



Pakistan's Energy Transition



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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

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

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

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

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

Subjects Covered

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

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Energy Governance

Electrifying the Future

Source: Editorial, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-15

We welcome the Prime Minister's renewed call for the finalisation of the Electric Vehicles (EV) Policy 2025. While it is heartening to see a flicker of urgency in a sector long mired in bureaucratic drift, the timing is crucial, and not just for optics. An effective EV policy could be transformative, not just for the climate conversation but for the economy itself. At a time when fuel impor..... [more >>](#)

Punjab cabinet makes move for 30 to 40pc cut in electricity tariff

Source: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-04

LAHORE: The Punjab cabinet has approved establishment of the province's first airlines, which will be operating within a year. "The Air Punjab Private Limited Company has been approved with a target of starting its operation within one year," said Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz while presiding over the cabinet meeting here on Tuesday. She announced to reduce power tariffs of the Q..... [more >>](#)

The darkness we need Light pollution is more than a loss of wonder.

Source: Arhama Siddiq, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-07

During a recent visit to the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC, I found myself standing before an exhibit of darkness. It showed how the natural night sky, once scattered with stars and galaxies, is vanishing under the steady glare of artificial light. In Pakistan, this issue rarely enters public discourse. We worry about electricity shortages, rising bills and climate chang..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan forms crisis committee as oil prices spike

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2025-06-14

ISLAMABAD: In response to a sharp surge in global oil prices following Israel's attack on Iran, the federal government has constituted a high-level committee to monitor petrol prices, ensure uninterrupted fuel supplies, and evaluate the fiscal fallout for Pakistan. Chaired by the finance minister, the 16-member committee includes key economic and energy policymakers such as the Ministers [more >>](#)

PTI lambasts govt over 'expensive' electricity

Source: Ikram Junaidi, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-15

ISLAMABAD: The PTI on Saturday said the government policies have damaged multiple sectors, especially the energy sector that led to a hefty increase in tariffs, making electricity unaffordable for most people. These claims were made by National Assembly Opposition Leader Omar Ayub at a media talk, where he was flanked by Senate Opposition Leader Shibli Faraz, PTI spokesperson Sheikh Waqas Akram, [more >>](#)

PTI criticises energy policies of govt

Source: Zulfiqar Ahmad, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-15

ISLAMABAD: The opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the government, accusing it of enacting "short-sighted, flawed, and misguided" policies that have crippled the power sector and driven electricity beyond the reach of millions. Speaking at a presser, Opposition Leader in National Assembly Omar Ayub took direct aim at the government&r..... [more >>](#)

Govt raises petrol price by Re1 per litre for next fifteen daysSource: [Ashraf Malkham, The News, International](#), 2025-06-01

The federal government announced on Saturday a Re1 per litre increase in petrol prices for the upcoming fortnight as global oil markets continue to ease. The Finance Division issued a notification stating that the new petrol price will take effect from June 1. However, the price of high-speed diesel (HSD) was kept unchanged at Rs254.64 per litre. Two weeks ago, the government kept the pet..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum minister discusses energy priorities with OICCISource: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-01

KARACHI: Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik has reaffirmed the government's commitment to structural reforms, accelerated policy execution, and enhanced industry engagement. At an interactive session with the Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI), the minister cited recent resolution of refinery-sector challenges as a positive example of collaborative progress..... [more >>](#)

WCLA to place electricity wires underground on Mall RoadSource: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2025-06-02

LAHORE: The Walled City of Lahore Authority (WCLA) has embarked on a transformative initiative to enhance the aesthetic appeal and functionality of Mall Road by removing overhead electricity cables and burying them underground. This project, spanning from State Bank to Hall Road signal, marks a significant milestone as the first-ever initiative of its kind outside the historic walled city area. [more >>](#)

Unfairly burdening compliant consumersSource: [Ammar H Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-02

Minority Report was a Hollywood thriller ahead of its time, in which a crime was stopped before it could be committed. In a similar spirit, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved a 'recovery loss allowance' for K-Electric, which has a monopoly over electricity distribution in Karachi. In such an allowance, the regulator has allowed the utility to embed l..... [more >>](#)

PA committee warns KE, Hesco, Sepco to end night-time loadsheddingSource: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2025-06-03

A special committee of the Sindh Assembly on electricity issues has given 10 days to the three power distribution companies in the province to adopt a fresh schedule of loadshedding in their respective jurisdictions to ensure maximum relief for their consumers, especially by ending night-long power cuts. The special committee, which held its meeting in the committee room of the Sindh Assembly bui..... [more >>](#)

Govt challenges Nepra's approved KE multi-year tariffSource: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-03

ISLAMABAD: The government challenged K-Electric's multi-year tariff (2024-30) approved by the power regulator last week, alleging the utility got an undue favour of Rs750 billion over the seven-year period at the cost of the national exchequer, power consumers across the country and taxpayers at large. In a statement, the power division announced that the six tariff interventions allowed [more >>](#)

Ogra slashes LPG prices for JuneSource: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-01

ISLAMABAD: In line with a decline in oil prices globally, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has issued a notification for the reduction in LPG prices for June 2025. The OGRA has reduced the price of a domestic LPG cylinder by Rs55 and a commercial cylinder by Rs210. There has been a reduction of Rs3,921 per metric ton in the government's production price. Now, LPG wi..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric urges govt to take control of 300 loss-making feeders

Source: [Mohammad Bilal Tahir](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-01

KARACHI: K-Electric wants the government to take control of 300 loss-making feeders, out of a total of 2,129, to make the city load-shedding-free, following criticism from government quarters, including the National Assembly's Standing Committee. Monis Alvi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of K-Electric, during a session with a group of journalists on Saturday, urged the government to est..... [more >>](#)

Power sector debt; Govt secures historic Rs1.275trn loan deal from banks

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-02

ISLAMABAD: After months of negotiations on term sheets and legal formalities, the government has finalized agreements for a historic loan package of Rs 1.275 trillion with approximately 18 commercial banks to address the growing circular debt in the power sector. According to sources, the draft agreements are now ready for final approval by the Federal Cabinet. The loan aims to offset a [more >>](#)

Nepra's MYT decision: a step in the right direction

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-02

After a prolonged delay, the regulator — National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) — has finally approved the Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) for the only private entity operating in the power utility sector. There has been a considerable outcry in the media following the Power Minister's criticism of Nepra's decision to allow KE (Karachi Electric) to incorporate recover..... [more >>](#)

KE highlights future outlook

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-03

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE), Pakistan's only vertically integrated power utility, held its Corporate Briefing Session at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Monday, reaffirming its commitment to reliable, affordable, and sustainable power supply to Karachi and its adjoining areas. The session provided stakeholders, analysts, investors and members of the media with a comprehensive update o..... [more >>](#)

Nepra's KE MYT decision: PD submits review motion

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-03

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division on Monday submitted the much-talked about review motion challenging the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority's recent Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) determinations for K-Electric (KE) for 2024-25 to 2029-30. The government is urging Nepra to revise key assumptions, performance benchmarks and profit margins in line with real-world data and standards applied to o..... [more >>](#)

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Committee tasked with digitising fuel payments

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-04

ISLAMABAD: The government has constituted a seven-member committee to finalise a detailed mechanism for digitising payments at fuel stations across the country before its formal announcement in the federal budget. The committee, formed on the direction of Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, is headed by Sharjeel Murtaza, Chief Digital Officer of Karandaaz Pakistan, and includes Ali Jan Khan, con..... [more >>](#)

Govt reaffirms energy reform commitment

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-04

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to a resilient and sustainable energy future during his keynote address at the Ministerial Plenary session titled 'Global Cooperation for a Resilient and Sustainable Energy Future' at the 30th Baku Energy Forum. According to a statement released on Tuesday, in his speech, Malik congratulated [more >>](#)

Punjab cabinet approves up to 40pc cut in power tariff

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-04

LAHORE - Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif chaired the 26th meeting of the provincial cabinet on Tuesday which discussed and approved 101 agenda items. In a landmark decision, Punjab became the first province in the country to voluntarily reduce electricity tariffs, providing substantial relief to the public. The cabinet approved a 30 to 40 percent reduction in tariffs for provincial power..... [more >>](#)

Govt not ending net metering, says Awais Leghari

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-04

Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari says the government is not abolishing net metering but is considering transforming its existing mechanism into a more effective, transparent, and sustainable model. He was speaking at a consultative meeting in Islamabad today regarding the transition from net metering to a net billing system. The Minister said the government does not intend to h..... [more >>](#)

Oil: War, wildfires and weak demand

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-05

Crude oil prices are once again caught between two conflicting narratives—tightening supply risks and weakening demand signals. As of Tuesday, Brent was hovering near \$65 per barrel, having rallied nearly 3 percent since Monday. The bullish momentum is underpinned not by fundamental demand-supply imbalances, but by heightened geopolitical risk and constrained supply expectations. The sh..... [more >>](#)

Country committed to sustainable energy future: minister

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-04

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik delivered a keynote address at the Ministerial Plenary session titled, “Global Cooperation for a Resilient and Sustainable Energy Future” as part of the prestigious Baku Energy Week, emphasising Pakistan’s commitment to a sustainable and resilient energy future. The event marked the 30th anniversary of the Baku Ener..... [more >>](#)

Punjab to fund its new tariff cut with power plants' profit

Source: [Ahmad Fraz Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-05

LAHORE: A day after its decision to reduce power tariffs to provide relief in electricity bills, the Punjab government on Wednesday said the relief will be financed with billions in profits hitherto harvested by two government-owned power companies, the Quaid-e-Azam Thermal Power Private Limited and Punjab Thermal Power Private Limited. The provincial cabinet had decided to cut the power tariff..... [more >>](#)

NEPRA reduces electricity price for Karachi by Rs2.99 per unit

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-05

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has raised electricity prices by 93 paise per unit across Pakistan while reducing the price for Karachi by Rs 2.99 per unit, according to a notification issued by NEPRA. The price increase applies to the monthly fuel adjustment for April and will reflect in June's electricity bills. However, the new tariff will not affect K-Electric,..... [more >>](#)

Nepra alarmed at 1700MW govt power outage

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-05

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has expressed its concerns on continuous outage of over 1700 MW cheap electricity from two government owned power plants which is financially overburdening the consumers, well informed sources in NEPRA told Business Recorder on Wednesday. These concerns were conveyed by Chairman NEPRA, Waseem Mukhtar with the concerned stakeholder..... [more >>](#)

Fuel market gains momentum

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-05

In May 2025, Pakistan's Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) recorded a robust performance, continuing their recovery trend for the third consecutive month. Total industry sales rose to 1.53 million tons, marking a 10 percent year-on-year and 5 percent month-on-month increase — the highest monthly sales figure since November 2024. This brought the cumulative sales for the first eleven months..... [more >>](#)

Pesco to ensure uninterrupted power supply on Eid

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-06

PESHAWAR: Peshawar Electric Supply Company has said that it will ensure uninterrupted power supply throughout the province during Eidul Azha for the convenience of consumers. A statement issued here said that Chairman Pesco Board of Directors Himayatullah Khan has assured the consumers that arrangements have been made to ensure smooth and uninterrupted supply of electricity across Pesco region..... [more >>](#)

Regulator doles out Rs50bn write-off to K-Electric

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-06

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric continued to receive good news as the national power regulator — Nepra — allowed it a Rs50 billion write-off of unrecovered past bills, with a subsequent additional impact on paying consumers and taxpayers in the form of budgetary and tariff adjustments. In addition, the regulator also allowed it to retain Rs2.74bn fuel cost overcharged to consumers in March and..... [more >>](#)

No final decision on changes to net metering policy, clarifies Power Division

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-06

LAHORE: The Power Division said on Thursday that no final decision has been made regarding changes to Pakistan's net metering policy, stating that the consultation process is still ongoing and various proposals remain under consideration. The Power Division spokesperson said it was premature to form an opinion regarding reports that buyback rate for net metering consumers may be reduced to [more >>](#)

Discos get nod for Rs0.93 per unit recovery

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

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday approved an additional charge of Rs0.9306 per unit for electricity consumers in June bills, ending a nine-month streak of monthly refunds under the fuel cost adjustment (FCA) mechanism for April 2025. This marks the first time since July 2024 that state-run distribution companies (Discos) have been permitted to recover..... [more >>](#)

DISCOs seek recovery of billions

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-07

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers are expected to face a tariff hike in financial year 2025-26 under the multiyear tariff regime. A majority of power distribution companies (DISCOs) have submitted petitions to the power-sector regulator, seeking the recovery of billions of rupees from consumers to meet their annual revenue requirements. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) will..... [more >>](#)

Nepra allows partial claims in response to KE's write-off petition

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

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has issued its decision on K-Electric's write-off petition, allowing partial claims of PKR 50 billion against the company's claims worth PKR 76 billion pertaining to the Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) control period spanning FY17-23. The power utility company had revised claims of unrecoverable amount of Rs 76.034 billion..... [more >>](#)

March 2025; Nepra allows Rs3 negative adjustment for KE consumers

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

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has allowed negative adjustment of Rs 3 per unit for KE consumers for March 2025 and Rs 0.93 per unit positive adjustment for Discos consumers for April 2025 under monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) mechanism. In this regard, NEPRA has issued separate notifications, according to which KE's negative adjustment and Discos [more >>](#)

Nepra hearing on 13th; Interim tariffs for 8 Discos to take centre stage

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

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is all set to hold a public hearing on June 13, 2025 for distribution and supply interim tariffs of eight power Distribution Companies (Discos) for FY 2025-26 under Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) regime in which the companies have sought revenue requirement of over Rs 455.6 billion. The eight Discos, GEPCO, QESCO, MEPCO, SEPCO, HESC..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff hike; Govt reaches 'understanding' with IMF

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-07

ISLAMABAD: The government and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have reportedly reached an understanding that electricity tariffs will be increased through annual rebasing from July 2025 if the power sector's revenue requirements exceed the allocated subsidy envelope of Rs 1.036 trillion for fiscal year 2025-26, well-informed sources in the Finance Ministry told Business Recorder. [more >>](#)

Punjab power relief funded by profits of two power companies

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-07

LAHORE: After the reduction in electricity tariffs of two power companies - Quaid-e-Azam Thermal Power Private Limited and the Punjab Thermal Power Private Limited - there will be cut in power tariff for the consumers but its impact would not be too significant, it has been learnt. "There will be definitely reduction in power tariff of electricity consumers in Punjab and the relief will..... [more >>](#)

Power consumption declines despite surge in generation capacity

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2025-06-10

ISLAMABAD: Though Pakistan's total installed electricity generation capacity has increased by 1.6 percent to 46,605 MW, during July-March FY2025 compared to 45,888 MW recorded in the corresponding period of FY2024, the electricity consumption has reduced by 3.6 percent in the first nine months of ongoing fiscal to 80,111 GWh, compared to 83,109 GWh in the corresponding period of FY2024, says..... [more >>](#)

ECONOMIC SURVEY 2024-25: Capacity payments weigh heavily on electricity users

Source: Khalid Hasnain, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-10

LAHORE: Although the country's total installed power generation capacity is set to rise to 46,605 megawatts in the outgoing fiscal year (FY25), substantial capacity payments to idle power plants continue to burden electricity consumers nationwide. However, energy experts in both the public and private sectors remain optimistic that this capacity payment burden — estimated at Rs12 to..... [more >>](#)

Converting surplus MWs into jobs

Source: [Ammar H Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-10

Availability of surplus power in the country, often a source of fiscal constraints, can become the cornerstone of a new industrial policy aimed at attracting energy-intensive manufacturing to the country, integrating value chains, and increasing exports. A surge in consumption of electricity through solar and an increasing prevalence of battery storage at a household level will continue to erode demand..... [more >>](#)

Relentless power outages This is not simply a matter of infrastructure or electricity theft

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-10

After K-Electric's failure to bring an end to loadshedding at least during night hours in Karachi, the Sindh Assembly's Special Committee on Energy last week directed all power distribution companies - particularly K-E - to present a formal loadshedding schedule. Citizens continue to brave power outages for extended periods of time and that too amid relentless heatwaves and record-breaking..... [more >>](#)

Power capacity rises to 46,605MW

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-10

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's installed electricity generation capacity rose to 46,605 megawatts (MW) during the first nine months of the ongoing financial year 2024-25, adding further strain on consumers due to mounting capacity payments for idle plants that produce no power. According to the Economic Survey 2024-25 released on Monday, the country's generation capacity grew by 1.6% from 45,888 [more >>](#)

PESCO's power pledge falters on Eid Outages spoil meat, fuel anger over VIP treatment

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-10

PESHAWAR: Promises of uninterrupted power supply in Peshawar during Eidul azha by the Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) turned out to be empty words, as load shedding persisted across multiple areas of the city throughout the holidays. PESCO had publicly announced via social media that there would be no load shedding for three days during Eid. However, residents experienced prolonged outages..... [more >>](#)

July-March of FY2025; Significant cut in crude oil, gas extraction recorded

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-10

ISLAMABAD: A significant decrease in domestic crude oil and natural gas extraction has been recorded during the first nine months (July-March) of the current fiscal year 2025, according to the recently released Pakistan Economic Survey 2024-25. The crude oil extraction dropped by 14.8 percent, while natural gas production declined by 6.8 percent on year to year basis. "With no significant..... [more >>](#)

Rs2.5 per litre carbon levy imposed on POL products

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-11

ISLAMABAD: The government has slapped a carbon levy of Rs2.5 per litre in the budget under the IMF conditions. In order to generate revenues to promote climate-resilient projects, a new "Carbon Levy" has been introduced on POL products. Starting in fiscal year 2025-26, this levy will be Rs2.5 per litre, increasing to Rs5 per litre in fiscal year 2026-27. The federal government will also..... [more >>](#)

Electricity underutilisation, circular debt demand urgent sectoral reforms

Source: [Jamila Achakzai](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-11

Islamabad: Privatisation can be a viable solution to the problem of electricity under utilisation as long as specific conditions are fulfilled, said experts during a discussion on Tuesday. According to them, the process should follow a phased, step-by-step approach. For other issues in the power sector, such as uneven cost recovery and rising circular debt, urgent reforms are needed in governance, [more >>](#)

Excess power capacity

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-11

Pakistan's power sector is mired in a tragic paradox, with citizens enduring relentless load-shedding and unaffordable bills. The nation pays Rs2.5 to Rs2.8 trillion annually to power plants that don't generate a single unit of electricity. This astronomical sum —equivalent to roughly 3% of GDP —epitomises a system where financial engineering trumps public interest, burdening c..... [more >>](#)

Energy budget: revenue first, reform later

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-11

The federal budget for FY26 offers few surprises on the energy front—yet between the lines lies a tale of strategic juggling, revenue prioritisation, and a dash of reform signalling. The biggest headline? Taxing solar. An 18 percent sales tax on imported solar panels is the most consequential step. Imports of solar panels crossed \$2 billion last year, and this new measure is expected to..... [more >>](#)

Iesco receives more complaints with temperature increase

Source: [Press Release, The News, International](#), 2025-06-12

Islamabad: Chief Executive Officer of Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco), Muhammad Naeem Jan said that like the rest of the Pakistan, Iesco region is also currently facing an intense heat wave and high humidity. As electricity consumption increases, the load on the power distribution system has also surged. This has led to a gradual rise in faults and tripping on 11kV feeders, along with inc..... [more >>](#)

KE seeks partial fuel cost benefit to consumers

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-12

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has requested the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) not to pass on the full impact of a Rs4.69 per unit negative fuel cost adjustment (FCA) benefit to consumers, as it had overcharged them in April. In a petition, it instead requested retention of approximately Rs800 million in its accounts on the same pattern as the regulator had allowed fuel cost savings..... [more >>](#)

KE consumers to get Rs4.69/unit relief in April

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-12

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric (KE) consumers are set to receive a relief of Rs4.69 per unit under the fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for April 2025. This will translate into a total benefit of Rs7.13 billion for KE consumers, driven by a reduction in fuel prices used for power generation during the month. The relief will be granted as a provisional monthly FCA. Initially, KE had requested a provisional FCA..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL announces significant oil and gas discovery at Faakir-1 well in Khairpur

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-12

ISLAMABAD - Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) on Thursday announced a significant oil and gas discovery from its exploratory efforts at the Faakir-1 well, located within the Bitrisim Exploration License area in Khairpur district of Sindh. The well is operated by OGDCL with a 95% working interest, in a joint venture with Government Holdings (Private) Limited (GHPL), which holds the [more >>](#)

KE concludes EPIC 2025 with aim to power Pakistan's energy future

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2025-06-13

Committed to promoting localisation and innovation in the energy sector, (KE) on Wednesday concluded the Grand Finale of the Energy Progress & Innovation Challenge (EPIC) 2025. After a rigorous screening and pitching process, the top three projects were selected out of 10 and were awarded Rs1.5 million, Rs1 million, and Rs750,000, respectively. The first prize was awarded to a team from NUST [more >>](#)

Hydrocarbon reserves discovered in Khairpur

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-13

ISLAMABAD: Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) announced a significant oil and gas discovery at the Faakir-1 well within the Bitrisim Exploration License in Khairpur, Sindh. As per a statement, OGDCL operates the well with a 95% working interest. The exploratory well was spudded on December 31, 2024, and drilled to a depth of 4,185 metres in the Sembar Formation. Post-drilling an..... [more >>](#)

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Petrol, diesel to cost more

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The prices of petrol and diesel are estimated to increase by about Re1 and Rs5 per litre, respectively, for the next fortnight ending June 30, owing to higher international market prices. Based on existing tax rates, informed sources said the ex-depot price of petrol was estimated to go up by about Re1 per litre depending on final cal..... [more >>](#)

Consumers demand audit before tariff hike NEPRA holds public hearing on DISCOs' revenue requirement of Rs455b

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-14

ISLAMABAD: Consumers have called for an audit of power distribution companies (DISCOs), following the latter's request to the regulator to approve the collection of Rs455 billion through an increase in electricity rates. The regulator —the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) —conducted a public hearing on Friday to consider the interim tariff applications of eigh..... [more >>](#)

Home-grown innovation: KE concludes EPIC 2025 with aim to power Pakistan's energy future

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-14

KARACHI - Committed to promoting localisation and innovation in the energy sector, K-Electric (KE) the other day concluded the Grand Finale of the Energy Progress and Innovation Challenge (EPIC) 2025. After a rigorous screening and pitching process, the top three projects were selected out of 10 and were awarded Rs1.5 million, Rs1 million, and Rs750,000, respectively. The first prize was awarde..... [more >>](#)

Consumers demand audit as Discos seek Rs455 billion hike in tariff proposals

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-14

ISLAMABAD - Electricity consumers have called for an audit of Ex-WAPDA power distribution companies (XWDiscos), which have sought the nod of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to pass on Rs455 billion to consumers under the heads of revenue requirements/distribution margins. The distribution companies have sought up to 161 percent hike in their revenue requirements/distrib..... [more >>](#)

Oil up 6pc after Israel's strikes on Iran

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-14

HOUSTON: Oil prices fell off multi-month highs hit earlier on Friday as Israeli air strikes avoided Iranian oil sites, but prices still up about 6% as investors worried that the tensions could disrupt Middle East oil supplies. Brent crude futures were up \$4.11, or 5.9%, to \$73.47 a barrel by 11:12 a.m. EDT (1712 GMT), after earlier soaring over 13% to an intraday high of \$78.50, the strongest..... [more >>](#)

Israel's attacks on Iran; Govt may fall short of Rs1,161bn PL targetSource: Wasim Iqbal, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The federal government may fall short of its Rs 1,161 billion petroleum levy (PL) target on petroleum products, primarily due to the escalating oil prices both globally and domestically due to Israel's attacks on Iran. On Friday, a few hours after Israel launched its attacks on Iran, petrol price rose by \$1.98 per BBL from \$71.8118 per BBL to \$73.79 per BBL and HSD by \$2.54 p..... [more >>](#)

PD uncertain on power tariff changes from July 1Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division stated on Friday that it currently has no definitive estimate of whether electricity tariffs for distribution companies (Discos) will increase or decrease from July 1, 2025, as this depends on the approval of cost components already submitted to the regulator. These remarks were made by Additional Secretary (Power Finance) Mehfooz Bhatti during a public hearing o..... [more >>](#)

Rs77 per litre PL on furnace oil likelySource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-15

ISLAMABAD: The government is set to impose Petroleum Levy (PL) of Rs 77 per litre (Rs 82,077 per metric ton) on furnace oil starting July 1, 2025, following the enactment of amendments to the Petroleum Levy Ordinance, 1961 through the Finance Act 2025-26. According to the Petroleum Division, this move is part of Pakistan's ongoing commitments under the IMF's Resilience and Sustain..... [more >>](#)

Iesco to discontinue bills' collection through Pak Post from July 1Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2025-06-15

Islamabad: Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has suddenly withdrawn the electricity bills collection service from Pakistan Post from July 1, says a press release. The aim of this move by Iesco is to digitalise the manual system of collections and avoid losses in cash collections. Meanwhile, sources in Pakistan Post expressed surprise at this sudden unilateral decision and assured that th..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price likely to rise for next 15 days New prices will be implemented once approvedSource: Zaigham Naqvi, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-15

Petroleum prices in Pakistan are expected to rise by up to Rs5.50 per litre for the next 15 days, owing to an increase in global oil prices, sources revealed on Sunday. According to reports, the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) has completed a working paper based on recent international market trends. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) is expected to send its summary to the fed..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Agricultural solarisation bill sails through Balochistan AssemblySource: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-04

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly on Tuesday adopted the Agricultural Solarisation and Electricity Theft Prevention Bill amid opposition by the leader of opposition who demanded its further review from the standing committee. Parliamentary Secretary Nawabzada Zain Khan Magsi moved the bill during the session presided over by Speaker Abdul Khaliq Achakzai. Despite opposition's resistance, th..... [more >>](#)

A route to the future

Source: [Ahsan Malik](#), [The News, International](#) , 2025-06-15

Those looking to reach Walton Road from Gulberg in just a few minutes will soon be able to do so — thanks to Route 47, a freshly built, six-lane, signal-free smart road that is 4.5 kilometres long. The road is complete and ready to be opened to public. However, the Central Business District Punjab, the executing agency, is reluctant to commit to an exact date just yet. Earlier, mot..... [more >>](#)

Karachi industrialists criticise solar tax, seek relief for textile industry

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2025-06-12

KARACHI - Abdul Shakoor Khatri, prominent industrialist and founding chairman of the All-Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA), has strongly criticized the imposition of an 18% tax on solar energy in the federal budget for 2025-26, calling it counterproductive to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's vision of an energy-efficient Pakistan. Sharing his views on the federal budget, [more >>](#)

Punjab to solarise all Rescue 1122 stations

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2025-06-01

LAHORE - Punjab Health and Emergency Services Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique announced that the Punjab government will soon solarize all Rescue 1122 stations across the province to enhance energy efficiency and operational sustainability. The minister made the announcement during his visit to the Emergency Services Headquarters on Saturday, where he also chaired a high-level meeting to review ann..... [more >>](#)

Govt refutes allegations of irregularities

Source: [Our Correspondent](#) , [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-06-02

PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government has strongly rejected allegations of irregularities and financial misconduct in its flagship initiative to provide free solar energy systems to 130,000 low and middle-income households. In a statement issued on Sunday, the provincial administration labeled recent media reports as "baseless" and part of a "misleading propaganda campaign..... [more >>](#)

Tajik minister says CASA-1000 will be completed by Dec 2026

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2025-06-09

ISLAMABAD - First Deputy Minister for Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, Jamshed Shoimzoda on Sunday said that the major energy project, CASA-1000 between Pakistan and Tajikistan will be completed by December 2026, which will start providing 1000MW of electricity to Pakistan. This grand project will take time to be operational by January 2027, after which bilateral cooperation in the energ..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's solar 'revolution'

Source: [Zulfiqar Ali Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2025-06-03

Pakistan, home to 240 million people, faces an energy paradox: surplus generation capacity alongside persistent electricity shortages. Despite an installed capacity of 44,000 megawatts (MW), nearly 40% of households endure over six hours of daily outages, costing the economy \$18 billion annually in lost GDP. At the core of this crisis is a dysfunctional system dominated by Independent Power P..... [more >>](#)

Govt decides to tighten solar net metering rules

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-06-05

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to tighten regulations for solar net metering users in a second attempt, after the first one faced a strong backlash and was blocked by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Under the new plan, the government will abolish the zero-bill facility for solar net metering by introducing various measures. Additionally, consumers will be allowed a sanctioned load of 1.0x,..... [more >>](#)

Minister calls for talks as net metering hits 2,500MW

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-05

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Energy Sardar Awaiz Ahmad Khan Leghari has urged consultation to deal with the net metering which has now reached 2500 MW and has serious impact on the grid. On Wednesday a consultative meeting was held at the Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) regarding the transition from net metering to net billing and was attended by experts from the solar industry, r..... [more >>](#)

Mir Khalil-ur-Rehman Memorial Society seminar: Stalled solar project leaves farmers, contractors in crisis

Source: [Asif Mehmood Butt](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-06

LAHORE: Amid mounting economic and environmental challenges, the Punjab government's solar tube well project, once heralded as a flagship green initiative, is now at risk of collapse due to policy inconsistency, administrative inertia, and delays in implementation. Stakeholders warn that the impasse has not only eroded trust in government commitments but also pushed farmers and contractors in..... [more >>](#)

Muqam inaugurates solarization of DHQ Shangla

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-07

SHANGLA - Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON, and President of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Engineer Amir Muqam, here Friday inaugurated the solarization project at the District Headquarters Hospital in Alpuri, Shangla. After the inauguration, while addressing a large public gathering at Jirga Hall in Alpuri, the Federal Minister said that the succe..... [more >>](#)

Batteries reshaping energy landscape

Source: [Shahid Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-07

KARACHI: The growing adoption of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in Pakistan is set to reshape the energy landscape — enabling a more decentralised and consumer-centric system, even as it poses significant challenges to the existing grid infrastructure. This was highlighted in a report by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), titled “Battery Storag..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's renewable energy capacity nearly doubles amid shift toward greener power mix

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-10

Islamabad - Pakistan's installed renewable energy capacity nearly doubled during the first nine months of the current fiscal year, rising from 2,867 MW to 5,680 MW, primarily due to a significant increase in net metering connections to the national grid. By 2030, the share of green energy generated from hydropower, wind, and solar sources is expected to increase to around 59 percent of th..... [more >>](#)

Abbasi for solarising 155 railway stations by Dec 31

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-12

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi chaired a meeting at Pakistan Railways Headquarters here to review the performance of the Civil and Mechanical Engineering Departments. During the session with the Civil Engineering Department, the minister expressed serious concern over the inspection processes. He questioned officials about their methods, remarking that if inspections c..... [more >>](#)

Importers hastily raise prices of solar power systems

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-12

KARACHI: Shopkeepers have raised the prices of solar panels, even though the government's decision to impose an 18 per cent sales tax on solar panel imports will take effect on July 1, pending the formal approval of the budget before the end of the year. Traders at Regal Chowk in the Saddar area blamed importers for raising prices. They said many consumers appeared upset over the sudden p..... [more >>](#)

Solar net metering to add over 2,600 MW

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-13

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is likely to add 2,633 megawatts of energy to the system through solar net metering in the upcoming fiscal year 2025-26. Despite having surplus installed power generation capacity, the country is expected to add a total of 2,800 MW to the national grid, including a major contribution of 2,633 MW from solar net metering. According to the Annual Plan 2025-26, these additions w..... [more >>](#)

'Over \$100b needed for carbon-neutral energy sector'

Source: [Shahram Haq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-13

LAHORE: Pakistan is transitioning away from fossil fuels at a faster pace than many regional economies, with plans to generate 60% of its energy from renewable sources by 2030 to meet its emissions reduction targets. According to global data compiled by the Energy Institute, the share of fossil fuels in Pakistan's total energy consumption declined by 4.8 percentage points from 86.7% in 2019 [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Dialogue News

Experts urge fiscal reforms before budget

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-02

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a pre-budget dialogue on Wednesday called for inclusive fiscal reforms in the upcoming budget to empower children and women that get least attention in the fiscal discourse of the country as a residual component. The dialogue on 'Strengthening Fiscal Policies for Inclusive and Sustainable Development: Advancing Child and Gender-Responsive Public Investments' was joi..... [more >>](#)

Media Briefing

'18% GST on solar panels a misstep'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-15

Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, has said that the budget's regressive taxation structure, particularly the 18% General Sales Tax (GST) on solar panels, is a "misstep" that undermines Pakistan's climate ambitions and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Dr Suleri was addressing a post-budget media briefing organised by Sustainable Develop..... [more >>](#)

SDPI experts highlight fiscal challenges, climate contradictions amid missed growth targets in Budget 2025-26

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-06-15

ISLAMABAD, June 15 (SABAH): Experts at a post-budget media briefing raised alarms over the implications that may hit economic stability of the country, debt repayments, climate goals, and social protection because of the measures announced in the federal budget 2025-26. The media briefing was held by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). In an overall Budget 2025-26 overview, SDPI [more >>](#)

بھارت سے کشیدگی کے تناظر میں دفاعی اخراجات میں اضافہ ناگزیر تھا، ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-06-15

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) پائیدار ترقیاتی پالیسی ادارہ (SDPI) کے ماہرین نے بجٹ 2025-26 پر بعد از بجٹ میڈیا بریفنگ میں کہا ہے کہ وفاقی بجٹ میں شامل اقدامات سے ملک کی معاشی استحکام، قرضوں کی ادائیگی، موسمیاتی اہداف اور سماجی تحفظ کو شدید..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

Reviving biodiversity

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-01

Having recently observed the International Day for Biological Diversity this year, Pakistan is confronted with an often overlooked but urgent truth: biodiversity in Pakistan is under threat. From the snow-draped peaks in the north to the mangrove forests lining our southern coasts, nature's orchestra is falling silent. The causes are many:..... [more >>](#)

The UAV opportunity

Source: [Ahad Nazir](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-01

The recent skirmishes along the Line of Control and the border with India have done more than test Pakistan's defensive resolve. They have also demonstrated the endurance and ability of the unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to operate with precision in demanding conditions. A single drone can loiter over contested terr..... [more >>](#)

Can Pakistan leverage US food imports?

Source: [Dua Mobeen](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-02

Trump's tariff plan has sent shockwaves around the world. The WTO warns of a 0.2 per cent shrinkage of global trade, as opposed to a growth forecast of 2.7 per cent before the new tariff policy. However, while the US resorts to alleviating trade barriers, Pakistan is moving towards trade liberalisation. In line with this stance, Pakistan has opted to propose a zero-tariff bilateral trade agre..... [more >>](#)

Will Artificial Intelligence Replace Teachers?

Source: [Raheel Yawar and Brigadier Mohammad Yasin \(Retired\)](#), [The Destination](#), 2025-06-03

It was a warm Wednesday afternoon; the classroom had started to buzz with a murmur of high school kids chatting as I got up from my chair and approached my Urdu teacher, whose tall frame stood hunched over the podium. He carefully reviewed my dictation lesson that my mother had begun the previous night, underlined the words I had gotten wrong and asked me to write five times each. During my 12 yea..... [more >>](#)

Vanishing biodiversity

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-04

Pakistan is confronted with an often overlooked but urgent truth: biodiversity in the country is under siege. The causes are many: climate change, habitat loss, overexploitation, and pollution. But beneath these threats lies a fundamental problem: we continue to view biodiversity conservation as an external concern, rather than an integral part of our national development and community wellbeing. [more >>](#)

System fault

Source: [Arooj Waheed Dar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-04

THE state of governance disarray over the years has triggered a cycle where each power player tries to legitimise their control and consolidate power by using a different tactic: empower this party, disempower that one; remove this man, install that one; empower local governments, disempower provincial governments — in fact, let's try the other way around — disempower LGs, empowe..... [more >>](#)

The unbearable weight of plastic

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-05

From the clogged drains of Lahore and Karachi, to the crop fields of southern Punjab, and along the Indus River where it meets the Arabian Sea, plastic waste is everywhere. Whether it is plastic wrappers tangled in crops, polyethene bags choking storm drains, or turtles ingesting bottle caps off the coast – Pakistan is awash in the very material once heralded as the hallmark of modern conve..... [more >>](#)

Rethinking the NFC Award

Source: [Abdullah Khalid & Saad Ali Ahmed](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-06

Every few years, the debate over Pakistan's National Finance Commission (NFC) Award resurfaces – and rightly so. The NFC Award is not just a matter of fiscal arithmetic; it is a cornerstone of federalism in Pakistan, serving as the primary instrument for distributing financial resources between the federation and provinces. Its objective is to promote equity, enable local development and..... [more >>](#)

Budget FY26: Between IMF imperatives and national priorities

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [Geo News](#), 2025-06-06

Historically, the annual ritual of Pakistan's federal budget announcement has remained marked by jargon-heavy speeches, figures that few understand, and promises that rarely materialise. For years, budgeting under an IMF program followed a predictable, if flawed, template: inflate revenues, understate expenditures, and meet the fiscal deficit target agreed with the IMF, at least in papers. H..... [more >>](#)

Food safety is a pre-requisite to achieving food securitySource: [Qasim Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-06

Food safety is fundamental in achieving food security and nutrition objectives. According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, one in five people in Pakistan suffer from foodborne illnesses. The high rate—twice the global average—leads to an estimated productivity loss of \$1.7 billion, annually. Achieving food safety is imperative because it results in red..... [more >>](#)

A public health milestoneSource: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-12

The Punjab government's recent decision to ban all e-cigarettes, vapes and nicotine pouches across the province marks a major step in protecting public health. Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif led this move, directing the cabinet to enforce a "complete ban" on e-cigarettes in Punjab. In a cabinet meeting she warned that the "increasing use of vapes among youth is a major..... [more >>](#)

Budget 2025-26: read the fine print?Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-12

Ever wondered why Pakistan's Economic Survey is released just a day before the federal budget (finance bill) is presented to parliament? If the survey serves as a diagnostic report on the country's economic performance during the outgoing fiscal year, then the budget for the next fiscal year is intended to be the prescription to fix any shortcomings. Before assessing whether Budget [more >>](#)

Budget 2025-26 from a climate lensSource: [Zainab Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-14

By any measure, Pakistan's federal budget for FY2025-26 represents a notable evolution in the country's approach to climate change. For a country that has endured some of the most brutal climate shocks, from the catastrophic floods of 2022 that submerged one-third of the country, to intensifying heatwaves and glacial outbursts, there is little room left to pretend that climate risk is a..... [more >>](#)

Macro-economic stabilisationSource: [Maheen Rehan](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-15

In recent months, economic headlines about Pakistan have been dominated by the stability vocabulary. The fiscal deficit is shrinking, the current account has swung into surplus, inflation is near historic lows and the rupee has found its footing against the dollar. These are not trivial achievements for a country that has been plagued by cyclical bala..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

ISSI marks World Environment Day 2025; experts urge urgent action on climate & plastic crisisSource: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-06-05

ISLAMABAD, Jun 05 (APP): The Centre for Strategic Perspectives (CSP) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) on Friday organized an in-house event to commemorate World Environment Day 2025. Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), was the keynote speaker on the occasion, said a press release. In her introduct..... [more >>](#)

ISSI Marks World Environment Day 2025; Experts Urge Urgent Action On Climate & Plastic CrisisSource: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-06-05

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ISSI Commemorates World Environment Day 2025 in Islamabad

Source: [TWA](#), [The World Ambassador](#), 2025-06-05

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Foreign giants pressure Pakistan to slash tobacco taxes in budget

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2025-06-08

Karachi, June 8, 2025 — As the countdown to Budget 2025-26 intensifies, foreign tobacco players have launched a high-stakes pressure campaign on Pakistan, demanding the government roll back tax rates on deadly tobacco products — a move that could spell disaster for public health and national finances alike. Reports are swirling that Pakistan was initially poised to hike the federal [more >>](#)

Session held to assist parliamentarians in evaluating budget on basis of SDG commitments

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-06-12

ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentary Taskforce on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held a meeting on Wednesday aimed to help parliamentarians evaluate the federal budget 2025–26 through the lens of SDG commitments and prepare for informed participation in the upcoming National Assembly budget debate. Led by convener MNA Shaista Pervaiz Malik, the briefing session was titled ‘Sustainable De..... [more >>](#)

Parliamentary Taskforce on SDGs Holds Post-Budget Briefing Session on Federal Budget 2025–26

Source: [Press Release](#), [National Assembly of Pakistan](#), 2025-06-11

Islamabad, June 11, 2025; The Parliamentary Taskforce on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), under the leadership of its Convenor, Ms. Shaista Pervaiz Malik, MNA, organized a high-level briefing session titled “Sustainable Development Goals in Focus: A Critical Post-Budget Analysis” today at Parliament House. The session was held to facilitate parliamentarians in analyzing the Federa..... [more >>](#)

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Seminar News

Experts call for sector-specific interventions to make tariff policy a success

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-06-03

ISLAMABAD, Jun 3 (APP): As tariff debates take center stage globally following a shift in the US administration, experts at a seminar called for sector-specific interventions to make Pakistan's new tariff policy a success. The seminar titled "Winners and Losers: Making Sense of Pakistan's New Tariff Policy", was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), [more >>](#)

Experts Call For Sector-specific Interventions To Make Tariff Policy A Success

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-06-04

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مسابقتی ماحول اور ادارہ جاتی معاونت کا فقدان رکاوٹ ہے، ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-06-03

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) جب تک ملکی ٹریف ڈھانچے کو عالمی تجارتی حقائق کے ساتھ ہم آہنگ نہیں کیا جاتا، اس وقت تک گوردشی قرضہ اور محصولات کی کمی ترقی کی راہ میں رکاوٹ بنی رہے گی۔ پاکستان نے امریکی انتظامیہ سے اپنی برآمدات پر ٹریف م..... [more >>](#)

Climate On The Brink: Confronting The Defining Crisis Of Our Time

Source: [Furqan Ali](#), [Arfa Ijaz](#), [The Friday Times](#), 2025-06-04

Climate change constitutes an existential threat and represents the paramount challenge of our epoch. Ergo, UN Secretary-General António Guterres has articulated that humanity is faltering in the race against climate destabilisation. Nonetheless, victory remains attainable contingent upon expeditious, inclusive, and decisive multilateral intervention. Around the globe, the signs of envir..... [more >>](#)

'Tariff rationalisation to increase exports, jobs'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-06-05

Islamabad: As tariff debates take center stage globally following a change in the US administration, experts called for sector-specific interventions to make Pakistan's new tariff policy a success. They were speaking at a seminar on "Winners and losers: making sense of Pakistan's new tariff policy" organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute here Monday. Muhammad [more >>](#)

Webinar News

Govt, stakeholders urged to join forces to combat plastic

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-06-06

ISLAMABAD: Experts on the World Environment Day on Thursday urged the government and stakeholders to join forces for promoting circular economy, policy reform and grassroots action to tackle plastic pollution. The Sustainable

Development Policy Institute (SDPI) convened a high-level webinar to mark World Environment Day 2025, bringing together a diverse panel of policymakers, experts, development..... [more >>](#)

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