

About SDPI

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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

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

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

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

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

Subjects Covered

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

Pakistan's Energy Transition

Energy Governance

IHC suspends notification to impose levy on gas/RLNG consumption by CPPs until April 30

Source: [Shahid Rao](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-31

ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has suspended the notification to impose levy under Section 3(1) of the Off the Grid (Captive Power Plants) Levy Ordinance, 2025 on the consumption of natural gas or RLNG by captive power plants (CPPs) until 30th April, 2025. A single bench of IHC comprising Justice Khadim Hussain Soomro conducted hearing of the case and after hearing the arguments of pet..... [more >>](#)

APTMA for passing on full negative Jan 2025 FCA relief to KE consumers without deduction

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-20

ISLAMABAD: All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has requested the power sector regulator to pass on the full negative Jan 2025 FCA relief to KE consumers without any deduction. In a letter to Registrar NEPRA, Secretary General APTMA Shahid Sattar has cited reference to the Notice of Hearing on request of K-Electric Limited (KE) for Provisional Monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) f..... [more >>](#)

Major relief in electricity bills on the cards

Source: [Ag App & Israr Khan & Saifur Rahman](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-16

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has decided to provide big relief to the people by substantially bringing down the rates of electricity while maintaining prices of petroleum products at the previous level. In a statement on Saturday, he said the government decided to transfer the complete financial benefit in the rate of electricity while keeping the prices of petroleum at the past rates..... [more >>](#)

PPP calls new alternative energy policy 'betrayal of clean energy future'

Source: [Asim Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-16

ISLAMABAD: Rejecting the new alternative energy policy, the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Saturday said the federal government's decision is destroying the future of renewable energy and warned that it will strongly resist the "anti-people policy" at judicial, political and public levels. The PPP termed the federal government's move a direct attack on Pakistan's ene..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum prices kept unchanged to make space for tariff cut

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-16

ISLAMABAD: The government on Saturday decided to keep the petroleum prices unchanged, contrary to expectations they would fall by up to Rs14 per litre for the next two weeks due to fluctuations in the international market. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif decided to use the extra fiscal space to reduce electricity tariffs. An official statement released on Saturday said the gover..... [more >>](#)

PM to announce big relief on power bills in weeks

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-16

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif decided to provide big relief to the people by substantially bringing down rates of electricity while maintaining prices of petroleum products at the previous level. In a statement issued on Saturday, the prime minister said the government decided to transfer the complete financial benefit in the rate of electricity while keeping prices of petroleum at [more >>](#)

Naeem lambastes govt for not reducing petroleum prices after decline in global market

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-17

The Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) emir, Hafiz Naeemur Rehman, has condemned the government over skyrocketing petroleum prices even at a time when the prices are declining in the global market. Addressing a public Iftar in Karachi's North Nazimabad area, he said the ruling regime was pressing the common people against the wall but it did not intend to curtail its own luxuries. He said the JI rejected t..... [more >>](#)

Going for green refining technology

Source: [Dr Adeel Ghayur](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-17

MELBOURNE: Pakistan's oil and chemical sectors are at a critical juncture. With increasing imports of petroleum products and petrochemicals and the global shift towards green fuels and chemicals, the country, though confronted with enormous challenges, has a unique opportunity to capitalise on. By adopting a green refinery industrial base, Pakistan could not only meet its national demand but..... [more >>](#)

KE board set to approve additional write-off claims

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The Board of K-Electric (KE) is set to approve additional write-off claims to ensure the approval of Rs 50 billion related to billing for FY 2017 to 2023, as per an understanding with the Task Force on Energy, headed by the Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Khan Leghari. All of KE's pending and undecided matters are currently under the consideration of the Task Force, well-inf..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL, Mari make new discoveries

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-18

ISLAMABAD: The two state-owned entities — Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) and Mari Energies Ltd (MEL) — on Monday announced separate oil and gas discoveries in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, respectively. In a statement, OGDCL, the country's largest exploration and production company, announced a significant gas and condensate discovery at its Soghri North-1 well in [more >>](#)

OGDCL announces significant gas, condensate discovery at Soghri North-1 well in Attock

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-18

ISLAMABAD - Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Pakistan's largest exploration and production company, has announced a significant gas and condensate discovery at its Soghri North-1 well in the Soghri Block, located in the Attock district of Punjab. The Soghri North-1 well was spudded on May 21, 2024, as part of OGDCL's ongoing commitment to exploring Pakistan's hyd..... [more >>](#)

Transmission and CTBCM; IMF asks PD for efficiency boost in Discos

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-18

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reportedly asked the Power Division to improve performance of Discos, transmission system and start implementation on Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM) to bring down electricity prices, well-informed sources in Power Division told Business Recorder. The Fund's first Review Mission on the 7 billion dollar Extended Fund F..... [more >>](#)

7 IPPs file joint plea for tariff cut

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-18

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has admitted a joint tariff reduction application under hybrid take-and-pay mechanism filed by seven Independent Power Producers (IPPs) established under Power Generation Policy 2002 and Central Power Purchasing Agency– Guaranteed (CPPA-G). The IPPs which have jointly filed application for reduction in tariffs as per ag..... [more >>](#)

Energy crisis: Gridlock of gas and power

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-03-18

The government, under the guise of IMF conditions, has increased gas prices for captive power plants, along with an additional levy on top. This is making even the most efficient combined-cycle plants unviable, and many are shifting—not eagerly to the grid, but rather eyeing alternative sources, as the grid remains expensive and unreliable. Even if some move to the grid, it may partiall..... [more >>](#)

PM all set to cut power tariff by Rs8 per unit on 23rd

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-18

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is all set to scale down the power tariff by Rs8 per unit on March 23 after getting the IMF nod. The reduction in tariff will be effective from April 1, 2025 and people will be receiving reduced bills in May. “However, out of Rs8 per unit, Rs4.73 per unit reduction in tariff will continue on a permanent basis as a result of scrapping agreements with [more >>](#)

Seven major IPPs seek Nepra’s nod to cut tariffs

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-19

ISLAMABAD: In a bid to ease pressure on electricity consumers amid the IMF-backed structural reforms, seven major independent power producers (IPPs) have sought Nepra’s approval for reduction in their key tariff components. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has accepted joint applications filed by the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) and IPPs operating under t..... [more >>](#)

‘Inconsistent energy policies hit economy’

Source: [Mohammad Hussain Khan](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-03-19

HYDERABAD: Pakistan’s energy sector is being managed by inexperienced and irresponsible individuals, which is leading the country’s economy toward a disaster, deplored Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry (HCSTSI) President Mohammad Saleem Memon on Tuesday. Raising concerns about the government’s inconsistent and contradictory energy policies, he said expen..... [more >>](#)

Govt's new energy policy could spell economic disaster

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-03-19

HYDERABAD: The Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry (HCSTSI) has said that the federal government is pushing the country's economy towards disaster through inconsistent and contradictory energy policies. Chamber President Muhammad Saleem Memon in a statement on Tuesday drew parallels between the government's allegedly flawed policy of buying expensive electricity from th..... [more >>](#)

10.2MW Jabori Hydropower Project completed

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-03-19

PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government has successfully completed the 10.2 megawatt Jabori Hydropower Project in Mansehra District, with its own resources. After the successful commercial operation of the project, 71.1 GhW of cheap electricity will be generated annually and added to the national grid. An agreement has already been signed with PESCO in August for the purchase of electricity [more >>](#)

Striking Oil

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-03-19

In a promising development, two state-owned entities, Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) and Mari Energies Ltd (MEL), announced separate oil and gas discoveries in Punjab and KP on Monday. With the discovery in the Songri Exploration License and the Spinwam-1 exploration well in North Waziristan, Pakistan has added to its existing hydrocarbon reserves, raising the possibility of reducing [more >>](#)

Transmission system;WB may approve restructuring of \$425m NTMP-I

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-19

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank is likely to approve the restructuring of National Transmission Modernization Project-I (NTMP-I) worth \$425 million envisaging to increase the capacity and reliability of select segments of the national transmission system in Pakistan and modernise key business processes of the National Transmission and Dispatch Company. Official documents revealed this is the third [more >>](#)

Pakistan's energy conundrum: challenges and elucidations

Source: [Usman Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-20

Pakistan's energy sector faces significant challenges such as frequent power outages, high transmission losses, reliance on imported fuels, prompting the introduction of IPPs to bridge the electricity gap. The rising costs of global energy, coupled with the depreciation of the Pakistani rupee and domestic political instability, are pushing the country towards a severe energy crisis. Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

\$100m Saudi oil facility resumes this month

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-20

ISLAMABAD: While kick-starting the \$100 million Saudi Oil Facility (SOF) from the ongoing month, Pakistan has so far materialised \$6 billion from international creditors in the first eight months (July-Feb) of the current fiscal year. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Wednesday embarked upon a visit to Saudi Arabia and now the SOF is expected to begin with \$100 million every month from March 2025. Th..... [more >>](#)

Iesco committed to prove exceptional customer services

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-20

Islamabad: The Chairman Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco), Dr. Tahir Masood has reaffirmed the company commitment to delivering unparalleled customer services and leveraging cutting edge technologies to enhance operational efficiency. He said that current Iesco Board of Directors' team is dedicated to providing highest level of services, ensuring timely and accurate billing, resoluti..... [more >>](#)

Beasts of burden

Source: [Khurram Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-20

THIS is perfect. The power bureaucracy has decided to go on the offensive against users of net-metering services, and decided to describe them all as a 'burden' and tell the rest of the power users in the country that their bills are high because a few are escaping the grid by going solar. And thanks to this misfire, this entirely unnecessary hostility, we now have the perfect illus..... [more >>](#)

Electricity generation rut goes on

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-20

Pakistan's national electricity grid generated more power in February of 2018 than in February of 2025. Let that sink in. It is the third February in row of year-on-year power generation going down. A 3 percent year-on-year dip may not sound alarming from the sound of it, but mind you, it is coming off a low base, and also coincided with the culmination of the Winter Bijli Sahulat Packa..... [more >>](#)

Why net metering reforms alone won't fix the grid crisis

Source: [Engr Abubakar Ismail](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-20

Pakistan has long struggled with comprehensive, long-term energy policies that take a consolidated approach to addressing sector-wide challenges. Today, the power and petroleum sectors are burdened with circular debt and massive leakages, a situation that threatens the country's economic security. Yet, despite years of crisis, the government's approach remains largely reactive, lacking..... [more >>](#)

Karachiites to bear Rs13.5bn power burden

Source: [Saif Ur Rehman](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-21

Karachi's electricity consumers may not receive the expected Rs4.84 per unit relief as K-Electric has introduced additional costs, creating a major hurdle, Geo News reported. During a hearing on the matter, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) found that KE had factored in extra expenses amounting to Rs13.5 billion, which it plans to recover from consumers. Under the fuel..... [more >>](#)

Govt plans to use surplus electricity for crypto mining

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-22

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is working on special electricity tariffs to attract crypto mining and blockchain-based data centres, aiming to utilise surplus power at marginal costs while fostering growth in the digital asset industry. Sources told Dawn that the power division had been consulting various stakeholders to develop an attractive electricity tariff for emerging industries and sectors without [more >>](#)

Ogra, refineries at loggerheads over imports, supply issues

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-22

ISLAMABAD: The country's two major petroleum stakeholders — the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) and all five oil refineries — are at loggerheads, with both sides accusing each other of failing to fulfil their operational and regulatory responsibilities, resulting in foreign exchange losses. At the centre of the issue is the insufficient capacity utilisation of refineri..... [more >>](#)

System constraints; KE says unable to get more than 2,000MW from national grid

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-21

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric on Thursday stated that it is unable to acquire more than 2,000 MW of power from the National Grid due to system constraints. During peak hours, the company is forced to operate its own power plants, and the cost of this operation must be absorbed by someone. This statement was made by KE officials during a public hearing at the National Electric Power Regulatory Authori..... [more >>](#)

Matiari-Moro-RYK Transmission Line project; Minister, WB official discuss initial feasibility

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-22

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Minister for Energy, Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari, on Friday, held a meeting with Najy Benhassine, World Bank Country Director, World Bank Group experts, and IFC Country Manager Zeeshan Sheikh on Friday. The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss the initial feasibility of the Matiari-Moro-Rahim Yar Khan Transmission Line project. This project is a key [more >>](#)

Dhabeji SEZ; NTDC facing local resistance over equipment installation

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-22

ISLAMABAD: The National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) is reportedly facing local resistance in equipment placement and installation in the grid station meant to supply electricity supply to Dhabeji SEZ, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. This was disclosed at a recent meeting on Dhabeji SEZ, a priority CPEC Project which is facing delays due to several reasons. The meetin..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA concludes hearing on IPP tariff revision

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-24

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has completed the hearing on tariff revision requests from seven Independent Power Producers (IPPs), potentially paving the way for a reduction of 50 paisa per unit in electricity tariffs. If approved, this move could lead to an estimated overall saving of Rs920 billion for consumers. The hearing addressed requests submitted by IPPs operati..... [more >>](#)

Running power project on Thar coal; KE shifts onus of potential delays to Power Div

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-24

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric (KE) appears to be shifting the onus of any potential delays in the conversion of the Jamshoro Power Plant to Thar coal onto the Power Division, citing the lack of progress on key administrative actions. Despite KE having a consultant on board for the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS), the Power Division has yet to issue a notification for the reconstitution of the oversi..... [more >>](#)

Enhancing grid consumption need of the hour

Source: Ali Khizar, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-24

There are efforts and actions being taken to reduce power tariffs and make the grid sustainable. These include negotiations with the IPPs, forcing industry to move from captive power generation by raising gas tariffs exorbitantly, shifts in the solar net-metering policy, and higher taxes on petroleum products to lower grid prices. The prime focus of tariff reforms should be to make industry c..... [more >>](#)

7 IPPs offer tariff cut, Rs11bn waiver if Nepra stops action

Source: Israr Khan, [The News, International](#), 2025-03-25

ISLAMABAD: Seven independent power producers (IPPs) have offered to slashing electricity tariffs by up to 50 paisa per unit and waive over Rs11 billion in late payment surcharges — provided the government closes ongoing investigations into alleged abnormal profits and withdraws legal cases against them. In a joint tariff revision plea before National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra)..... [more >>](#)

IPP deals to result in thin tariff cut

Source: Zafar Bhutta, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-25

ISLAMABAD: The government has estimated power tariff reduction of only Rs0.50 per unit following revision in agreements with seven independent power producers (IPPs). However, officials of the Power Division claimed that total savings would be Rs920 billion over the entire life of the private-sector IPPs. The savings comprise capacity payments to the IPPs, but the amount is very low when compare..... [more >>](#)

Revised IPPs pacts to get greenlight; Nepra initiates formal hearings

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-25

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has initiated formal hearings to approve the revised agreements between Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and the Government of Pakistan (GoP), which are expected to result in a reduction in consumer tariffs. The session was presided over by Nepra Chairman Chaudhry Waseem Mukhtar, with the participation of Member (Tech) Rafi..... [more >>](#)

The Paradox of Oversupply

Source: Hussam Mehboob, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-25

This year there have been a number of instances that the natural gas transmission and distribution system of Pakistan was under strain due to an increase in “line pack”, which is a critical operational parameter. It is basically the total volume of natural gas stored in the pipes of a transmission or distribution system. If it crosses the threshold of approximately 5 BCF (Billion Cubic..... [more >>](#)

Ishaq Dar vows investment-friendly policies for energy sector growth

Source: Web Desk, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-26

Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar has reaffirmed government’s commitment to a secure, investment-friendly environment for the Exploration and Production sector to further strengthen Pakistan’s energy security and economic growth. He was chairing a high-level meeting on Pakistan’s Exploration and Production sector in Islamabad today. Ministers and senior officials from various Min..... [more >>](#)

Oxygen for humanity

Source: [Dr Luay Shabaneh](#), [The News, International](#) , 2025-03-26

In my career of over three decades in the development and humanitarian arena at national, regional and global levels, I have often pondered over why stakeholders fail to embrace peace as a viable alternative to conflict, which continues to escalate in scale and intensity. Even though 193 members of the United Nations endorse the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, and Article 1 of the dec..... [more >>](#)

OGDC raises funding for Reko Diq project

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The board of directors of Oil and Gas Development Company (OGDC) has approved an increase in the firm's funding commitment to \$627 million, including the project financing cost, which reflects its proportional share of total capital investment in the multibillion-dollar Reko Diq copper and gold mining project. The approval came in the wake of completion of an updated feasibility s..... [more >>](#)

Govt eyes Rs3.5tr savings in more IPP deals

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: After concluding talks with 29 Independent Power Producers (IPPs) that would save Rs3.498 trillion in future payments, the government is working on finalising negotiations with 75 more power producers — mostly solar and wind — by the end of April or May, despite facing international resistance in some cases. Federal Minister for Power Awaiz Leghari, while..... [more >>](#)

Use of costly fuel hits consumers with Rs1.89bn burden

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#) , 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Power consumers faced an additional burden of Rs1.89 billion in February due to violations of the merit order in power generation, while regulators flagged a persistent decline in electricity consumption, directing the Power Division to conduct a study on the issue. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) also called for immediate measures to control electricity costs [more >>](#)

Gas supply to urea plants extended for three months

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday decided to extend the gas supply to urea manufacturing plants for three months, up to June this year, ensuring continued availability of fertiliser to farmers. The decision was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar. The meeting expressed satisfaction with the stock posit&..... [more >>](#)

Consumers set to enjoy 30 paisa tariff cut

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers are set to enjoy a tariff reduction of up to 30 paisa per unit on account of fuel charges adjustment for February 2025. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday conducted a public hearing to consider the request of power distribution companies (DISCOs) for a tariff reduction of 30 paisa. The hearing was presided over by Nepra chairm..... [more >>](#)

K-P plans electricity regulatory authority

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-27

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to establish a regulatory authority at the provincial level to improve the electricity transmission system and is currently exploring various options. To facilitate this, a consultant has been formally engaged to develop a regulatory authority similar to NEPRA. The consultant will prepare a draft act in the coming days, ensuring it aligns w..... [more >>](#)

IMF approves Re1 per unit electricity tariff cut amid economic reformsSource: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a reduction of Re1 per unit in electricity tariffs, providing relief to consumers nationwide. The cut will be financed through a levy imposed on captive power plants using natural gas, as part of the government's strategy to manage energy sector finances sustainably. Additionally, the government is finalizing a relief package for electric..... [more >>](#)

Govt faced international resistance in renegotiating IPP deals, admits LeghariSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Power Awaiz Leghari Wednesday acknowledged that Pakistan faced international resistance in renegotiating contracts with IPPs, where even foreign diplomats had intervened, adding that the revised agreements with IPPs will save Rs 3.498 trillion during the life span of these projects. The minister also revealed that the federal cabinet has yet to approve the new solar po..... [more >>](#)

Power Division directed to conduct study on decline in power consumptionSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority Wednesday directed the Power Division to conduct a study on the persistent decline in electricity consumption, which reduced by 6.6 per cent against the reference generation, while on year-on-year basis it dropped by 3.3 per cent in February. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) conducted a hearing on the m..... [more >>](#)

Kineto: KE becomes Pakistan's first power utility to launch Generative AI Chatbot to enhance customer experienceSource: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

KARACHI - In another step towards achieving greater innovation and customer-centric experience, K-Electric (KE) has become Pakistan's first power utility to introduce a generative AI-powered chatbot called Kineto. The development is a continuation of KE's remarkable ongoing transformation journey that has seen it increase customer satisfaction through all its digital channels. Ki..... [more >>](#)

Revised IPP deals; PD anticipates Rs3.5trn savings over 3-20 yearsSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division on Wednesday claimed that savings from revised/terminated contracts of 29 Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and Government Power Plants (GPPs) will be Rs 3.498 trillion on the remaining tenure ranging from 3-20 years. Presided over by Senator Mohsin Aziz, the Committee was also informed that the Federal Cabinet has not ratified the decision of ECC regarding redu..... [more >>](#)

Hydel reduction forecast; Nepra seeks generation plan from PDSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) has sought power generation plan from Power Division due to projections of massive reduction in hydel after NPCC (National Power Control Centre) forecast 'not a good summer'. These directions were issued during a public hearing on Discos Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) for the month of February 2025. The CPPA-G has sough..... [more >>](#)

Discouraging power theft; CII urges scholars, leaders to play active roleSource: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) has called upon the religious scholars and leaders to play an active role in discouraging electricity theft, saying the practice was not only an economic crime but an ethical violation too. The two-day CII meeting held here under the chairmanship of Chairman, Dr Raghib Hussain Naeemi concluded on Wednesday also ruled that granting first wife th..... [more >>](#)

IMF allows Re1 cut in power tariff

Source: Mehtab Haider & News Desk, [The News, International](#), 2025-03-28

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a reduction in power tariff by Re1 per unit through revenues generated from a levy on Captive Power Plants (CPPs), while rejecting proposals to cut taxes on electricity bills. The comprehensive package for tariff reduction — including revised agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), cross-subsidies through increased pe..... [more >>](#)

Major tariff relief hits snag despite IMF's meagre cut

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-28

ISLAMABAD: As more details unfold about the staff-level agreement, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Thursday disclosed that it had allowed only a Re1 per unit reduction in power tariff against a grid levy imposed on industrial captive power plants. However, on the same day, a bench of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) stayed this move for over a month. "The programme allows some e..... [more >>](#)

Power levy would have cut consumer costs

Source: Malik Asad, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-28

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has stayed the government's plan to collect Rs100 billion from industrial captive power plants under an IMF agreement, which imposed a Rs791 per mmBtu levy to discourage the use of gas by industries for power generation, forcing them to shift to the national grid and using that revenue to cut electricity costs for consumers. Justice Khadim Hussain..... [more >>](#)

Govt seeks NEPRA's nod for Rs1.71 per unit cut in power tariff

Source: Irshad Ansari, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-28

The federal government has approached the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) for a reduction in electricity tariffs, following approval from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The government has proposed a cut of Rs1.71 per unit in electricity prices, which would be facilitated through a tariff subsidy. The power regulatory authority is scheduled to hold a hearing on April 4, E..... [more >>](#)

Govt plans to lower power costs to boost manufacturing: Aurangzeb

Source: APP, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-29

ISLAMABAD: Government is planning to lower electricity costs as part of a broader plan to bring relief to manufacturers and increase exports, in a move that comes shortly after reaching an agreement to unlock more cash from the International Monetary Fund. The government plans to soon make an announcement to lower electricity tariffs, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad..... [more >>](#)

Power sector urgently requires integrated energy plan

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power sector urgently requires an integrated energy plan that goes beyond short-term solutions and adopts a comprehensive approach to independent power producers (IPPs). This plan must ensure that renegotiations are strategic, inclusive, transparent, and tailored to the country's needs. These points were discussed during a webinar on "Reforming IPP Cont..... [more >>](#)

Reduction in electricity tariff

Source: Editorial, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-29

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has initiated formal hearings on approval of the revised agreements between Independent Power Producers (IPPs) - with local IPPs privately and foreign IPPs publicly

complaining of the use of coercive tactics - and the government of Pakistan committed to reducing the electricity tariffs that are the highest in the region by far. Two observations [more >>](#)

Energy sector: Minister, Danish envoy agree to enhance bilateral cooperation

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-29

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum, Ali Pervaiz Malik, held a meeting with Jako bLinulf, Ambassador of Denmark to Pakistan, on Friday at the Petroleum Division. The discussions focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation in the energy sector, with special emphasis on mining sector and technological collaboration. The meeting highlighted the critical role of Danish expertise in Paki..... [more >>](#)

IMF allows govt to cut power tariff

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-28

ISLAMABAD: International Monetary Fund (IMF) has allowed the government to reduce electricity tariff by Re 1 per kilowatt-hour for all consumers in Pakistan. This relief will be financed through revenue collected from levy imposed on captive power plants (CPPs). This was stated by Mahir Binici, IMF Resident Representative in Pakistan while talking to media here on Thursday, following the staf..... [more >>](#)

Nepa to hear Kapco's tariff revision plea next month

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-28

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) is scheduled to hear the revised tariff petition of Kot Addu Power Company (Kapco) on April 8, 2025. On March 13, 2025, in a letter to the Power Division, Kapco's CEO, Shahab Qader Khan referred to the Power Division's letter of February 14, 2025 regarding Kapco's inclusion in the national grid. In this cont..... [more >>](#)

The relief claim

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-29

Domestic power consumers and industrialists are in a fix as the arithmetic at work to come up with some relief in their energy bills is no less than a joke. It seems there is either some serious confusion at work on the part of the government, or the finance gurus are in a hypothetical world of their own in adjusting the slabs of tariffs to keep the IMF engrossed. As far as the Washington-based I..... [more >>](#)

OGRA announces increase in LPG prices Consumers to face higher household energy costs from April 1

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-31

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has announced an increase in the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), with the revised rates coming into effect from April 1, 2025. According to an official notification, the price of LPG has been raised by Rs0.54 per kilogram, bringing the new rate to Rs248.37 per kg. As a result, the cost of an 11.8kg domestic LPG cylinder has increased by Rs6..... [more >>](#)

German envoy visits Tarbela Hydropower extensions

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-30

ISLAMABAD - German Ambassador to Pakistan, Alfred Grannas, and Counsellor Dr Sebastian Paust visited the Tarbela 4th and 5th Extension Hydropower Projects. These significant infrastructure developments were constructed by PowerChina. During their visit, they received a comprehensive briefing on the project's progress and the broader contributions of the Chinese company to Pakistan&rsqu..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Political influence suspected in Sindh solar distribution

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-21

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Economic Affairs on Thursday raised concerns over the distribution of subsidised solar systems in Sindh, suspecting political influence rather than adherence to the poverty rankings of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). The panel has sought a detailed report for review. The meeti..... [more >>](#)

Going solar

Source: Muhammad Daud Khan, [The News, International](#), 2025-03-16

M uhammad Imran, a 26-year-old entrepreneur in Charsadda, stands beside his two flour grinding machines, watching the millstones spin under the midday sun. 18-hours-a-day power outages and expensive diesel generators had once threatened the viability of his business. Today he has an uninterrupted power supply. Last year, Imran had invested Rs 2.5 mil..... [more >>](#)

Govt raises Rs10/litre levy on petrol, diesel to meet Rs1.2tr target

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-17

ISLAMABAD - In a bid to achieve the petroleum levy collection target of Rs1.281 trillion set for the ongoing fiscal year, the federal government has enhanced the levy on various petroleum products by upto Rs 10.91 per litre. Petroleum Levy on various petroleum products has been jacked up effective from March 16, said a notification issued by the Petroleum Division. Notably, for the ongoing fortni..... [more >>](#)

olar flipflops and the energy crisis

Source: Yousuf Nazar, [The News, International](#), 2025-03-18

Pakistan's energy landscape is in upheaval. The government's recent slash of the net metering buyback rate -- from Rs27 to Rs10 per unit -- has sparked fierce debate. Awais Leghari, the energy minister, insists it's a necessary measure to shield grid users from soaring costs, while critics argue it undermines the nation's clean energy revolution at a time when power shortag..... [more >>](#)

Solar panel prices drop in Pakistan after new govt policy

Source: News Desk, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-18

Pakistan's solar industry is facing uncertainty following recent amendments to the net metering policy, with solar panel prices seeing a decline. As a result of these changes, consumers now find solar energy options more affordable, with prices dropping by Rs35,000 to Rs175,000. A 5 kW solar system now costs between Rs500,000 and Rs550,000, while larger systems like a 10 kW unit are priced a..... [more >>](#)

Net metering reforms: Course correction

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-18

The solar gold rush in Pakistan was always going to invite a policy response. The numbers alone warranted it. In the last 12 to 18 months, net-metered rooftop solar has expanded at breakneck speed, creating distortions in grid pricing. The government says it costs grid consumers around Rs150 billion annually. That's not pocket change. With net-metered capacity jumping from 321 MW in 2021 to [more >>](#)

To solar or not?

Source: Editorial, [The News, International](#), 2025-03-19

Pakistan has willingly entangled itself in a comedic 'will they/won't they' situation when it comes to embracing renewable energy. Policymakers have increasingly seemed indecisive about the direction they wish to take — a

perception reinforced by the government's latest solar policy. The revised net-metering framework has significantly altered the financial incentives..... [more >>](#)

Net metering changes threaten solar industry

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-19

LAHORE: Chairman of the Pakistan Solar Association (PSA), Waqas Moosa, has warned that proposed changes to net metering regulations will significantly impact the dynamics of the solar industry, particularly the residential and Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) sectors. The proposed regulations aim to extend the payback period for on-grid photovoltaic (PV) systems to around three years, c..... [more >>](#)

Net-metering consumers; Nepra may hold public hearing on revised buyback rates

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-19

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is likely to hold a public hearing on the revised buyback rates for net-metering consumers as it receives guidelines from Power Division after formal approval from the federal cabinet, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The decision of Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on a summary of Power Divis..... [more >>](#)

Solar setback

Source: [Zorays Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-24

The Pakistani government's proposal to slash the buyback rate for surplus solar electricity from Rs27 to Rs10 per unit has ignited debate. I have seen this policy evolve since its inception in 2018. Once a visionary step, it now faces a regressive shift that prioritises thermal power interests over consumer benefits. Net metering has empowered 286,000 consumers, driving solar capacity to 4,..... [more >>](#)

PM directs authorities to clear ambiguity about solar energy policy

Source: [APP & PPI](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-25

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday, ruling out any change in the government's policy and priorities regarding solar energy, instructed the authorities concerned to clear all ambiguities among the people on the solarization policy through facts and figures. The prime minister, chairing a review meeting on the matters related to Power Division, directed the swift settlement of..... [more >>](#)

Hidden costs of solar energy How unchecked net metering is driving up tariffs and threatening the power sector

Source: [Hadia Zaid](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-24

KARACHI: The expansion of solar energy is reshaping electricity distribution, but it also presents economic imbalances that need to be urgently addressed. While solar power provides a cleaner energy alternative, its increasing adoption is reducing overall grid demand, creating financial challenges for utilities and non-solar customers. The current net metering system allows solar users to sell e..... [more >>](#)

There will be no change in solar energy policy: PM

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-24

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reaffirmed the government's commitment to promoting renewable energy, emphasizing that there is no change in the country's solar energy policy or its priorities. The prime minister chaired a review meeting on the matters related to the Power Division. He said there was no change in government's policy on solar energy and promotion..... [more >>](#)

Net metering consumers;Contract term limited to 5 years

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-25

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to limit the contract validity period for net metering consumers to five years, with periodic revisions to the buyback rates, sources in Power Division told Business Recorder. The Power Division, which has faced criticism from net metering consumers across the country due to the approval of a reduction in net metering buyback rates from Rs 27 to Rs 10 per..... [more >>](#)

Govt has second thoughts on changes to solar policy

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: After attracting flak for its move to reduce the buyback rate from Rs27 to Rs10 per unit, the government has decided to revisit its solar net metering policy by taking all stakeholders on board. In the weekly cabinet meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday, the federal cabinet decided to broaden the scope of consultations on solar net metering regulations recen..... [more >>](#)

Global renewable power capacity skyrockets in 2024: report

Source: [The Newspaper's Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Global renewable power capacity saw a significant increase in 2024, reaching 4,448 gigawatts, with solar energy contributing the largest share, totaling 1,865GW. The 585GW addition last year indicates a 92.5 per cent share of the total capacity expansion, and a record rate of annual growth of 15.1pc, according to Renewable Capacity Statistics 2025 released by the International Renewa..... [more >>](#)

Govt decides to consult all stakeholders on net metering policy after backlash

Source: [APP / Dawn.com](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-27

The government decided on Wednesday to broaden the scope of consultation on the Solar Net Metering Regulations approved by the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) and re-submit the recommendations to the federal cabinet after taking further feedback from all stakeholders following widespread backlash. The decision was taken in a meeting of the federal cabinet today. In a knee-jerk reaction..... [more >>](#)

Change in solar net metering policy put on hold

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday decided to expand consultations with all stakeholders regarding Solar Net Metering Regulations approved by the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) before resubmitting final recommendations to the federal cabinet, halting the approval of an additional tax on solar energy consumers. The decision was made during a meeting of the federal cabinet presided over..... [more >>](#)

Solar net-metering billing issue: Lesco suspends meter reader over negligence, misconduct

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2025-03-28

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) administration on Thursday suspended from service its Barki Road subdivision meter reader over negligence and misconduct, damaging the company's reput in solar net-metering billing issue. The Lesco administration has also directed the senior and junior officials to make all out efforts to facilitate the consumers by resolving their issue..... [more >>](#)

Concern shown on change in net metering policy

Source: [Press Release](#), [The News, International](#) , 2025-03-29

Islamabad: Member Central Core Committee United Business Group (FPCCI) and Chairman of Azerbaijan-Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, has expressed deep concern over the possible changes in the net metering solarisation policy by the government, says a press release. He stated that this move could prove harmful to Pakistan's export sector. He expressed these vi..... [more >>](#)

Bakhtawari urges govt to preserve net-metering solar policy to safeguard Pakistan's exports

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-29

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Solar power gains momentum as industries expand investment in Pakistan

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-30

KARACHI - Pakistan's solar energy sector has gained momentum in recent years, with increasing investments in renewable energy infrastructure. The country has seen a steady rise in solar adoption across industrial, commercial, and residential sectors, driven by rising electricity costs, frequent power shortages, and government incentives promoting clean energy. Against this bac..... [more >>](#)

Proposing revision to net-metering regime was necessary, webinar told

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-31

The federal government was left with no choice but to propose a revision to the existing net-metering regime, otherwise an unchecked manifold increase in the capacity of on-grid rooftop solar power systems in the coming years would have devastating effects on the national grid, mainly due to the constrained service capacity of the distribution companies. This was the consensus opinion expressed b..... [more >>](#)

Waste dump to turn into green energy hub Eco-friendly initiative to generate solar power, biogas

Source: [Asif Mahmood](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-31

LAHORE: The Lahore Waste Management Company's (LWMC) ambitious project to convert the Mehmood Booti landfill into a solar park and urban forest is progressing rapidly, with authorities expecting to complete the first phase by July and the second phase by the end of the year. The initiative, backed by a five-billion-rupee investment, aims to convert methane gas emissions from the landfill int..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Dialogue News

Denmark backs Pakistan's green transition, calls sustainability 'a business opportunity'

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2025-03-21

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Denmark Backs Pakistan's Green Transition, Calls Sustainability 'a Business Opportunity'

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Denmark hosts dialogue to support Pakistan's green transition

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Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2025-03-20

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) پاکستان میں پائیدار ترقی اور ماحولیاتی تبدیلی کے خطرات سے نمٹنے کے لئے ڈنمارک نے اپنی غیر متزلزل حمایت کا اعادہ کرتے ہوئے سبز معیشت کو ایک منافع بخش موقع قرار دیا جبکہ سپریم کورٹ کے سینئر جج جسٹس منصور..... [more >>](#)

ہم موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں سے متاثر، کاربن ٹیکس لگنا چاہیے: جسٹس منصور

Source: A Correspondent, [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2025-03-20

اسلام آباد (خبر نگار) جسٹس منصور علی شاہ نے اسلام آباد میں تقریب سے خطاب میں کہا ہے کہ میں سمجھتا ہوں کاربن ٹیکس ہونا چاہیے۔ ہم موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں سے متاثر ہو رہے ہیں۔ کاربن اخراج میں کمی آنی چاہیے۔ پاکستان کے موسمیاتی تبدیلی..... [more >>](#)

کارین ٹیکسیشن پسماندہ ممالک کیلئے بحالی و مزاحمت کانگریز ذریعہ، جسٹس منصور شاہ

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2025-03-21

اسلام آباد (اپنے نامہ نگار سے) سپریم کورٹ کے سینئر جج جسٹس منصور علی شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ کارین ٹیکسیشن ماحولیاتی تحفظ کیساتھ ساتھ پسماندہ ممالک کیلئے بحالی اور مزاحمت کا ایک ناگزیر ذریعہ ہے، پاکستان میں پائیدار ترقی اور ماحو..... [more >>](#)

Experts Urge Strategic Carbon Taxation To Boost Climate Resilience

Source: [Sabih UI Hussnain](#), [The Friday Times](#), 2025-03-21

Supreme Court Justice Mansoor Ali Shah has emphasised that carbon taxation should be a tool for climate adaptation and resilience, particularly for vulnerable nations like Pakistan. He underscored the need for a differentiated carbon tax regime aligned with Pakistan's economic realities, ensuring climate justice while facilitating a sustainable transition for industries. Addressing a pre-..... [more >>](#)

Western countries send ships to Gadani under falsified documents

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-24

Islamabad: Rear Admiral Salman Ilyas, Managing Director, Karachi Shipyard, highlighting challenges faced by Pakistan's shipbuilding industry, has called it an essential but neglected sector crucial for national development. Admiral Salman was addressing a webinar on "Circularity in the marine environment and sustainable ship recycling in Pakistan" organised here by Sustainable Deve..... [more >>](#)

Roundtable Discussion

Tobacco industry manipulates statistics, research to influence govt policy

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-25

Islamabad: Managing Director, Social Policy and Development Centre (SPDC) Asif Iqbal noted that tobacco companies manipulate declared production to influence tax policies. He was speaking at a roundtable on "Tobacco industry's tactics of manipulation of budgetary taxes: policy, practice and evidence" organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Asif Iqbal highl..... [more >>](#)

Experts censure tobacco industry for tax evasion, other duties

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-03-24

ISLAMABAD, Mar 24 (APP): Experts at a roundtable, terming the tactics of tobacco industry manipulative said that the industry is involved in tax evasion, hatching misleading propaganda, and presenting exaggerated statistics on illicit trade of cigarettes to resist federal excise duty and other taxes to dent government's revenue regime against tobacco products. The roundtable on "Toba..... [more >>](#)

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SDPI Unmasks Tobacco Industry's Economic Manipulations

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2025-03-24

Islamabad, March 24, 2025 – Dr. Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, Senior Advisor at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), has raised serious concerns regarding the manipulative tactics employed by the tobacco industry, particularly in tax evasion and policy influence. Speaking at a roundtable discussion titled "Tobacco Industry's Tactics of Manipulation of Budgetary Taxes: [more >>](#)

تمباکو کی قیمتوں میں اضافے سے غیر قانونی تجارت میں کمی آئی، ماہرین

Source: [Commerce Reporter](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2025-03-25

اسلام آباد(کامرس رپورٹر) ماہرین کے مطابق تمباکو کمپنیاں سگریٹ کی غیر قانونی تجارت کے بارے میں مبالغہ آرائی پر مبنی اعداد و شمار پیش کر کے ٹیکس ریونیو میں اضافے کی کوششوں کو سبوتاژ کر رہی ہیں، تمباکو کی قیمتوں میں اضافے سے [more >>](#).....

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-03-24

اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز) ماہرین اور پالیسی سازوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ تمباکو کمپنیاں غیر قانونی تجارت کے بارے میں مبالغہ آرائی پر مبنی اعداد و شمار پیش کر کے محصولات میں اضافے کی کوششوں کو سبوتاژ کر رہی ہیں۔ تمباکو پر ٹیکس میں اضافے [more >>](#).....

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Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-03-24

اسلام آباد۔24 مارچ (اے پی پی): ماہرین و پالیسی سازوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ تمباکو کمپنیاں غیر قانونی تجارت کے بارے میں مبالغہ آرائی پر مبنی اعداد و شمار پیش کر کے محصولات میں اضافہ کی کوششوں کو سبوتاژ کر رہی ہیں، تمباکو پر ٹیکس [more >>](#)..... □

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Source: [Web Desk](#), [World Echo News](#), 2025-03-24

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تمباکو کی قیمتوں میں اضافے سے غیر قانونی تجارت میں کمی آئی: ماہرین

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'Tobacco taxation should be seen as public health policy'

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Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has said that tobacco control knowledge hub will serve as a centralised platform for collaboration, coordination, advocacy and evidence-based discussion. Dr Suleri was speaking at a seminar on "Tobacco taxation" organised here by SDPI followed by soft launch of Pakistan's first..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD - Experts at a seminar underscored the need for data-driven policy-making in tobacco control and taxation, especially when the next fiscal year's budget is under preparation. The seminar organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on tobacco taxation was followed by the soft launch of Pakistan's first-ever "Tobacco Control Knowledge Hub". Dr Ab..... [more >>](#)

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Call for dedicated force to enforce building codes, zero-waste strategies

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اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر، نامہ نگار، خصوصی رپورٹر) چیئرپرسن سینیٹ قائمہ کمیٹی ماحولیاتی تبدیلی سینیٹر شیری رحمان نے کہا پاکستان کی تعمیراتی صنعت کا ماحولیاتی اثر بہت بڑا ہے جس میں سالانہ 49.6 ملین ٹن فضلہ پیدا ہوتا ہے۔۔۔۔۔ [more >>](#)

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The webinar on "Circularity in the Marine Environment and Sustainable Ship Recycling in Pakistan" was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute here. The experts also pointed out that the ports, which serve as the

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