of electricity rates by as much as Rs10 to 12 per unit. Speaking to the media at the Parliament House, Leghari revealed that renegotiations with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) have already saved the country Rs1,100 billion, with those savings benefitin..... [more >>](#)

Setting up of WG proposed; Power sector entities owe over Rs54bn: NTDC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: The National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) has proposed the formation of a working group to address its financial challenges, as Rs 54.403 billion remain stuck with various power sector entities. In a letter to the Secretary of Power, Dr. Fiaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Chairman of the NTDC Board stated that miscellaneous receivables from power sector companies have been appearing [more >>](#)

Govt aims to cut power tariff by up to Rs12 per unit: minister

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-10

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Awaiz Ahmad Khan Leghari informed a parliamentary panel on Thursday that the government was actively working to reduce the electricity tariff by Rs10 to Rs12 per unit. During a briefing to the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Power, the minister explained that eight to nine factors were currently under review to lower power costs, including rev..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Petroleum announces gas production from Kotri North Block

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-10

Pakistan Petroleum has started the extraction of gas from the Kotri field in Jamshoro district of Pakistan's Sindh's province. The announcement regarding the commencement was made on the Pakistan Stock Exchange in a letter. According to the letter, the daily gas production from the Kotri North Block One is 5.3 million cubic feet. The gas is being extracted at a pressure of 950 pound..... [more >>](#)

Revised IPP contracts; Govt says consumers to get Rs1.1trn benefit

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-10

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power, Sardar Awaiz Ahmad Leghari, has stated that the financial benefit of the revised contracts for Independent Power Producers (IPPs) will be Rs 1.1 trillion, which will either be passed or has been passed on to consumers. He was responding to questions raised by members of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Power, which met on Thursday under the chairmanship..... [more >>](#)

Winter incentive package: A cold start

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-10

The government's winter incentive demand package has landed with a whimper. The plan to incentivize incremental electricity consumption from December to February by offering a marginal cost of Rs26 per unit for up to 25 percent additional usage was always ambitious. The first month's results are in, and they paint a rather grim picture. Despite electricity sales having plummeted t..... [more >>](#)

Govt slashes average sale price of RLNG by 1.81pc for SNGPL consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-11

ISLAMABAD - The federal government Friday slashed the average sale price of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) by 1.81 per cent for the consumers Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited, while rate has been jacked up by 0.45 percent for the consumers of Sui Southern Gas Company Limited. The RLNG price for the consumers of SNGPL has been reduced by \$0.2330 per million British thermal units (mmB..... [more >>](#)

KE removes over 301 illegal connections in Baldia

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-11

KARACHI - K-Electric (KE), in collaboration with the law enforcement agencies, is continuing its crackdown against electricity theft and defaulters. The power utility carried out operations in the Baldia IBC areas, including Iqbal Road, Delhi Colony, Mujahid Colony, and Turk Colony, removing over 301 illegal connections (kundas), weighing a total of 480 kilograms from its infrastructure. In add..... [more >>](#)

Peak demand supply for 5 years; SEZs to be mandated to ink PPAs with Discos

Source: [Mushtaq Ghuman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-11

ISLAMABAD: The government is to make it mandatory for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to sign Power Purchase Agency Agreements (PPAs) with power Distribution Companies (Discos) for supply of power equivalent to peak demand for five years, sources close to Power Minister told Business Recorder. The proposal will be approved by the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE), in its forthcoming meeting t..... [more >>](#)

Case against PEL;FHL seeks PD's support in enforcing SICC ruling

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-11

ISLAMABAD: Frontier Holdings Ltd (FHL), a foreign oil and gas exploration company, has requested assistance from the Petroleum Division in enforcing an international court's ruling against a local firm, the Petroleum Exploration (Pvt) Ltd (PEL). The letter written to director general (PC) Petroleum Division stated that the FHL obtained a victory against PEL in jurisdiction-related proce..... [more >>](#)

SSGC rates rise, SNGPL rates fall OGRA cuts LNG rates for SNGPL by 2%, raises SSGC prices up to 0.45%

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-11

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Friday announced adjustments to imported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) prices for January 2025, increasing rates for Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) consumers while reducing them for Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) users. On a month-to-month basis, the price of LNG for SSGC consumers at the transmission stage rose by \$0.0468 per m..... [more >>](#)

Collaboration on enhancing Wapda employees' skills initiated

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2025-01-11

LAHORE: In a significant development, the Wapda has collaborated with the Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Engineering (CEWRE) to provide MS enrolment opportunities to its employees. The initiative aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of Wapda employees, ultimately contributing to the organisational growth and success. The orientation ceremony held at the CEWRE, University of Engineer..... [more >>](#)

Regulator promises action on LPG overcharging

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-11

ISLAMABAD: On the consumers' complaints, the Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has decided to investigate the overcharging of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by the state-run Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL). An Islamabad-based non-profit organisation — Consumer Rights Advocacy (CRA) — had reported to the Ogra chairman last week that SNGPL was overcharging consu..... [more >>](#)

LNG prices for January notified

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-11

ISLAMABAD: With system losses touching a record 16.16 per cent, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Friday notified a slight increase in the sale price of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) for Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGCL) and a reduction for Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL) for January. Karachi-based SSGCL serves consumers in Sindh and Balochistan, and Ogra increased it..... [more >>](#)

OGRA begins operation against sale of adulterated LPG in market

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-12

ISLAMABAD: Thousands of lives are at risk due to the sale of adulterated Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the market. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has initiated a grand operation, seizing dozens of company samples and containers filled with adulterated chemicals. According to reports, OGRA received complaints regarding adulterated LPG and launched a crackdown on those sell..... [more >>](#)

Rs34.47 per unit uniform tariff of for CPEC SEZs ready for CCOE approval

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2025-01-12

ISLAMABAD: To make phase 2 of CPEC projects successful story, the Power Division has worked out the provision of electricity at the rate of Rs34.47 per unit to the industries to be established in the CPEC Special Economic Zones. The electricity rate has been suggested to CCOE for approval in its summary on 'revised the electricity supply mechanism to SEZs'. The industry in SEZ would [more >>](#)

Discos add Rs600bn to circular debt a year

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2025-01-13

ISLAMABAD: The Discos fraught with inefficiencies are causing an addition of over Rs600 billion in the circular debt per annum that has now increased to Rs2.467 trillion, showing that the government's top mandarins have failed to arrest the losses on account of recovery and theft of electricity, reveals the latest data about electric power distribution companies. This means Discos are addin..... [more >>](#)

Govt deploys intel officers to combat power theft in Sindh

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-13

ISLAMABAD: Almost six months after the federal cabinet's decision, the government has begun inducting officers from intelligence, investigation and law enforcement agencies into Sindh's ever-bleeding power distribution companies (Discos) to curb power theft, improve recoveries and enhance operational efficiency. In a notification issued on the weekend, the power division constituted..... [more >>](#)

Scrapping a coal power avenue

Source: [Nasir Jamal, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-13

With energy minister Awais Khan Leghari listing the planned 300MW Gwadar coal power plant amongst projects considered unaffordable for the consumers and hinting at scrapping it — along with several other proposed generation schemes of 10,000MW — the future of the long-stalled project appears more uncertain than ever. The 'warning' comes at a time when the imported coal-b..... [more >>](#)

Lesco plans shift to smart metering by 2029 in Lahore

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-13

LAHORE: The entire Lahore region, which consists of 6.7 million electricity consumers, is to be shifted to advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) by 2029, as the departments concerned of Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) are being aligned with each other these days. On the other hand, the installation of smart meters on the applications related to three-phase meter connections has begun, p..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel to cost Rs6 more in next fortnight

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-14

ISLAMABAD: The prices of high-speed diesel (HSD), petrol and kerosene are estimated to increase by up to Rs6 per litre on Wednesday for the next fortnight due to higher international prices. Informed sources said the ex-depot petrol price was estimated to go up by Rs5-6 per litre depending on the final calculation on Jan 15. Kerosene and diesel prices are expected to rise by about Rs3 and 2 per..... [more >>](#)

Unending power crisis: economic stability at risk

Source: [Engineer Arshad H Abbasi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-14

Pakistan's power sector is trapped in a vicious cycle of debt, echoing the haunting words of Ghalib, Marz Barhta Gaya Joon Joon Dawa Ki i.e. the remedy worsened the malady. This poignant verse encapsulates the power sector's catastrophic downward spiral. The numbers are staggering. In FY22, the circular debt swelled to Rs2.325 trillion, with electricity prices skyrocketing by 155% from [more >>](#)

FESCO to launch 'CCMS Plus' to facilitate consumers

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-14

FAISALABAD: In line with the vision of the FESCO Board of Directors (BODs), the provision of convenience to consumers will continue in FESCO. In this regard, the mobile Application FESCO Smart App "CCMS Plus" Electronic Operation (EOPS) containing state-of-the-art technology will be fully launched by the end of this month. The DG (IT) and his team, led by Chief Executive FESCO Engr Muh..... [more >>](#)

Grid defection: a looming challenge for Pakistan's utilities—II

Source: [Engr Syed Faizan Ali, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-14

Previously we discussed the ingredients of Grid Defection and how all these are available in Pakistan. Resultantly, the demand is on the decline. In this part we will discuss some fundamental issues and propose potential solutions. Traditional utility model, its drawbacks in context of evolving energy landscape The traditional utility model, created in the early 20th century, was designe..... [more >>](#)

NPGCL board reinstates CEO

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-14

ISLAMABAD: Flouting the directions of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the Board of Northern Power Generation Company Limited (NPGCL) has reinstated the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sabeeh Uz Zaman Faruqi to "benefit from his experience", well informed sources told Business Recorder. On December 20, 2024, Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of three power Generation Companies (Gencos)..... [more >>](#)

Hunza Power Crisis

Source: [Sami ur Rahman, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-14

Last week, Federal Minister for interior, Mohsin Naqvi, paid a visit to the F-8 Exchange Square and Serena Square Interchange project sites in Islamabad and claimed that the construction of F-8 Underpass had been accomplished in a record 42-day span in the country's history. The Serena Square Interchange, likewise, will be completed in a record time due to its sensitive location, he added. [more >>](#)

Govt forms special unit to curb power theft, boost recoveries in Lesco

Source: [Asif Mahmood Butt, The News, International](#), 2025-01-15

LAHORE: The federal government has established a dedicated "Disco Support Unit" to assist Lahore Electricity Supply Company (Lesco) in combating power theft and improving electricity recoveries. The unit, which will operate for two years, includes high-ranking officials from the civil armed forces (Rangers), intelligence agencies (ISI, Military Intelligence), Federal Investigation Agen..... [more >>](#)

Govt okays revised IPP deals, eyes major saving

Source: [Ag App & Khalid Mustafa & Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2025-01-15

ISLAMABAD: The federal cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, approved revised agreements with 14 Independent Power Producers (IPPs) on Tuesday, shifting to a 'take and pay' model. This move is expected to slash the cost and profit of these IPPs by a staggering Rs802 billion, potentially easing the financial burden on the country. Under the revised agreements, the governme..... [more >>](#)

Cabinet okays new power supply system for special economic zones

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-15

ISLAMABAD: The federal cabinet on Tuesday approved a new power supply system for special economic zones (SEZs) and industrial estates, aiming to accelerate industrial development and simplify electricity management. According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the Cabinet Committee on Energy allowed the provision of power supply to SEZs and industrial estates at a single point and allowe..... [more >>](#)

Revision of agreements with 14 IPPs approved to reduce power cost with Rs137bn annual savings for consumers

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-15

The federal cabinet on Tuesday approved the power division's recommendation to revise the negotiated settlement agreements with 14 independent power producers (IPPs) aimed at reducing electricity costs and saving Rs1.4 trillion for the national exchequer. In October, the government prematurely terminated power purchase agreements with five of the oldest IPPs with the move projected to save Rs..... [more >>](#)

SEZs, industrial estates; New power provision system approved

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-15

ISLAMABAD: In a bid to accelerate the pace of industrial development, a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Energy on Tuesday approved a new power provision system to the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Industrial Estates. The committee, presided over by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, allowed supply of electricity to industrial estates and special economic zones at one point, allowed their [more >>](#)

Project's COD changed; Member slams Nepra for overstepping authority

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-15

ISLAMABAD: Member (Finance and Tariff) NEPRA has accused the authority of exceeding its jurisdiction by changing the Commercial Operation Date (COD) of 36.6 MW Daral Khawar Hydropower Project of Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organisation (PEDO). The Authority had issued a generation licence to the project on 19 May, 2017 and approved a levelized reference tariff of Rs.8.4377/kWh on January 0..... [more >>](#)

Cold chain industry slams Nepra for placing it in commercial tariff category

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-15

ISLAMABAD: The cold chain industry has slammed the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) for its blanket classification of all cold storage facilities under the "commercial" tariff category. On December 23, 2024, Nepra, in its decision had directed Discos and K-Electric to consider all cold storages under commercial tariff category. According to the industry, th..... [more >>](#)

POL products; Ex-depot prices may go up by Rs6.20/litre from 16th

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-15

ISLAMABAD: The ex-depot prices of petroleum products are estimated to increase by up to Rs6.20 per litre with effect from January 16 to 31, 2025 due to higher international prices. According to the market sources, the ex-depot petrol price was estimated to go up by Rs3.53 per litre. Kerosene oil and light diesel oil (LDO) prices are expected to rise by about Rs4.98 and 6.20 per litre, respect..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan slashes electricity tariff for EV charging stations to promote green transport

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-15

The Government of Pakistan has announced a significant reduction in electricity tariffs for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Energy Minister Awais Leghari revealed that the tariff has been cut from Rs. 71.10 per unit to Rs. 39.70 per unit as part of the government's efforts to promote electric mobility. The minister stated that permissions to install EV charging stations will now [more >>](#)

Power lines around Lahore Fort to be laid underground

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-10

LAHORE: The groundbreaking ceremony for the much-anticipated Walled City of Lahore Authority project 'Removal of Wires (Underground)' at the Rim Market side of Lahore Fort was held here on Thursday. This marked a significant step toward preserving and sustainability of the historic conservation of Taxali area. The event was attended by senior officials, project stakeholders, and member..... [more >>](#)

Senate panel told; Talks with 16 IPPs likely to yield results soon

Source: [Fazal Sher](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD: Following the termination of contracts of five independent power producers (IPPs), negotiations with 16 other IPPs continue which may get finalised by the end of January, a senior official of the Power Division told a parliamentary body on Wednesday. A special secretary of the Power Division, while briefing the Senate Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, which..... [more >>](#)

Energy crisis in Gilgit-Baltistan dominates Senate body meeting

Source: [Jamil Nagri](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-14

GILGIT: A parliamentary committee on Monday discussed power, development and tourism projects in Gilgit-Baltistan, focusing primarily on addressing the region's electricity crisis. A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, chaired by its chairman Senator Sajid Mir at the Parliament House in Islamabad, was informed that GB faced a significant power..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

CM Punjab launches solar panel scheme

Source: [Safdar Rasheed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif launched free Solar Panel Scheme to provide permanent relief to people in electricity bills. Today (January 5) is the last date for registration under the scheme. She said, "One lakh homes will get free solar panels at a cost of Rs10 billion. Homes consuming an average of 200 units of electricity on a single electricity meter will be abl..... [more >>](#)

Nuclear power: road to carbon-free future

Source: [Engr Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-10

The future prospects of nuclear power generation in Pakistan hold considerable promise, contingent upon strategic planning, technological innovation, and adherence to global safety and regulatory standards. As the country faces mounting energy demands driven by population growth, urbanization, and industrialization, nuclear energy offers a viable and sustainable solution to bridge the widening gap..... [more >>](#)

Net metering consumers up by 108pc in previous fiscal year

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD - The net metering consumers in the country have increased by 108 percent during the previous fiscal year taking the total capacity to 2500MW, as National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has anticipated that the target of an additional net-metering capacity of 3,420MW by 2031 will be achieved, much sooner than expected. The IGCEP 2022-31 sets forth an ambitious target to expand ne..... [more >>](#)

Renewable transition

Source: [Ayoub Hameedi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-06

CLIMATE change has emerged as a global crisis, but its effects are disproportionately devastating for developing countries like Pakistan. While contributing fewer than one per cent to global greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan is among the nations most severely impacted by climate change. This vulnerability has intensified poverty levels across the country and is posing a significant threat to its [more >>](#)

100k homes to be provided free solar systems

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-06

LAHORE: Sunday was the last date for registration under a free solar panel scheme launched by Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif to provide the beneficiaries permanent relief in electricity bills. According to Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, 100,000 homes will get free solar panels at a cost of Rs10 billion under the scheme. Homes consuming an average of 200 units of electricity on a meter [more >>](#)

Minister highlights wind, solar energy projects

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-08

KARACHI: Sindh's Minister for Energy, Nasir Hussain Shah has stated that providing affordable green energy in line with Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's vision is the top priority of the Sindh government. He highlighted that several wind and solar energy projects are currently under way across the province. He made these remarks during a meeting with a delegation led by DHA [more >>](#)

FBR unveils Rs106b solar panel import scam

Source: [Ehtasham Mufti](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-09

The Directorate of Customs Post Clearance Audit South, operating under the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), has uncovered a massive money laundering scheme worth over Rs106 billion, disguised as solar panel imports. According to Express News, the operation involved seven fake companies, and the FBR has now filed cases against them. The companies implicated in the scandal include: Messrs Sky Linke..... [more >>](#)

Production sector; Govt urged to adopt cleaner energy alternatives

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-11

KARACHI: The government should explore cleaner alternative energy options for production as the greenhouse gas emissions from the coal mining and power plants contribute to global warming and increased atmospheric humidity, experts said. In recent years, Pakistan has experienced severe weather anomalies, including intense heat, torrential rains, and melting of glaciers, among others. The co..... [more >>](#)

Govt to allocate additional funds for free solar panel scheme

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-12

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has made several important decisions aimed at transforming the agriculture, solar energy, and industrial sectors in Punjab. During a review meeting on Sunday, chaired by Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, progress on various sectors, including agriculture, energy, and industry, was discussed. As part of her push to boost agricultural development, the [more >>](#)

Meeting reviews solarisation of agri tube wells in Balochistan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-01-12

QUETTA: Energy Secretary Muhammad Dawood Bazai has said that, for the development of the agricultural sector, it was necessary to convert the province's agricultural tube wells to solar energy. He said that would provide significant savings to the government in the energy sector and relief to farmers, adding that the uplift of the agricultural sector was one of the government's top priorities..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Dialogue News

'Robust monitoring, validation systems must for operationalisation of carbon markets'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-07

Islamabad: Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam on Monday said Pakistan's achievements at COP29 had strengthened its commitment to adopting international carbon trading guidelines. She also said robust monitoring and validation systems were essential for the successful operationalisation of carbon markets. Speaking as a c..... [more >>](#)

Denmark to work with Pakistan to attract investments in addressing climate change: Envoy

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Pakistan advances carbon trading goals post-COP29

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Moot highlights internet disruptions' toll on business, social life

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a public-private dialogue on Tuesday spotlighted ways in which internet disruptions hurt business and social life. They underscored that seamless internet connectivity was a key to boosting IT exports. Alternative connectivity options based on modern technology and terrestrial routes are the way forward, they added. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) had o..... [more >>](#)

Stable internet key to IT export vision: experts

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a public-private dialogue stressed the need for resilient internet infrastructure to achieve Pakistan's ambitious IT export targets, highlighting modern technology and alternative connectivity options as key enablers. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) hosted its 69th Study Group on Information Technology and Telecommunication under the theme 'Prese..... [more >>](#)

Internet slowdowns linked to VPN

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: The surge in Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) usage during internet disruptions has been identified as a major factor contributing to slow internet speeds in Pakistan, a report by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) said on Wednesday. The report says that a significant surge in the use of VPNs during internet disruptions played a substantial role in further slowing down inte..... [more >>](#)

Resilient internet key to realizing Pakistan's vision for boosting IT exports: Experts

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Resilient Internet Key To Realizing Pakistan's Vision For Boosting IT Exports: Experts

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 8th Jan, 2025) The experts on Wednesday at the public-private dialogue on information technology and telecommunication underscored that the country's vision to boost its IT exportsto significant level would be unachievable without resilient internet, as alternative connectivity options based on modern technology and terrestrial routes are the way..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Sajid Chaudhry](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2025-01-09

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Source: [Namainda Khasosi](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2025-01-09

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Adoption of orbital satellites proposed

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-09

ISLAMABAD: Jahanzeb Rahim, Member Telecom, Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication proposed the adoption of orbital satellites as a complementary measure to enhance connectivity, emphasizing the need to boost the telecom sector's contribution to the national GDP, which currently stands at a mere one percent. The experts on Tuesday at the public-private dialogue on informati..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan's over-reliance on undersea cables, all are key vulnerability. Parvez Iftikhar

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Telecoalert](#), 2025-01-09

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SDPI Articles

Welcome to 2025

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-01

With the arrival of the new year comes renewed hope and opportunities to make choices that can improve upon the previous year. The year ahead presents a chance to reflect on past challenges and take decisive steps towards addressing them effectively. While the future remains uncertain, our choices shaped by different internal and external factors lead to different scenarios defining our achieveme..... [more >>](#)

A solution to Balochistan's energy poverty

Source: [Ayesha Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-05

Balochistan, which has abundant reserves of coal and natural gas and as well as vast renewable energy potential, is also the province with the least per capita energy use. Only 56.1 percent of the province has access to grid electricity. Its unique terrain and low population density make grid extension commercially unattractive and technically challen..... [more >>](#)

The food export paradox

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-05

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

A year of wins

Source: [Arooj Waheed Dar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-05

ALL is well that ends well. The year 2024 was no different. For Pakistan, it was a year of marked stability: inflation was dragged down, rather heroically, to the single digits. While prices continued to increase, making basic necessities even more unaffordable for the poor, who cared as long as we could say, "The fire of inflation has been tamed!". It is not like the ordinary per..... [more >>](#)

Nicotine pouches: health challenge?

Source: [Radma Nouman Shah and Mahrukh Khan](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-05

Pakistan's nicotine pouch market represents a complex intersection of public health concerns, regulatory challenges, and shifting consumer behaviors that demand a careful scrutiny. Recent studies indicate that approximately 17.2% of surveyed participants reported using nicotine pouches, highlighting their growing presence in Pakistani society (2023). These products, while marketed as a safer..... [more >>](#)

What is our climate vision for the NDCs?

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-09

As Pakistan stands at the precipice of 2025, the urgency to confront the climate crisis has never been more pronounced. The revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which form the backbone of Pakistan's

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Pakistan's economy needs a boost in 2025. Here's what we must do to achieve it

Source: [Dr Sajid Amin Javed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-08

It is a no-brainer that sustained and inclusive economic growth — one that creates jobs, avoids fuelling the current account deficit, and uplifts every segment of society — is Pakistan's only viable path to eradicating poverty and improving living standards. Yet, this goal remains elusive. Time and again, Pakistan has seen fleeting spurts of high growth, averaging five per [more >>](#)

The sum of all costs

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-01-12

"The meanings of wealth (and power) shift from having a lot of dollars to having a lot of petabytes of information," notes Noah Harari, the famous philosopher, in his latest book, Nexus. He further argues that AI fundamentally differs from everything we have invented so far. It is the first technology in history that can make decisions and [more >>](#)

پاکستان کے شہری مراکز میں خواتین کی حفاظت کیسے ممکن؟

Source: [Radma Nouman Shah](#), [World Echo News](#), 2025-01-11

پاکستان کے تیزی سے بدلتے ہوئے شہری منظر نامے میں، عوامی جگہوں پر خواتین کی حفاظت ایک اہم مسئلہ بن چکی ہے۔ یہ مسئلہ سماجی انصاف، اقتصادی مواقع اور بنیادی انسانی حقوق سے جڑا ہوا ہے۔ حقیقت یہ ہے کہ کراچی میں 78 فیصد خواتین نے ع [more >>](#)

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Minister seeks policy aimed at de-regularising sugar industry

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal directed authorities concerned to prepare a medium-term policy to de-regularise the sugar industry for next 10 years and to submit its report within 15 days. The minister also stressed industries to ensure data-uniformity, crop-zoning and backward integration. He gave directions to concerned ministries to pre..... [more >>](#)

Committee for developing Medium term Framework for Deregularisation of Sugar Industry within 10 days

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-01-02

ISLAMABAD - The Prime Minister's Committee on Sugar Wednesday directed the departments concerned to develop Medium term Framework for Deregularization of Sugar Industry within 10 days. The Prime Minister's Committee on Sugar, which met here with Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal in the chair, discussed stocking, pricing and future trajectory for development of sugar industry. Prime Mini..... [more >>](#)

Seminar News

ماحولیاتی تبدیلی خواتین کی صحت کو متاثر کرتی ہے: ماہرین

Source: [Reporter](#), [Dunya News](#), 2025-01-01

نقل مکانی، تناؤ اور فضائی آلودگی جیسے مسائل خواتین کیلئے حالات مزید مشکل بنا رہے، نچلی سطح کی سول سوسائٹی کو حکومتی پالیسیوں کی تشکیل میں شامل کیا جانا چاہئے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار ماہرین نے پالیسی مباحثے میں کیا، یو این ا [more >>](#)

SDPI's policy clinic with Oxford's Dr. Amir Lebdioui underscores Survival of the Greenest

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