



# 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.

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

## Vision

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

## About Newsletter

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

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

### **Newspapers Covered:**

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

## **Editor Note:**

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

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

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

## **Subjects Covered**

- Energy and power
- Renewable energy
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- Energy finance and economics
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## Energy Governance

### 10,589 power thieves held in four months

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-29

LAHORE: Lahore police have apprehended 10,589 power thieves this year. According to a statement released by the Lahore Police spokesman, some 8,732 cases have been filed against individuals involved in electricity theft. Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Bilal Siddique Kamyana emphasised the government's zero-tolerance policy towards those who damage national resources, stressing that no le..... [more >>](#)

### Captive power levy: PHC suspends recovery from gas-based industries

Source: [Bureau Report](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-24

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Wednesday suspended the collection of the recently imposed captive power levy on industries generating electricity from gas. A division bench comprising Justice Syed Arshad Ali and Justice Qazi Jawad heard initial arguments in a petition filed by industrials and subsequently ordered a stay on the levy's collection. The counsel for the petitioners ..... [more >>](#)

### Power distributors seek Rs51.5bn refund for consumers on lower capacity costs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's state-run power distribution companies have requested regulatory approval to refund Rs51.49 billion (\$185 million) to consumers, citing lower capacity payments during the third quarter (Jan-March) of fiscal 2024-25. The savings were primarily driven by a Rs47.12 billion reduction in capacity charges after the government terminated multiple contracts with Independent Po..... [more >>](#)

### Levy increased on petrol, diesel

Source: [Saifur Rahman](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has increased the petroleum levy to keep petrol and diesel prices unchanged despite a decline in global oil prices. The petrol price remains at Rs254.63 per liter, while diesel stands at Rs258.64 per liter. According to sources, the decrease in petroleum products prices was offset by increasing the petroleum levy by Rs8.72 per liter on petrol (from Rs70 to Rs78.7..... [more >>](#)

### Nepra cuts EV charging tariff by 45%, backs cross-subsidy plan

Source: [Israr Khan](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD: The power regulator has slashed the base tariff for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations by 45 per cent to Rs23.57 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), accepting a government request aimed at accelerating EV adoption. This tariff is excluded of taxes, margins and other adjustments. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) approved the reduction on Tuesday, down from the current..... [more >>](#)

### Iesco issues notices to institutions for payment of dues

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-16

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) has issued notices to government and semi-government defaulters for payment of electricity dues, according to which government and semi-government institution have to pay a total of Rs22,223 million to Iesco. Chief Executive Iesco Muhammad Naeem Jan has issued instructions to all operation circle in-charges to ensure the recovery of dues from g..... [more >>](#)

### Savings from lower oil prices diverted to Balochistan projects

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday announced that instead of passing on the relief of reduced oil prices in international market to consumers, the government would use the saved money for reconstruction of the N-25 Highway and completion of Phase-II of the Kachhi Canal project in Balochistan. The prime minister made the announcement while presiding over the federal cabinet meet..... [more >>](#)

### Fuel price relief 'denied' as govt raises levy to Rs80

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's government burnt the midnight oil to block about a Rs10 per litre reduction in major petroleum products — petrol and diesel — by amending the Petroleum Products (Petroleum Levy) Ordinance 1961. Government officials said the government was already charging the maximum permissible petroleum levy on petrol, high-speed diesel (HSD) and hi..... [more >>](#)

### Hydel project mismanagement infuriates Public Accounts Committee

Source: [Jamal Shahid, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Tuesday highlighted the glaring inefficiencies and massive financial mismanagement in key national hydropower projects. A meeting of the PAC, chaired by MNA Junaid Akbar Khan, reviewed audit objections related to the Ministry of Water Resources. Audit officials raised concern over the Dattu Hydropower Project, where changes in the scope of work ..... [more >>](#)

### Paltry rise in electricity demand in March

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD: Amid a 4.4 per cent increase in power consumption in March over last year, the public sector distribution companies (Discos) sought about Rs1.5 per unit negative quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA) for January-March and another three paise per unit negative fuel price adjustment (FCA) for electricity consumed in March. The Rs1.51 per unit negative QTA, involving a total of Rs51.5 billi..... [more >>](#)

### Petrol prices to remain unchanged for next 15 days

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

The federal government has decided to maintain current petroleum product prices for the next 15 days, according to a notification issued by the Ministry of Finance on Tuesday. As per the official statement, the price of petrol will remain at Rs254.63 per litre, while high-speed diesel (HSD) will continue to be sold at Rs258.64 per litre. Earlier, during a federal cabinet meeting chaired by Prime..... [more >>](#)

### US tariffs weigh on oil economies Pakistan, among oil importers, set to see some benefits from lower crude prices

Source: [Reuters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

A steep drop in crude oil prices largely due to US President Donald Trump's tariffs will squeeze budgets of emerging market oil exporters, analysts said, while the potential economic slowdown could also curb any benefits for importers. Concerns about the impact of a tit-for-tat trade war on global growth and demand for oil sent Brent crude prices plummeting by more than 20% within a week to a..... [more >>](#)

### Govt skips fuel price cut, redirects funds to Balochistan projects

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

Despite a decline in global oil prices, the federal government has decided not to reduce domestic petroleum rates, choosing instead to allocate the savings to key infrastructure and development projects in Balochistan, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on Tuesday. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, during a federal cabinet meeting, announced that the funds sav..... [more >>](#)

### **Power generation up by 4.8pc in March on year-on-year basis**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD - The power generation has increased by 4.8 percent during the month of March on a year-on-year basis while Ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) have sought NEPRA's approval for a refund of Re0.0309 per unit to consumers on account of monthly FCA. The petition submitted by the Central Power Purchasing Agency on behalf of XWDiscos, submitted to National Electric Power Regulator..... [more >>](#)

### **Nepra's nod sought for Rs51.49b refund to consumers on account of quarterly adjustments**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD - Ex-Wapda Power Distribution Companies (Discos) have sought NEPRA's nod for a refund of Rs 51.493 billion to consumers on account of Quarterly Tariff Adjustments, mainly due to the reduction of capacity payments. The capacity payments of the Discos have considerably declined by Rs47.124 billion during the 3rd quarter of the ongoing fiscal year 2024-25, mainly due to the termina..... [more >>](#)

### **Power tariffs: Surcharges will stay for much longer**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

It is official. The electricity price reduction for domestic consumers for April over previous month is Rs4.32/unit for unprotected and Rs3.41/unit for protected categories. Nepra's approval of the government's petition seeking an additional Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) was always going to be a matter of routine – and has now expectedly been notified as prayed. A reduction o..... [more >>](#)

### **EPQL in 1QCY25**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

Engro Powergen Qadirpur Limited (EPQL) delivered a mixed performance in 1QCY25, with earnings per share down 34 percent year-on-year, despite a quarter-on-quarter recovery due to prior quarter provisioning for late payment surcharge (LPS). The company announced a record interim dividend of PKR 7.50 per share during the quarter, largely facilitated by the long-awaited recovery of outstanding receiv..... [more >>](#)

### **Stranded gas, strangled industry**

Source: [Shahid Sattar, Asim Riaz and Absar Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

While the current decline in global energy prices would benefit most manufacturing economies, it poses a serious challenge for Pakistan's export industry. Over the past few weeks, Brent crude has dropped from ~\$75 to ~\$65 per barrel, expected to decline even further. Looking ahead, the global LNG market is expected to see a substantial supply influx, with new volumes from Qatar and the ..... [more >>](#)

### **Kuwait extends oil credit facility to Pakistan for two more years**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-17

ISLAMABAD: Kuwait has extended its oil credit facility to Pakistan for an additional two years, in a move aimed at strengthening Pakistan's energy security and a key gesture of support during the ongoing economic reforms. The announcement came during a meeting between Pakistan's Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik and Kuwaiti Ambassador Nassar Abdulrahman J Almutairi here..... [more >>](#)

### **Lesco lineman attacked, injured by electricity defaulters**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-17

LAHORE: A lineman from the Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) was seriously injured after being attacked by defaulting customers in the Sabzazar area. According to police reports, the incident occurred near a hotel, where

Adnan, a lineman from Lesco's Saidpur Sub-Division, went to recover outstanding electricity dues amounting to over Rs70,000. The situation escalated when Adnan approach..... [more >>](#)

### **KE urges Nepra not to pass on full benefit of fall in fuel cost to consumers**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-17

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric asked the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday not to pass on the full benefit of Rs6.62 per unit decrease in fuel cost in February to consumers and instead settle it against its past claims. The Nepra was holding a public hearing on monthly fuel cost adjustments (FCA) for electricity consumed in February, which showed the consumer had been ove..... [more >>](#)

### **Kuwait extends oil credit facility for two years**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-17

ISLAMABAD: Kuwait has extended the deferred oil payment facility for two years to ease pressure on Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves. Pakistan State Oil (PSO) – a state-owned oil marketing giant – imports three cargoes of oil every month from Kuwait on 90-day deferred payments. The total volume of oil supply on credit is 1.8 million tons per year. Now, this credit facility has..... [more >>](#)

### **Power Division applauds PESCO for remarkable progress**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-17

PESHAWAR: The Power Division has commended the Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) for its outstanding performance and significant reforms during the current fiscal year. In a high-level meeting held at the Power Division, the Minister for Power, alongside Secretary Power expressed appreciation to Chairman Board of Directors PESCO, Himayatullah Khan and their team for the strides made by th..... [more >>](#)

### **Legit power sector losses**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-17

There is growing debate around the topic of write-offs in Pakistan's power sector, particularly regarding claims filed by K-Electric (KE), the private utility serving Karachi. There are more rumours and chatters in the conversation while the clarity is missing. The margin of error is almost none. Recovery loss is a ground reality and a legitimate cost as it reflects the portion of recei..... [more >>](#)

### **Move aims at facilitating businesses; KE agrees to share FCAs projections with regulator**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-17

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has agreed to share provisional projections of Fuel Charges Adjustments (FCAs) for future months' subject to final adjustment, aimed at facilitating the exporters/businessmen to assume their FCAs cost in their products. This was assured by KE CEO Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi, at a public hearing on KE's FCA adjustment for the month of February 2025. The KE has s..... [more >>](#)

### **Revised terms rejected; Nepra hiring firm to conduct Halmore's forensic audit**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-17

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is in the process of hiring a firm to conduct forensic audit of 225 MW Halmore Power Company which had refused to agree on the revised terms dictated by the government through the task force on power. This information was shared by Nepra Chairman Waseem Mukhtar during a public hearing on Wednesday on the joint tariff petition..... [more >>](#)

### **Petroleum supply hit as refineries face crisis**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-17

ISLAMABAD: The sub-optimal capacity utilisation of oil refineries has started affecting the supply of critical petroleum products, including jet fuel, at important installations. Sources at the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) told Dawn that an important defence organisation had asked the regulator to ensure that its regulated entities, particularly local refineries, honour their commitm..... [more >>](#)

### **K-Electric comes under fire on Rs76bn write-offs**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-18

ISLAMABAD: Industrial and political representatives from Karachi have called for forensic audit of almost Rs76 billion write-off claims made by K-Electric unrecoverable from consumers since 2017 and announced that its recovery through tariff from consumers would be resisted through all constitutional means. At a public hearing organised by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil import bill falls to \$11.9bn**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's oil import bill decreased 1.19 per cent to \$11.94 billion in the first nine months of the current fiscal year against \$12.08 billion over the corresponding months of last year. The imports gradually declined over the past few months before posting a negative growth, according to data compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. In stark contrast, the impor..... [more >>](#)

### **No petrol relief**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-18

Despite a steep fall in international oil prices, there has been no relief for the masses in the country from the unbearably high prices of petroleum products. Local media was abuzz with reports of "good news coming up" in the form of a significant cut – of around Rs10 per litre – in the rate of petrol. But the official announcement after the fortnightly government review br..... [more >>](#)

### **NEPRA questions audit independence**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-18

ISLAMABAD: A top-ranked independent auditing firm has verified the write-off claims of K-Electric (KE) as the auditors observed full compliance with international standards and complete independence from the KE management or board. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday conducted a public hearing on KE's additional write-off claims of Rs8.131 billion. "How..... [more >>](#)

### **Nepra's Member Balochistan resigns**

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-18

ISLAMABAD - Member Balochistan in National Electric Power Regulatory Authority, Mathar Niaz Rana has resigned from his post, it was learnt reliably here. The federal cabinet has accepted his resignation, official source told The Nation. Member National Electric Power Regulatory Authority, Mathar Niaz Rana, who was posted as member tariff in the authority has tendered his resignation to the Cabinet..... [more >>](#)

### **KE claims it has no contribution to circular debt**

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-18

KARACHI: A spokesperson K-Electric stated, "As a private utility, KE has no contribution to circular debt, a fact that has been recognized by renowned global institutions. Allowing legitimate claims will strengthen KE's cash flows, enabling KE to accelerate planned infrastructure upgrades and deliver a more reliable power supply for its customers." The KE continues to a..... [more >>](#)

**PD directs SNGPL, SSGCL to withdraw Grid levy**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-18

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division issued directives to both gas companies – Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) for withdrawal of imposition and collection of levy under Grid (Captive Power Plants) Levy Ordinance 2025. In a letter to both gas companies, the Petroleum Division states, “A letter of division dated April 11, 2025 on t..... [more >>](#)

**Prolonged power outages cripple businesses in Shangla**

Source: [Anwar Hussain, The News, International](#), 2025-04-19

ALPURI: Prolonged and frequent power outages have severely impacted businesses and daily life in Shangla’s district headquarters, Alpuri and its surrounding areas. The local traders said that the electricity-dependent businesses have come to a halt, with many machines rendered non-functional due to the erratic power supply. They said that they have been staging protests, expressing their f..... [more >>](#)

**State-owned power plants seek Nepra approval for tariff reductions**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-19

ISLAMABAD - Following the foot-steps of the Private Independent Power Producers (IPPs), four state-owned power generation plants with the combined capacity of 3,725 MW, have sought the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) nod for reductions in key tariff components for state-owned power plants. The petition was filed by the Central Power Purchasing Agency (Guarantee) Limited (CPPA-..... [more >>](#)

**Revised deal with four govt power plants to save around Rs1.6tr**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-19

ISLAMABAD: The government has formally asked the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to allow a reduction in power purchase rates from four public sector power plants, entailing about Rs1.58 trillion savings over their remaining life spans under revised agreements. The request involves a change in terms of contracts from ‘take or pay’ to a ‘hybrid take and pay’..... [more >>](#)

**4 GPPs ready switching to take-and-pay mode**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-19

ISLAMABAD: Four Government Power Plants (GPPs) have sought Nepra’s approval to revise their existing ‘take or pay’ agreements to a hybrid ‘take-and-pay’ model, which is projected to result in savings of Rs 2.162 trillion over the remaining life of these projects. The power projects include the Balloki Power Plant, Haveli Bahadur Shah, the 747 MW Guddu Power Plant..... [more >>](#)

**ERR determination for FY2025-26; OGRA to evaluate SNGPL plea after conducting detailed review**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-19

ISLAMABAD: Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) filed a petition with the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on January 26, 2025, and submitted an amended petition on April 8, 2025, seeking the determination of its Estimated Revenue Requirement (ERR) for the financial year 2025-26 under Section 8(1) of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002, and Rule 4(2) of the Natural Ga..... [more >>](#)

**WB seeks alteration in staff security mode of DHP**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-19

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank (WB) has sought alteration in security mode of staff working on billions of dollars Dasu Hydropower Project (DHP) as permission/ approval challenges are now severely constraining project progress. In a letter to Secretary Ministry of Water Resources, WB Country Director, Najy Benhassine has shared the findings of Implementation Mission which visited February 10-28, 2..... [more >>](#)

### **Power sector according to the regulator**

Source: [Jawwad Rizvi](#), [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-20

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has released its half yearly report with notes denying responsibility in case of any inaccuracies for which, it implies, the blame must lie with the distribution and generation companies that provide most of it. While there is a lot of data and one can begin to see patterns in it, the disclaimer tends to undermine the credibility of the report a..... [more >>](#)

### **Exploring hydel potential**

Source: [Muhammad Daud Khan](#), [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-20

Sub-engineer Syed Khan, a former union council chairman, hails from the picturesque Matiltan Valley about 10 kilometres from Kalam, a scenic town in Upper Swat. Renowned for its natural beauty, the area attracts a large number of tourists during the summers. Syed Khan recalls that nearly 30 years ago, a non-governmental organisation initiated a micro..... [more >>](#)

### **Transfer of power complex to GoP; No post-Dec 31, 2024 liability, Rousch warns NPPMCL**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2025-04-20

ISLAMABAD: The Rousch (Pakistan) Power Limited (RPPL) has cautioned National Power Parks Management Company Limited (NPPMCL) that it would not be responsible for any liability or loss or risks to the power complex post-December 31, 2024. Sources told Business Recorder that RPPL which entered into an agreement with the government has conveyed its latest position as some actions on part of NPPM..... [more >>](#)

### **Survival mode is not a strategy**

Source: [Muhammad Farid Alam](#), [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-21

For the business landscape in Pakistan to switch from survive to thrive, it is but essential to twist the trajectory towards a happy finale and curb the whispers of 'to invest or not to', in the business corridors with a taxation policy that spells success as never heard of. I say that for the detrimental effect of sudden changes on industry and how it stands to weaken our position. A..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt to resolve power sector problems:Lesco CEO**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2025-04-21

Lahore - Newly-appointed Lesco Chief Executive Officer Engineer Muhammad Ramzan Butt known for his courageous decisions, visited daily The Nation and Nawa-i-Waqt offices and met with Managing Director and Editor Nawa-e-Waqt Group Rameeza Majid Nizami,. Ramzan Butt started the conversation with memories connected to Majid Nizami (late) the Imam-e- Sahafat. On this occasion, Chief Operating Officer ..... [more >>](#)

### **Grid Transition Levy; APTMA urges PD to address inaccuracies**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2025-04-21

ISLAMABAD: The All-Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has urged Power Division to address inaccuracies in Grid Transition Levy and revise it as per the prevailing electricity tariff rates. In a letter to Power Minister, Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Secretary General, APTMA, Shahid Sattar has said that the issues pertaining to the Grid Transition Levy in his notice warrants urgent ..... [more >>](#)

### **Hydel projects' crises**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2025-04-21

The latest session of the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) became an exercise in exposing critical shortcomings and widespread financial mismanagement of major hydropower projects, raising urgent concerns over transparency, accountability and the responsible utilisation of public funds in the energy domain. Foremost among the projects under scrutiny was the Dasu Hydropower..... [more >>](#)

**The petroleum levy burden**

Source: [Yousuf Nazar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-22

The Pakistani government's decision to raise the petroleum levy to Rs80 per litre – via amendments to the Petroleum Products (Petroleum Levy) Ordinance, 1961 – has dashed public expectations of a Rs10 per litre cut in fuel prices. This move, made to meet IMF targets, reflects Pakistan's continuing dependence on regressive, inflationary taxation. It diminishes consumer pu..... [more >>](#)

**KE-NTDC interconnection to cut power costs for Karachi: Nasir**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-22

Sindh Energy Minister Syed Nisar Hussain Shah has said that the interconnection project between K-Electric and the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) will be crucial in delivering affordable electricity to Karachi's consumers. He made these remarks while chairing a review meeting on Monday to assess the project's progress. The session was attended by K-Electric Chief Ex..... [more >>](#)

**Fuel shortage feared in Sindh, Punjab**

Source: [Kashif Hussain](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-22

Concerns are growing over a potential shortage of petroleum products in Sindh and Punjab as transport disruptions triggered by protests against a controversial federal canal project continue to affect fuel supply chains, Express News reported on Tuesday. According to the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC), around 800 oil tankers have been stranded in Larkana and Sukkur due to sit-ins and road ..... [more >>](#)

**Power generation: Still trending in the 2010**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-22

Pakistan's national electricity grid generated 4.6 percent more power in March 2025 than it did in the same month last year. Sounds like recovery—until you consider that March 2018 recorded more generation than March 2025. This marks the second consecutive month where generation has fallen behind levels seen seven years ago. Zoom out further, and the picture darkens. Cumulative el..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan Oilfields Limited**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-22

Pakistan Oilfields Limited (PSX: POL) is involved in the exploration, drilling, and production of crude oil and gas within the nation. It produces LPG, natural gas, and crude oil, which it sells under the POLGAS brand and through its subsidiary CAPGAS (Private) Limited. In addition, POL manufactures sulfur and solvent oil. Its extensive pipeline network is used to deliver crude oil to the refinery..... [more >>](#)

**Disco apologises to Public Accounts Committee over meter removal from member's house**

Source: [Jamal Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-23

ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) held a closed-door session on Tuesday, chaired by MNA Junaid Akbar Khan, with members first convening for an internal discussion before formal proceedings began. A key issue under review was the controversial removal of electricity meters from the residence of PAC member Sanaullah Khan Mastikhel, reportedly carried out by staff from the Faisalabad ..... [more >>](#)

**Underutilisation of MTL: report yet to be submitted to PM**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-23

ISLAMABAD: A high level committee headed by Federal Minister Dr Musadik Malik is yet to submit its report on underutilisation of over \$ 1.5 billion Matiari to Lahore ±660 KV HVDC Transmission Line (MTL) to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif despite passage of one year, sources told Business Recorder. In April last, Prime Minister had constituted a committee headed by the then Minister for P..... [more >>](#)

### **KE asks Power Div for consultation on NEP**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-23

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division's alleged apathy with respect to consultation process on the National Electricity Plan (NEP) has irritated K-Electric (KE), well informed sources told Business Recorder. In a letter to Secretary Power, KE's Chief Regulatory Affairs Imran Qureshi referred to KE's letter of January 15, 2025 regarding the NEP 2023-2027 and eligibility criteria (Ele..... [more >>](#)

### **Minister seeks details of proposed energy policies**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-23

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan has sought details of energy policies currently under consideration that may impact Pakistan's trade and commerce landscape. In a letter addressed to the Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, the Commerce minister stated that Pakistan's export performance saw a significant increase during the first nine months of the f..... [more >>](#)

### **Coal share in power sector grows**

Source: [Shahram Haq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-24

LAHORE: Pakistan's power sector is shifting as locally mined coal gains a larger share in electricity generation, easing energy costs and reducing dependence on imports. According to a recent report of Toplevel Securities, power generation in March 2025 reached 8,409 gigawatt-hours (GWh), marking a 5% annual increase and a 21% jump from February 2025. The standout figure, however, was the 62..... [more >>](#)

### **Competitive power market faces delays**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-24

KARACHI: Despite approvals from the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) and the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra), following a six-month test run by the Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guarantee (CPPA-G), the Competitive Trading Bilateral Contracts Market (CTBCM) has yet to become fully operational. Leading stakeholders from across Pakistan's energy and policy landscape ..... [more >>](#)

### **Competitive electricity market; Financial, technical readiness aspects discussed**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-24

KARACHI: Leading stakeholders from across Pakistan's energy and policy landscape gathered at a high-level 'multi-stakeholder dialogue' to discuss financial and technical readiness for the operationalisation of a competitive electricity market, a reform process that has witnessed accelerated progress in recent years. The event brought together senior government representative..... [more >>](#)

### **Tariff cuts planned for power plants under hybrid model**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-25

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday projected savings of about Rs1.567 trillion through revised contract terms for four state-owned power plants with a combined capacity of 3,700MW, but was unable to clarify how the resulting revenue loss to the government would be managed. During a public hearing called by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra), it also emerg..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil firms told to stockpile diesel, jet fuel as tensions with India deepen**

Source: [Talib Fridi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-25

In light of escalating tensions with India following the Pahalgam attack, the federal government has directed oil companies and refineries to ensure maximum availability of diesel and jet fuel, Express News reported on Friday. Sources within oil marketing firms confirmed that the directive was issued shortly after the Pahalgam incident intensified the regional security environment. The Directora..... [more >>](#)

**Downward revision of tariff for four state-owned plants to save Rs1.56 trillion**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-25

ISLAMABAD - The downward revision of tariff for four state-owned power generation plants, with the combined capacity of 3725MW, will bring a saving of Rs1.567 trillion and will reduce power tariff by Rs1.1023 per unit. In a public hearing, conducted by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority over the joint petition of the state owned Gencos, official of the Power Division said that the go..... [more >>](#)

**Projected savings of Rs1.567trn; Nepra clears revised PPAs of four GPPs**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-25

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday approved, in principle, the revised Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) of four government-owned power plants (GPPs), with projected savings of Rs 1.567 trillion over the life of the projects. Estimated savings during the current fiscal year are expected to be Rs 21.56 billion. The four projects included in the revis..... [more >>](#)

**Fossil Fixation**

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-26

One would hope that at a time when climate-related catastrophes are unfolding with increasing frequency and ferocity, global leaders might align on the urgency of abandoning fossil fuels. But if recent developments at the Copenhagen climate summit are any indication, that hope continues to be dashed by the cold reality of geopolitics. The United States, along with several other major energy-produc..... [more >>](#)

**XWDiscos inefficiency losses surge by Rs41 billion**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-26

ISLAMABAD - The losses of ex-Wapda Power Distribution Companies (XWDiscos) on account of inefficiency have increased by Rs41 billion, during the first nine months (July to March) of the ongoing fiscal year 2024-25, as compared to the same period of the previous fiscal. The XWDiscos losses on account of inefficiency have enhanced to Rs143 billion during the first nine months (July to March) of the..... [more >>](#)

**Electricity duty on self generation; SC dismisses review pleas of Punjab govt**

Source: [Terence J Sigamony, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-26

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court dismissed the review petitions of the Punjab government regarding levy of electricity duty on the companies which produce power from generator of more than 500kW capacity to produce electricity for self-use. A three-judge bench headed by Justice Munib Akhtar and comprising Justice Ayesha A Malik and Justice Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi, heard review petitions of the Punjab ..... [more >>](#)

**Jul '24 to Mar '25; Discos' 'inefficiencies' result in Rs221bn loss: PD**

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-26

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division claims that inefficiencies of DISCOs (excess losses and under recoveries) for the period July 2024 to March 2025 stood at Rs221 billion compared to Rs364 billion during the same period of previous year, while registering a decrease of Rs143 billion. In a written reply to a question, the Senate was informed on Friday that the current per unit electricity for singl..... [more >>](#)

**Hydel projects; KP seeks tax relief on par with private sector & AJK**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-26

ISLAMABAD: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has sought Income Tax exemptions for its hydel projects at par with power projects of private sector and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K). In a letter to Finance Minister, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, Special Assistant to Chief Minister, KPK, on Energy and Power, Brig. Tariq Saddozai (retired) stated that the province is bestowed with enormous hydr..... [more >>](#)

### **The energy prospects**

Source: [Shafqat Hussain Memon](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-27

John Armstrong The Future of Energy presents a bold take on energy transition, challenging some established narratives and opening new fronts for debate. Armstrong brings together expert insights and compelling analysis, making intricate ideas engaging and accessible. The book goes beyond an assessment of energy generation, transportation and u..... [more >>](#)

### **FPCCI MEETING ON ENERGY: Govt removes Rs22 ceiling in tariff to boost EV sector**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-27

Islamabad: The federal government has set a reduced base tariff of Rs39.70 per unit for electricity used at electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, while allowing their operators the flexibility to add additional charges, without any ceiling, to cover operational costs, says a press release. The Managing Director of the National Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (NEECA), Dr Sardar M..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas supply suspended in parts of Karachi**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-27

A fire broke out near Jubilee Cinema in Saddar, Karachi, earlier today after a gas leak in a sewerage channel combined with a short circuit in a K-Electric cable. The blaze prompted an immediate response from emergency services to prevent further damage. To minimize risk, Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) swiftly shut off gas supply from its Transmission and Distribution Stations (TBS) at Mazar-e-Q..... [more >>](#)

### **Peak-hour power tariff; APTMA urges govt to share constraint details**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-27

ISLAMABAD: The All-Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma) has requested the government to share details of the constraints preventing the removal of the peak-hour electricity tariff for the industrial sector. In a letter addressed to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Aptma Secretary General Shahid Sattar stated that, despite some progress, the prevailing electricity tariff of 10–11 cen..... [more >>](#)

### **Classification of cold storage facilities; Nepra faces legal challenges following decision of appellate forum**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-27

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is navigating a complex legal and regulatory challenge following a recent decision by the Nepra Appellate Tribunal concerning the tariff classification of cold storage facilities in the country. The Tribunal has directed the Nepra that based on a consensus reached between the parties, any applications filed by appellants must..... [more >>](#)

### **KE removes 1,200 illegal connections**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-28

The K-Electric (KE) has carried out an operation in the New Sabzi Mandi area with the help of law-enforcement agencies, in which it removed 1,200 illegal connections (kundas) weighing 2,500 kilogrammes. In a statement, the KE said the removed connections had been stealing 110,000 units of electricity every month. The kunda connections used for electricity theft were installed by bypassing the saf..... [more >>](#)

### **Tarbela 4th Extension Hydropower Project: GIKI hands over 3D model to Wapda**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-28

PESHAWAR: An inauguration ceremony was held at the Tarbela 4th Extension Hydel Power Station to mark the development and handover of a 3D working educational model of the hydropower project. The state-of-the-art model was developed by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology (GIKI) and commissioned by the Water and Power Devel..... [more >>](#)

### Centre irked by Punjab delaying lower tariff for LNG plants

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-28

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has conveyed its displeasure to the Punjab government over delay in approval process for tariff reduction of its two LNG-based power plants of more than 2,400MW, involving about Rs600bn savings over their remaining useful lives of 18 to 23 years. A senior official told Dawn that Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) — a subsidiary of the power division &..... [more >>](#)

### Residents storm K-Electric office in Karachi's Ramswami area over prolonged power outage

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-28

Residents of Karachi's Ramswami area staged a violent protest late Sunday night into Monday morning, storming the K-Electric office near Garden Headquarters over a prolonged power outage. The demonstrators pelted stones at the K-Electric's office and smashed the windows of two mini-trucks parked outside, Express News reported. Some protesters also struck the vehicles with sticks. Loud ..... [more >>](#)

### Kohala Hydropower Project; Chinese co urges govt to extend LoS

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-28

ISLAMABAD: Chinese company M/s Kohala Hydropower Company Limited (KHCL) has requested the government to formally issue a notification extending the Letter of Support (LoS) for the \$2.5 billion, 1,124 MW run-of-the-river Kohala Hydropower Project until September 30, 2027 as it has fulfilled all requisite formalities, sources within the company told Business Recorder. The Kohala Hydropower Projec..... [more >>](#)

### Revenue requirements of SSGC; Decision delayed by Ogra creates controversy

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-28

ISLAMABAD: A delayed decision by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Sui Southern Gas Company's (SSGC) revenue requirement for the fiscal year 2022-23 has stirred up a storm of controversy, coinciding with a staggering 600% surge in the company's share price, fuelling accusations of favouritism. Ogra approved the final revenue requirement (FRR) for SSGC on October 1, 20..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's energy crossroads

Source: [Shafqat Hussain Memon, The News, International](#), 2025-04-29

This year's Earth Day, with the theme 'Our Power, Our Planet', demanded more than symbolism for Pakistan. Amidst the escalating climate risks, fiscal stress and deepening energy poverty, the country faces a decisive moment. The energy transition is no longer a theoretical choice, it is an economic, environmental, and strategic imperative. Globally, efforts are underway to trip..... [more >>](#)

### POL prices unlikely to change for next fortnight

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2025-04-29

ISLAMABAD: The prices of petroleum products from May 1, 2025, for the next fortnight are likely to remain unchanged as, according to industrial and official estimates, petrol may decrease by Re0.016 per litre and high-speed diesel may go up by just Re0.01 per litre. "The slight fluctuation in prices of petrol and diesel may not be passed on to the end consumers the official sources told thi..... [more >>](#)

### Circular debt inches up to Rs2.4tr

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-29

ISLAMABAD: The power sector's circular debt touched Rs2.396 trillion at the end of the first three quarters (July-March) of the current fiscal year, showing a modest Rs2 billion increase since July 1, but almost Rs398bn lower compared to March 2024. A Power Division report on circular debt for the period ending March 2025 showed that payables to power producers increased by around Rs33bn to..... [more >>](#)

### Timely weather forecast to help IESCO determine power demand

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-29

ISLAMABAD: While accurate determination of electricity demand depends on timely weather forecasting, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has signed an agreement with the Pakistan Meteorological Department to determine the demand of electricity. IESCO spokesperson Raja Asim said that timely and accurate determination of electricity demand and then generation of electricity, according to de..... [more >>](#)

### PRL struggles under heavy losses

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-29

Pakistan Refinery Limited (PSX: PRL) entered FY25 on unstable footing. The company struggled with shrinking gross margins and mounting operating expenses. These challenges unfolded despite operational improvements like better product yields and plans for a major Refinery Expansion and Upgradation Project (REUP). Persistent market issues—weak refining margins, competition from smuggled fuels,..... [more >>](#)

### Power tariff may rise in summer months

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD: While the government is going to provide relief in electricity tariff by Rs7.41 per unit in May, the end power consumers are most likely to experience a hike in the rates, mainly in the head of Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA). The likely hike in electricity rates is mainly because of less hydro generation in summer months due to lower water level in Tarbela and Mangla dams and dysfunctional..... [more >>](#)

### Dealers complain of no rise in petroleum margins

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum dealers on Tuesday pleaded for the implementation of the government commitment to increase their sale margins by Rs1.40 to Rs2.20 per litre on petrol and diesel, which had been pending since July last year. A meeting of the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Petroleum presided over by Syed Mustafa Shah asked the Petroleum Division, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority..... [more >>](#)

### Govt expected to hold oil prices .As diesel impacts inflation, the stable pricing offers some relief

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to keep domestic oil prices unchanged from May 1, 2025, amid minor fluctuations in international markets. According to projections, Premium Motor Gasoline (PMG) may see a negligible drop of Rs0.16/litre — a 0.1% decrease — at both ex-refinery and ex-depot levels. High-Speed Diesel (HSD), widely used in transport and agriculture, is expected to r..... [more >>](#)

### KP CS discusses PESCO's power issues

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

Peshawar - Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Shahab Ali Shah, chaired a meeting with the management of Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) to discuss pressing electricity issues, load management, and the recovery of arrears. PESCO authorities presented a three-month plan outlining strategies to address challenges in the electricity sector. The meeting also reviewed an incentive mechanism..... [more >>](#)

### Adequate stock of petroleum products available in country

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD - A parliamentary panel was Tuesday informed that adequate stock of petroleum products is available in the country and sufficient reserves are also available to cater for defense needs. The National Assembly Standing Committee on Energy (Petroleum Division), which met under Syed Mustafa Mehmood, MNA, was informed by Federal Minister for Petroleum Division Ali Pervaiz Malik that a new int..... [more >>](#)

### Cost of power generation to go up on account of monthly FCA for April

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD - The cost of electricity generation will go up on account of monthly FCA for April mainly due to 20 percent high demand accompanied by low hydropower generation and to bridge the demand supply gap, power plants with costlier fuel were used. At a public hearing conducted by NEPRA on the CPPA-G petition, it was informed that despite the negative FCA of Re0.0309/unit in April, the net cost..... [more >>](#)

### Electricity consumers to get Rs1.50 per unit relief in tariff for three months

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD - The electricity consumers of the country will get a relief of Rs1.50 per unit in tariff for three months on account Quarterly Tariff Adjustments. The revelation was made during a Public hearing on the third quarter adjustment of the discos for the financial year 2024-25 here Tuesday. The public hearing was chaired by the Chairman NEPRA. Ex-Wapda Power Distribution Companies (Discos) ha..... [more >>](#)

### Reduced hydropower, costly fuels

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD: The government on Tuesday warned of a potential hike in electricity bills during the summer months, citing reduced hydropower generation and greater reliance on expensive fuels — despite marginal negative adjustments under the Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) and Quarterly Tariff Adjustment (QTA) mechanisms. This was revealed by officials from the National Power Control Centre (NPC)..... [more >>](#)

### Kandhkot to third-party buyers; PPL seeks PD's approval to redirect unutilised gas

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has requested the Petroleum Division's approval to redirect unutilised gas from the Kandhkot Gas Field to third-party buyers out of 200 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) assigned to Central Power Generation Company Ltd (GENCO-II) in Guddu. The matter was discussed in the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) while Junaid A..... [more >>](#)

### PSO demonstrates operational resilience amid market challenges in 9MFY25

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

KARACHI: The Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has posted a net profit of Rs 15.3 billion for the nine months ended March 31, 2025 (9MFY25). This performance translates into earnings per share (EPS) of Rs 32.5, reflecting the company's strategic focus and operational efficiency. According to the company's handout, the gross sales surged to Rs 2.5 trillion (9MFY24: Rs 2.8 trillion), re..... [more >>](#)

### Energy poverty and flawed subsidy mechanism

Source: [Abubakar Ismail and Muhammad Kamil Qaddus, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

Energy poverty is a critical challenge that leaves millions of households unable to secure essential services such as cooking, heating, cooling, and lighting at an affordable cost. While global discussions on energy access have intensified, Pakistan remains far behind, struggling not only with affordability but also with the fundamental issue of access. According to the European Commission Ad..... [more >>](#)

### Turkiye-Pakistan energy ties

Source: [Alparslan Bayraktar, The News, International](#), 2025-04-16

For years on end, Turkiye and Pakistan have enjoyed the agency of brotherly relations. Not only have we been historically bound, but we have also streamed rivers into seas with cooperation and partnerships, from cultural to economic to language and energy. Just two months ago, we were here for the visit of President of Turkiye, HE Recep Tayyip Erdogan and how glad I was to be back in the beautiful..... [more >>](#)

## Renewable Energy

**Industry backs early approval of solar projects**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD: Stakeholders from the industry and the government have voiced strong support for the early approval of centralised solar projects while citing their competitive tariffs and potential to reduce national electricity costs and subsidies. At a public hearing convened by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on K-Electric's (KE) auction evaluation reports for its 120..... [more >>](#)

**olarisation of public buildings: CM directs officials to initiate work on project by May 1**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-17

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur on Wednesday directed the relevant authorities to initiate work on the "Solarisation of Public Buildings and Private Houses" project by 1st May this year. An official handout said that he was chairing the second meeting of the committee constituted to oversee the project. The chief minister directed the officials that preparations for the sola..... [more >>](#)

**Uncertainty clouds solar sector Drop from Rs27 to Rs10 per unit discourages investment**

Source: [Imran Adnan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-18

LAHORE: The government's recent decision to reduce the buyback rate for excess solar power from Rs27 to Rs10 per unit has sparked widespread concern across Pakistan's solar energy sector, significantly dampening consumer interest and slowing the pace of new installations. Industry stakeholders, including solar system importers and vendors, warn that the lack of a clear and consistent net..... [more >>](#)

**Unlocking green energy**

Source: [Nazifa Butt & Shanzay Asghar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-20

Pakistan, with a population of about 241 million, has been facing an energy crisis since 2006 as electricity supply has not been meeting the demand. Pakistan has a total energy demand of about 25,000 MW. However, the supply is limited to around 22,000 MW, leaving 3,000 MW gap that widens to 6,000 MW in peak summer. In March 2024, Pakistan's tota..... [more >>](#)

**Phasing out unsustainable reliance**

Source: [Ayoub Hameedi](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-20

Pakistan is blessed with numerous natural resources that can facilitate sustainable social and economic development. An abundance of sunshine is one such natural resource. It is in our interest to harness it to decarbonise electricity generation sector. According to the Pakistan Economic Survey(2023-2024), Pakistan produced 59.45 percent of its electri..... [more >>](#)

**A stark imbalance**

Source: [Fatima Arif](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-20

This year's Earth Day theme, Our Power, Our Planet, is more than a slogan—it is a call to arms in the fight for our collective future. The campaign this year calls on all of us to unite behind renewable energy and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. Earth Action Day encourages people everywhere to take part: by ed..... [more >>](#)

**Use of clean, renewable energy sources advocated**

Source: [Jamila Achakzai](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-23

Islamabad: Climate change minister Musadik Masood Malik on Tuesday renewed Pakistan's commitment to environmental protection and climate resilience, joining the global community in efforts to safeguard their shared

home—Earth. On the occasion of World Earth Day 2025 marked on April 22, the minister said the day's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet," showed that the solutions t..... [more >>](#)

### Lesco to launch 'Apna Meter, Apni Reading' App

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-24

LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer of Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) Engineer Ramzan Butt has said 'Apna Meter, Apni Reading' would soon be launched and consumers will be provided with a link through which they can submit their own meter readings. He was speaking at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said that there is a collective realisation that the survival of the..... [more >>](#)

### Energy-generating smart road opened

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-04-24

LAHORE: In a groundbreaking development, the city of Lahore has become home to the country's first energy-generating smart road. The innovative project, dubbed Route 47, is a 4.5-kilometer stretch that connects several major thoroughfares, including Ferozepur Road, Gulberg Main Boulevard, Walton Road, and Lahore Ring Road. The road boasts cutting-edge features, including separate lanes ..... [more >>](#)

### Biogas is Pakistan's future: Haroon Akhtar

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-04-27

LAHORE: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) Haroon Akhtar Khan, on Saturday, visited the site of Suzuki Company Limited's proposed biogas plant at Manga Mandi, Lahore, where he was warmly received by Hiroshi Kawamura, Managing Director of Suzuki Company Limited Pakistan. According to a press statement, during the visit, the SAPM praised Suzuki's initiative to establish a bio..... [more >>](#)

### Rawalpindi bans LPG cylinders' use

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-04-29

RAWALPINDI: With the onset of summer, the Rawalpindi district administration has banned the use of large gas cylinders in densely populated areas, double-story buildings, multi-story basements, and congested marketplaces. The ban also covers welding shops using calcium carbide tanks and welding kits. The deputy commissioner has instructed the Civil Defence Department to launch operations agains..... [more >>](#)

### Rs1.52 cut in power tariff delayed to May

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD: Amid official warnings about looming higher fuel costs in peak summer, a Rs1.52 per unit cut in average electricity tariff promised by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif did not reach consumers in the current month. During a public hearing on Tuesday presided over by Chairman National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Waseem Mukhtar, representatives of the Central Power Purchasi..... [more >>](#)

### Middle class misses out on Pakistan's rapid solar transition

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

Amid the sweltering 40-degree heat that gripped Karachi in April, entrepreneur Saad Saleem ran his air-conditioning without hesitation. Despite a sharp rise in electricity tariffs, Saleem remained unaffected, having earlier invested \$7,500 to install solar panels on the roof of his bungalow — part of a broader solar energy boom taking place across Pakistan. Saleem bought his modules two ye..... [more >>](#)

### Heat wave fuels surge in solar panel sales in twin cities

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD - As an intense heat wave continues to grip the twin cities, residents are turning to solar energy in record numbers to reduce electricity bills and frequent power outages. Local solar panel dealers have reported a sharp rise in inquiries and installations over the past few weeks. The growing interest is driven by soaring temperatures, increased loadshedding, and the rising cost of..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Engagement

### Dialogue News

#### Pakistan's Circular Culture Is Our Strength: Minister Malik Leads Call For Textile Sustainability At SDPI Policy Dialog

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-04-18

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 18th Apr, 2025) "Pakistan is not just importing and exporting used textiles, it is embracing circularity as a cultural and environmental responsibility," declared Senator Musadik Masood Malik, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, while addressing a high-level policy dialogue on circularity and used textile..... [more >>](#)

#### Pakistan's Circular Culture is our strength: Minister Malik leads call for Textile Sustainability at SDPI Policy Dialog

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-04-18

ISLAMABAD, Apr 18 (APP): "Pakistan is not just importing and exporting used textiles, it is embracing circularity as a cultural and environmental responsibility," declared Senator Musadik Masood Malik, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, while addressing a high-level policy dialogue on circularity and used textile trade in Pakistan. The project dissemi..... [more >>](#)

#### 'Pakistan's Circular Culture is Our Strength': Minister Musadik Masood Malik leads call for textile sustainability at SDPI policy dialogue

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-04-18

ISLAMABAD, April 18 (SABAH): "Pakistan is not just importing and exporting used textiles—it is embracing circularity as a cultural and environmental responsibility," declared Senator Musadik Masood Malik, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, while addressing a high-level policy dialogue on circularity and used textile trade in Pakistan. The project..... [more >>](#)

گردشی ثقافت ہماری اصل طاقت ہے۔ سینیٹر مصدق ملک

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-04-18

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) گردشی ثقافت پاکستان کیلئے صرف نعرہ نہیں بلکہ ہماری تہذیبی روح اور دانش کا عکاس ہے۔ یہ ہماری ثقافت کا حصہ ہی نہیں ہماری اصل طاقت بھی ہے۔ ہم ایک نئی معاشرتی روایت کی بنیاد رکھ رہے ہیں جہاں پائیداری محض ..... [more >>](#)

#### Pakistan is playing a vital role to promote used textile recycling: Minister Musadik Malik

Source: [INP](#), [Independent News Pakistan](#), 2025-04-19

By exporting and importing used textile Pakistan embracing circularity as a cultural and environmental responsibility, stated Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Musadik Masood Malik, while addressing a high-level policy dialogue on circularity and used textile trade in Pakistan. The said dialogue was organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) ..... [more >>](#)

**'We are turning textile waste into green'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-20

Islamabad: Pakistan is not just importing and exporting used textiles, it is embracing circularity as a cultural and environmental responsibility, said Senator Musadik Malik, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination. The Minister was addressing a policy dialogue on 'Circularity and used textile trade in Pakistan' organised here by Sustainable Development Pol..... [more >>](#)

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وزارت آئی ٹی نے ڈیٹا تحفظ قانون کا مسودہ تیار کر لیا

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اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ) وزارت انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی و ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن کے رکن قانونی امور اکرام الحق قریشی نے انکشاف کیا ہے کہ وزارت نے ڈیٹا تحفظ قانون کا مسودہ تیار کر لیا ہے جو جلد قانون سازی کیلئے پیش کر دیا جائیگا، دوس..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-04-24

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## Roundtable Discussion

### Tobacco an industry designed to kill half its users

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-26

Islamabad: Experts, policymakers and academics stressed the need for urgent reforms in taxation and regulations as the tobacco industry continues to sidestep enforcement, target youth and dilute anti-smoking efforts. The roundtable spotlighting Pakistan's faltering tobacco control efforts was organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with Vital Strate..... [more >>](#)

### Experts Call For Tougher Tobacco Policies Amid Rising Youth Addiction, Tax Evasion

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 25th Apr, 2025) Experts, policymakers, and academics at a roundtable stressed the need for urgent reforms in taxation and regulations, as the tobacco industry continues to sidestep enforcement, target youth, and dilute anti-smoking efforts. The roundtable spotlighting Pakistan's faltering tobacco control efforts was organized by Sustainabl..... [more >>](#)

### Tougher tobacco policies amid rising youth addiction, tax evasion

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سگریٹ، نکوٹین کے اشتہارات، نوجوان نشانہ: سخت اقدامات کی ضرورت، ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-04-25

اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز ) پاکستان میں تمباکو کنٹرول کی کوششیں سنگین بحران کا شکار ہیں، جہاں نہ صرف نوجوانوں میں نشے کی لت بڑھ رہی ہے ضرورت اس امر کی ہے کہ نوجوانوں میں تمباکو نوشی کے بڑھتے رجحان کو روکنے کے لئے حکومت اور پالی [more >>](#).....

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Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-04-25

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اسلام آباد۔ 25 اپریل (اے پی پی) سماجی و پالیسی ماہرین نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں تمباکو نوشی کے بڑھتے رجحان خاص طور پر نوجوانوں کو نشانہ بنانے اور ٹیکس چوری کے پیش نظر تمباکو پر ٹیکس اور ضوابط میں فوری اور موثر اصلاحات کی ضرورت [more >>](#).....

### Legal fraternity asked for bridging up climate gap through mediation, education

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-27

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### Legal fraternity up to bridge climate gap through mediation, conscious lawyering

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### Legal Fraternity Asked For Bridging Up Climate Gap Through Mediation, Education

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 26th Apr, 2025) Members of local and international legal fraternity and judiciary on Saturday called upon the legal community to lead climate action through proactive mediation and education. The call was made at roundtable, titled, "Bridging the Climate Gap: Mediation and Climate Conscious Lawyering", organized by Sustainable Developm..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2025-04-27

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) ماہرین نے ماحولیاتی تبدیلیوں کے پیچیدہ بحرانوں کے دوران انصاف کی فوری فراہمی کیلئے ثالثی کو ناگزیر قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ روایتی عدالتی چارہ جوئی کے بجائے ثالثی کے ذریعے تنازعات کا حل مستقبل [more >>](#).....

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### Courts have shaped credible climate jurisprudence: LHC judge

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### Roundtable on judiciary's role in climate gap

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-28

Islamabad: Justice Jawad Hassan from Lahore High Court highlighting Pakistan's pioneering role in climate litigation referencing, has stressed how Pakistani courts shaped a credible climate jurisprudence recognised internationally. Justice Hassan was delivering keynote address at roundtable on "Bridging the climate gap: mediation and climate conscious lawyering" organised here by..... [more >>](#)

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### Carbon levy: A fail-safe?

Source: [Furqan Ali And Arfa Ijaz](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-19

Despite decades of 'reforms', Pakistan has tragically failed to establish a pro-growth, anti-cyclical, and sustainable economic paradigm. This is primarily due to the overreliance on fiscal austerity and a flawed political economy, evident in macabre issues like bloated tax expenditure, bleeding SOEs, and pathetic public service provision. On the one hand, this cookie-cutter approach ..... [more >>](#)

### Wired for growth

Source: [Ahad Nazir](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-20

The observance of Earth Day each year serves as a sober reminder that environmental sustainability cannot be treated as a peripheral ambition. At the heart of that ambition lies energy—how nations produce it, distribute it and use it to either widen inequality or spur opportunity. The energy sector alone accounts for more than three-quarters of ..... [more >>](#)

### The sun rises on the power grid

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-21

The economic landscape constantly evolves through innovation and obsolescence – a process economist Joseph Schumpeter called 'creative destruction'. New technologies and models replace outdated ones, as seen in the historical transition from the steam engine to the internet. Today, Pakistan's power grid is undergoing a similar shift, driven by the rapid rise of rooftop s..... [more >>](#)

### Cementing a green future

Source: [Ebadat Ur Rehman Babar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-21

The cement industry in Pakistan is at a critical juncture. As one of the major contributors to the national economy, the sector faces mounting challenges, rising coal prices, increasing environmental regulations and global pressure

to reduce carbon emissions. To maintain its competitiveness and ensure long-term viability, the industry must embrace energy-efficient production methods. The reliance..... [more >>](#)

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### Let's save the snow

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-22

On this Earth Day 2025, as the world faces unprecedented challenges brought on by climate change, the urgency of addressing environmental crises becomes more pressing than ever. Among the most critical issues is the rapid melting of glaciers, particularly in mountain ranges like the Hindukush Himalayas. For countries like Pakistan, the loss of these glaciers has profound consequences for water se..... [more >>](#)

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### Why the WTO matters now

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-23

Launched in 1995, the World Trade Organization (WTO) was intended to create a stable, transparent, predictable and rule-based framework for global commerce, with a legally binding and impartial dispute settlement system. Within four years, however, rights-based civil society coalitions and left-leaning movements from across the Global South and Global North had united in the belief that the WTO&r..... [more >>](#)

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### Governance on the brink

Source: [Abdullah Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-24

Pakistan today stands at a paradox. On the one hand, it boasts one of the youngest populations in South Asia, a resilient entrepreneurial class and a growing digital footprint. On the other, its governance infrastructure is creaking under the weight of outdated systems, fragile institutions and a deepening trust deficit between the state and its citizens. Political instability, economic fragility..... [more >>](#)

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### Is our solar ready for climate extremes?

Source: [Sadia Ishrat Satti](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-24

Islamabad's weather turned wild in just a few minutes. One moment, it was a normal afternoon; the next, huge hailstones started crashing down, smashing car windshields, breaking windows and, most worrying of all, destroying solar panels all over the city. People watched in shock as their solar rooftops, symbols of the city's green progress, were left covered in broken glass and twiste..... [more >>](#)

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### Pakistan's Glacier Crisis

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [Daily Times](#), 2025-04-24

As Pakistan observed Earth Day 2025, a global conversation is unfolding about the urgent need to protect our environment from the devastating effects of climate change. This year, the focus is on saving the snow- the glaciers and snow-capped peaks that sustain millions of lives downstream. For countries like Pakistan, where the majority of water resources depend on the melting snow and glaciers of..... [more >>](#)

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### Beyond coal: cementing a green future for Pakistan

Source: [Ebadat Ur Rehman Babar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-24

Statement: As global trade and policies evolve, the cement sector must innovate to stay competitive. The cement industry in Pakistan is at a critical juncture. As one of the major contributors to the national economy, the sector faces mounting challenges, rising coal prices, increasing environmental regulations, and global pressure to reduce carbon emissions. To maintain its competitiveness a..... [more >>](#)

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### The Indus must flow

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-26

For decades, the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) has stood resilient, surviving wars and political upheaval between Pakistan and India. It safeguarded a precious resource essential to Pakistan's agriculture, economy, and energy security. Today, that critical pact faces unprecedented challenges as India signals to unilaterally hold the IWT in abeyance, pushing our country into uncharted waters. Pa..... [more >>](#)

### Looming threats

Source: Maryam Shabbir Abbasi, [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-27

On April 16, a sudden and intense weather event—dubbed a “white disaster”—struck Islamabad, Rawalpindi and several northern regions of Pakistan. This extreme hailstorm, accompanied by torrential rainfall and strong winds, caused significant disruption across urban and agricultural zones. In Islamabad, the federal capital, unusually large hailstones shattered vehicle wind..... [more >>](#)

### Worsening gender inequalities

Source: Sadia Ishrat Satti, [The News, International](#) , 2025-04-27

While climate change is a global issue, its impacts vary significantly across different segments of the society, especially with regard to gender equity. In this context, conventional social norms combine with environmental degradation to increase women's vulnerability. Pakistan has two dubious distinctions: it is consistently rated as one of th..... [more >>](#)

### Asia at the Edge: War or Peace? Pakistan and India Must Choose Dialogue to Preserve Asia's Future. A Call for Regional Alliance

Source: Rana Irfan Rafi, [The Public Purview](#) , 2025-04-29

These days. The situation between Pakistan and India is very tense. Any time a misshape can occur. One mistake led to a huge collision. Both countries have sent their military forces and modern weapons to the loc. Some areas along the line of control have already been fighting in recent days. And it feels like something big and dangerous may happen soon. If a full-scale war begins, especially a nu..... [more >>](#)

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### The Earth's wake-up call

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The Earth, as we know today, has been called many names throughout history - Tellus, Gaia, and Terra - each reflecting cultural reverence for the planet. These names reflect the diverse cultural and mythological backgrounds of different societies. Earth is not just a beautiful planet; it is the only one known to sustain life. We live here, we breathe here, and we lay the foundation for a healthy..... [more >>](#)

**What is the Indus Waters Treaty that India has 'suspended'?**

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [TRT Global](#), 2025-04-24

New Delhi has "suspended" the Indus Waters Treaty – a 1960 river-sharing agreement with Pakistan brokered by the World Bank – in response to the recent killing of 26 tourists in the mountain town of Pahalgam in India-administered Kashmir. India has held Pakistan indirectly responsible for the worst attack in years in the disputed region that both countries claim in full ..... [more >>](#)

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**Need stressed for collaboration between universities and industry**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-24

KARACHI: Experts at a symposium held here on Wednesday at a local hotel emphasised the need for establishing strong linkages among the universities, the industry and the professional engineering and updating curricula per today's needs to help transform academic institutions into hubs of research and innovation. They were speaking at the inaugural session of the two-day 39th Multi-Topic Int..... [more >>](#)

## Seminar News

**Need to make Islamabad climate-resilient amid extreme weather patterns**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-04-21

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**Capital's vulnerability to climate shocks, ecosystem degradation alarming: Experts**

Source: [Kamran Raja](#), [The Pakistan Times](#), 2025-04-21

Islamabad, 21 April 2025(Kamran Raja) Climate experts, meteorologists, and policy specialists Monday called for a new climate-resilient master plan for Islamabad, improved implementation of emissions laws, and a shift in urban priorities. They raised alarms over the capital's increasing vulnerability to climate shocks, urban heat islands, and the degradation of natural ecosystems due to unche..... [more >>](#)

**City hailstorm nature's response to housing societies' interference**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-22

Islamabad: Climate experts, meteorologists and policy specialists have called for a new climate-resilient master plan for Islamabad, improved implementation of emissions laws and a shift in urban priorities. Speaking at a seminar on "Abnormal weather patterns and climate change impact on Islamabad" organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here Monday, they raised alar..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-04-21

اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز)ماحولیاتی ماہرین نے وفاقی دارالحکومت میں بڑھتے ہوئے ماحولیاتی مسائل پر تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے انتباہ کیا ہے کہ اگر وقت پر موثر حکمت عملی نہ اپنائی گئی تو شہر کو شدید ماحولیاتی چیلنجوں اور پانی کی [more >>](#)..... □

اسلام آباد میں غیر معمولی ژالہ باری کے بعد ماحولیاتی ماہرین نے خطرے کی گھنٹی بجا دی

Source: [APP](#), [Dunya News](#), 2025-04-21

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Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-04-21

اسلام آباد۔ 21 اپریل (اے پی پی): ماحولیاتی ماہرین نے وفاقی دارالحکومت میں بڑھتے ہوئے ماحولیاتی مسائل پر تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے انتباہ کیا ہے کہ اگر بروقت موثر حکمت عملی نہ اپنائی گئی تو شہر کو شدید ماحولیاتی چیلنجوں اور پا [more >>](#).....

### Climate Experts Warn of Rising Weather Extremes in Islamabad

Source: [News Desk](#), [THEPENPK.com](#), 2025-04-22

Islamabad: Climate experts, meteorologists, and policy specialists on Monday called for a climate-resilient master plan for Islamabad, stronger implementation of emissions laws, and a shift in urban planning priorities to safeguard the city from intensifying climate threats. Speaking at a seminar organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on "Abnormal Weather Patterns ..... [more >>](#)

### PAFST launched to strengthen food security, climate resilience

Source: [Press Release](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-30

Islamabad: Senior government officials, development partners, researchers, and representatives from the private sector gathered today for a closed-door consultation marking the inception of the Pakistan Alliance for Food Systems Transformation (PAFST). The consultation was organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutriti..... [more >>](#)

### PAFST launched to strengthen National Food Security and Climate Resilience

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### Food security is not just about hunger, it is about economic stability, resilience to climate change & national security: Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri

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### Call for climate-resilient Islamabad

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-30

ISLAMABAD: Climate experts, meteorologists, and policy specialists have called for an urgent overhaul of Islamabad's urban planning, emphasising the need for a climate-resilient master plan, stricter enforcement of emissions laws, and a shift in urban development priorities to combat growing environmental vulnerabilities. Speaking at a seminar hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Ins..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-04-30

اسلام آباد-29 اپریل (اے پی پی): پاکستان الائٹنس فار فوڈ سسٹمز ٹرانسفارمیشن (پی اے ایف ایس ٹی) کے آغاز کے موقع پر سینئر سرکاری حکام، ترقیاتی شراکت داروں، محققین اور نجی شعبے کے نمائندوں نے منگل کو بند کمرے میں مشاورت کی۔ جس کا [more >>](#).....

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## Special Discussion

### Call to promote used textiles trade

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-04-17

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Senator Musadik Masood Malik on Wednesday emphasised that the global fashion industry is one of the largest contributors to waste, with millions of tons of clothing ending up in landfills each year. He, however, said promoting the used textiles trade is vital to mitigate this issue by diverting pre-owned clothing from la..... [more >>](#)

### Promoting circular economy through trade of used textiles highlighted

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-17

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Musadik Masood Malik on Wednesday highlighted Pakistan's growing leadership in promoting a circular economy through the trade of used textiles, a sector that not only supported livelihoods but also played a vital role in environmental sustainability. Speaking at a dissemination meeting on circularity and the used textiles..... [more >>](#)

### **Minister Calls For Global Support In Textile Waste Recycling, Highlights Circular Economy Success**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-04-16

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 16th Apr, 2025) Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Senator Musadik Masood Malik, has underscored the critical role of the used textiles trade in combating global fashion waste, stating that millions of tons of clothing end up in landfills each year. Speaking at a high-level dissemination meeting on circularity and ..... [more >>](#)

### **Minister calls for global support in textile waste recycling, highlights circular economy success**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-04-16

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### **In a panel discussion on the trade of used textiles and circularity in Pakistan, the Minister of Climate Change addressed key points**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Daily Independent](#), 2025-04-16

April 16, 2025. In a panel discussion on the trade of used textiles and circularity in Pakistan, the Minister of Climate Change addressed key points The Minister emphasized that Pakistan has the potential to emerge as a regional hub for the trade of used textiles. The Minister further stated that Pakistan has been using used textiles since childhood, and they are naturally beneficial. The M..... [more >>](#)

## Workshop News

### **Experts call for decarbonising steel sector to boost industrial efficiency**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-04-29

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a workshop have underlined the urgent need for decarbonising Pakistan's steel sector and boosting industrial efficiency in light of global climate goals and national economic challenges to chart a course toward a more sustainable industrial future for Pakistan. The workshop on 'Energy Efficiency in Energy Intensive Industries in Pakistan Focusing on the Steel Sec..... [more >>](#)

### **Experts push for industrial decarbonization, efficiency reforms in Pakistan's steel sector**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-04-28

ISLAMABAD, Apr 28 (APP): Experts at the high-level workshop underlined the urgent need for decarbonizing Pakistan's steel sector and boosting industrial efficiency in light of global climate goals and national economic challenges to chart a course toward a more sustainable industrial future for Pakistan. The workshop on 'Energy Efficiency in Energy Intensive Industries in Pakistan Focu..... [more >>](#)

### **Experts urge industrial decarbonization, efficiency reforms in Pakistan's steel sector**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-04-28

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### Experts Push For Industrial Decarbonization, Efficiency Reforms In Pakistan's Steel Sector

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-04-28

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 28th Apr, 2025) Experts at the high-level workshop underlined the urgent need for decarbonizing Pakistan's steel sector and boosting industrial efficiency in light of global climate goals and national economic challenges to chart a course toward a more sustainable industrial future for Pakistan. The workshop on 'Energy Efficiency in ..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-04-28

اسلام آباد-28 اپریل (اے پی پی): ماہرین نے عالمی ماحولیاتی اہداف اور قومی اقتصادی چیلنجز کو مدنظر رکھتے ہوئے پاکستان کی صنعتی ترقی کو زیادہ پائیدار بنانے کے لئے سٹیل کے شعبے میں ڈی کاربنائزیشن اور توانائی کی کارکردگی میں اصلاحات کی ضرورت پر زور دیا۔ [more >>](#)

پاکستان کی سٹیل صنعت کی ڈی کاربنائزیشن: ماہرین کی تجاویز اور چیلنجز

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-04-28

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