



Pakistan's Energy Transition



About SDPI

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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

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

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

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

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

Subjects Covered

- Energy and power
- Renewable energy
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- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

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Energy Governance

Three Discos fined Rs57.5m over fatal accidents

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-18

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Monday imposed Rs57.5 million in fines on three ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) over fatal accidents — involving both employees and the general public — during the fiscal year 2023-24 due to poor safety standards and managerial shortcomings. In three separate orders, the regulator imposed a Rs10m fine on F..... [more >>](#)

Lesco suspends two staffers over power theft

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-18

LAHORE: Esco, in line with PM's vision and Energy Minister's directives, has intensified zero-tolerance policy against electricity theft and corruption. In a swift action, SE Kasur Rao Kamran Shaukat and XEN Chunion Division Mian Tariq Bashir have suspended two employees of Kanganpur Sub-Division, including Hafiz Usman Afzal (LS-1) and Sarfraz Ahmad (BD), on serious corruption charges. Pr..... [more >>](#)

Nepra fines 3 power utilities Rs57.5m over 'preventable' deaths

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power regulator has slapped heavy fines on three major state-run power utilities after investigations found that 30 people died in accidents that the regulator's findings say could have been completely prevented. The Nepra on Monday fined the Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco), Gujranwala Electric Power Company (Gepco) and Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (..... [more >>](#)

BHC rejects Ogra's report on gas billing

Source: [Mohammad Zafar Baloch](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-19

Declaring the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority's (Ogra) report "unsatisfactory", the Balochistan High Court (BHC) has expressed severe displeasure and strongly advised the Ogra officials to implement its June 23, 2024 order with regard to gas billing. BHC division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Kamran Khan Mulakhel and Justice Ayoub Khan Tareen heard the case filed by Adv..... [more >>](#)

Saudi oil giant's operations in Islamabad challenged

Source: [Malik Asad](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-22

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has taken up a case challenging the operations of Saudi oil company Aramco-branded fuel stations in the federal capital, issuing notices to the country's top oil regulator and other respondents for allegedly allowing the foreign entity to operate without a license. The petition, filed by Mohammad Shafiq Mir, owner of a PSO station on Srinagar High..... [more >>](#)

Afridi inaugurates dam, road projects in Dir Says Centre owes K-P Rs3tr in unpaid dues

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-16

PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Muhammad Sohail Afridi on Saturday undertook a day-long visit to District Dir Lower, where he inaugurated two key development projects, including the long-awaited 40.8-megawatt Koto Hydropower Project. Completed at a cost of Rs21.7 billion, the project is expected to produce 207 million units of electricity annually, generating an estimated Rs2.4 billi..... [more >>](#)

KE continues crackdown on electricity theftSource: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

KARACHI - K-Electric (KE) continued its anti-theft measures through a targeted kunda removal operation across multiple high-loss pockets in Liaquatabad. The drive focused on dismantling hazardous illegal connections that endanger public safety, compromise the city's power infrastructure, and cause losses to the utility. KE's teams carried out coordinated action across the Supermarket,..... [more >>](#)

Fuel prices likely to change with possible Rs9.60 hike in dieselSource: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

Fuel prices in Pakistan are expected to change for the next fortnight, with a possible increase of up to Rs9.60 per litre in high-speed diesel, according to sources. The initial price summary has been prepared in line with global market trends. Petrol prices may decrease by Rs1.96 per litre, while the price of high-speed diesel could rise by Rs9.60 per litre. Kerosene oil is likely to see an inc..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price to remain unchanged at Rs265.45 per litre for next fortnightSource: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Saturday kept the petrol price unchanged at Rs265.45 per litre for the next fortnight, following recommendations from the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). "The government has revised the prices of petroleum products following input from Ogra and relevant ministries," a Finance Division notification said on Saturday. The government, however..... [more >>](#)

KE organises Customer Facilitation Camp and Khuli Kachahri in KorangiSource: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-16

KARACHI - Continuing its customer outreach and community engagement drive, K-Electric (KE) organised a Customer Facilitation Camp and Khuli Kachahri in Abdullah Shah Noorani Basti, Korangi. The initiative aimed to assist residents with billing concerns, meter-related queries, and new connection requests. KE's Chief Distribution and Marcomms Officer, Sadia Dada visited the camp, met with cus..... [more >>](#)

CM Afridi accuses Centre of delaying key energy projects in KPSource: [Haleem Asad](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-17

LOWER DIR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mohammad Sohail Afridi on Saturday claimed that several at he federal government's alleged failure to issue no objection certificates and because of what he described as a "complicated mechanism". He was speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the 40.8MW Koto Hydropower Project here. The project has been completed at a cost of Rs21..... [more >>](#)

Power thieves make Kasur a no-go area for LescoSource: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-16

LAHORE: Despite a decline in the line losses caused by massive power theft, Kasur still exists on top in Punjab in terms of power theft. On the other hand, the power thieves continue to attack the Lahore Electric Supply Company teams raiding the rural areas, especially the district's border belt. "The Lesco teams, despite being accompanied by the officials of Pakistan Rangers and Pun..... [more >>](#)

Energy sector; Financial matters must be submitted to CCoE: CabinetSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-16

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet has directed that all financial matters pertaining to the energy sector be submitted to the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) for strategic decision-making across the sector, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. These directions were issued as the Cabinet ratified an ECC decision titled "Rationalization of LPI and Potential Tariff Reduction for Nuclear P..... [more >>](#)

Gas supply to B'tan towns disrupted

Source: [INP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-16

SHIKARPUR: A gas pipeline laid from Shikarpur in Sindh to Quetta in Balochistan exploded near Machh on Saturday, suspending supply to several cities. Officials of Sui Southern Gas Company confirmed the incident, stating that the gas pipeline from Shikarpur to Quetta exploded, cutting off gas supply to Quetta. They did not give reasons as to what caused the gas pipeline to explode. Offici..... [more >>](#)

40.8MW Koto hydropower project in Lower Dir inaugurated

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-16

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Muhammad Sohail Afridi inaugurated the newly-constructed 40.8 MW Koto hydropower project in District Lower Dir on Saturday. The completed at a total cost of Rs 21.7 billion and estimated to generate 207 million units of electricity annually, and earn estimated revenue of Rs 2.4 billion per annum. The chief minister also inaugurated the 18.5 kms..... [more >>](#)

OGDC: Softer quarter, stronger signals

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-17

The oil and gas exploration space entered FY26 on a softer note, with sector profitability slipping about 8 percent year-on-year during the first quarter of FY26. Lower revenues, weaker oil prices, and a sharp drop in other income weighed on results across the board. Oil and Gas Development Company (PSX: OGDC) wasn't an exception. The company posted 1QFY26 earnings down 7 percent year-on-yea..... [more >>](#)

Power package

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-17

The Federation of Pakistani Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) and Bin Qasim Association of Trade and Industry (BQATI) have urged the government to revisit the Prime Minister's proposed incremental package and reduce the incremental tariff from rupees 22kWh to rupees 16 kWh. The request for a reduction in electricity cost is premised o..... [more >>](#)

Power distribution firms suffer Rs171bn losses in first quarter FY2025-26

Source: [Rana Ghulam Qadir](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-17

ISLAMABAD: During the first quarter (July-September 2025) of current fiscal year, government-owned power distribution companies incurred total losses of Rs171 billion. Of this amount, Rs87 billion resulted from DISCOs' inefficiency and power theft, while Rs84 billion came from low electricity recoveries. Compared to the same period of previous year, losses recorded from July to September of..... [more >>](#)

Proposed 'incremental power consumption' package unlikely to revive struggling industrial sector: BMP

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-17

LAHORE - Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry's Businessmen Panel (BMP) Chairman Mian Anjum Nisar has come down hard on the government's proposed "incremental power consumption" package, saying the plan is inadequate, poorly designed, and unlikely to revive Pakistan's struggling industrial sector. He said that the policy reflects a lack of unders..... [more >>](#)

Iesco initiative towards transparency in power sector

Source: [Press Release](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-18

Islamabad: Engineer Ch. Khalid Mahmood, Chief Executive Officer of Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco), has said that Federal Government and Ministry of Energy vision is to promote digitalisation and transparency in the power sector of Pakistan and recently launched 'Apna Meter Apni Reading' mobile application is a series of these initiatives, says a press release. He said tha..... [more >>](#)

LPG sector seeks hike in margin

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-18

ISLAMABAD: The LPG Industries Association of Pakistan (LPGIA) has asked the government to immediately raise the LPG sector's margin to Rs72,800 per metric ton—up from the seven-year-old rate of Rs35,000 per ton—citing more than 100 per cent increase in operating costs since 2018 that has rendered the existing margin financially unviable. In a formal letter to the Petroleum Secre..... [more >>](#)

KE to continue provisional tariff amid SHC stay

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-18

ISLAMABAD: The K-Electric, the first Pakistani privatized power utility company, which is facing a tug of war among its board members, has informed the government that it would continue to charge provisionally determined tariff from its consumers in the light of recent stay order issued by Sindh High Court (SHC), sources told Business Recorder. The KE has determined its respective tariffs in [more >>](#)

Load factor matters

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-18

Pakistan's tariff debate has again drifted into familiar territory, with industry arguing that the government's load factor assumptions for the 2026 rebasing cycle are unrealistic and overly rigid. The FPCCI wants the reference load factor for industrial baselines set closer to 40 percent, arguing that present economic conditions, and solar uptake have pushed actual utilization far bel..... [more >>](#)

The rot behind the power bill

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-18

Circular debt has become the power sector's mirror, reflecting not just inefficiency but deep institutional decay. The latest quarterly report shows another rise — Rs79 billion in just three months — pushing the stock to Rs1.7 trillion. The Power Division calls it seasonal, even temporary, but a glance beneath the surface shows the same old disease: incompetence, poor recovery, a..... [more >>](#)

Ogra seals three LPG plants amid alleged overcharging

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Tuesday took action against overcharging in the LPG sector, sealing three plants in Fateh Jang Road, Tarnol, and surrounding areas and initiating legal proceedings against the operators. The enforcement action comes after complaints that several LPG filling plants were selling cylinders far above the Ogra-notified consumer price of Rs2,378..... [more >>](#)

RLNG prices hiked up to 1.97pc for November

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has raised the prices of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) by up to 1.97 percent for consumers of both the Sui Companies for the month of November. The hike in RLNG prices is attributed to an increase in the unaccounted-for gas (UFG) percentage. However, the small reduction in SNGPL's RLNG transmission price is a result of a decline in the UFG percen..... [more >>](#)

Power bills could rise in 2026 as Nepra reviews rates

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani households and industries may see electricity bills climb next year as the country's power regulator on Tuesday began reviewing a proposal to raise the national power purchase price, a move that could push energy costs higher across the board. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA), appearing before the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), proposed [more >>](#)

Power consumers to get Rs0.65/unit refund in December bills

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: Power consumers may see a cut in their December electricity bills after the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) petitioned to the Nepra that distribution companies are willing to refund Rs0.65 per unit, citing overcharging in October. In its petition, filed with the Nepra on behalf of ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) and K-Electric, the CPPA said the reference fuel charges f..... [more >>](#)

RLNG gets costlier for third time in November

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: On top of about a 4.4 per cent increase over the past two months, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Tuesday notified up to 2pc further increase in the price of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) for sales at the distribution stage by the two Sui gas companies for November, mainly because of higher system losses. This was despite the fact that the average LNG price d..... [more >>](#)

Power firms seek to refund Rs6.3bn for October usage

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: With a 3.5 per cent decrease in power consumption in October over last year, the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has sought around 65 paise per unit negative fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for consumers across the country in December bills as almost 75 per cent of the generation came from cheaper domestic, predominantly zero-cost fuel sources. Once approved, the power compani..... [more >>](#)

ECC allows Turkish firm to work on stalled offshore exploration block

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) on Tuesday allowed a Turkish firm to operate an offshore exploration block and extended the licence period of the zone. Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) is the operator of the offshore block, but it has failed to start work for the last four years. Consequently, the ECC permitted Turkish Petroleum Overseas Company (TPOC) to kick off work on th..... [more >>](#)

Nepra flags CPPA power proposal as 'deficient' as consumers face potential tariff hike

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers are bracing for an increase in their monthly bills because of a potential spike in the power purchase price. The power-sector regulator held a public hearing on Tuesday to consider a proposal for revising the national power purchase price, which industry representatives warned would keep energy expensive and stifle economic growth. The Central Power Purchasing A..... [more >>](#)

CPPA-G seeks Nepra's nod for Re0.65 per unit refund to consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD - The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guarantee (CPPA-G) Tuesday sought the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority's nod for a refund of Re0.65 per unit to consumers as the power generation in October 2025 declined by 3.66 percent on year-on-year basis and 21.49 percent on month-on-month basis. The country's electricity consumers are likely to get some reli..... [more >>](#)

ECC for incentivising, facilitating greater participation of foreign firms in petroleum exploration sector

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD - Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet Tuesday discussed a summary submitted by the Petroleum Division concerning the extension of licence periods and assignment of working interest for offshore oil and gas exploration blocks. The Committee approved the set of proposals aimed at incentivizing and facilitating greater participation of foreign companies in Pakistan & rsq..... [more >>](#)

Lesco taking practical measures to eliminate overbilling, theft: CEOSource: [Nadeem Basra](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

LAHORE - In Pakistan's public sector, the second biggest challenge after corruption is the correction of administrative inefficiencies. Merely focusing on anti-corruption measures without addressing managerial flaws halts the pace of institutional progress. For decades, such systemic issues have eaten away country's institutions like termites. That is why the role of [more >>](#)

PPP for CY26; CPPA-G indicates PKR decline, power demand growthSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency–Guaranteed (CPPA-G) on Tuesday indicated up to 8 percent depreciation of the rupee and 1 percent growth in electricity demand during CY 2026 amid raised concerns from Nepra and industry stakeholders regarding changes in the assumptions presented in CPPA-G's original petition for the Power Purchase Price (PPP) and the revised figures submit..... [more >>](#)

Oct FCA; CPPA-G seeks Re0.68 negative adjustmentSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency–Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought a negative adjustment of Re 0.68 per unit in Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) for October 2025 to refund over Rs 6 billion to consumers across the country, including K-Electric. Nepra is scheduled to hold a public hearing on November 27, 2025 to seek further explanation from CPPA-G and give opportunity to consume..... [more >>](#)

Forecasting without realitySource: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

What the power sector's planners have produced for 2026 is not a roadmap, it is a warning about how detached official modelling has become from the economy it is supposed to serve. The five Power Purchase Price (PPP) scenarios prepared by the Central Power Purchasing Agency — Guaranteed (CPPA-G), and now questioned by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI)..... [more >>](#)

Applicable for Aug 2025; PD notifies Rs690/mmbtu levy for off-grid CPPsSource: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Big News Network China](#), 2025-11-20

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division on Wednesday notified the new rate of levy for the off-grid Captive Power Plants, ie, Rs 690 per million British thermal units (mmbtu) for August 2025. A notification issued here states, "In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the off-grid (Captive Power Plants) Levy Act 2025 (XIV of 2025), the federal government is pleas..... [more >>](#)

Nepra, Centre told to reply to pleas against KE tariff rate reductionSource: [Jamal Khurshid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-20

The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Wednesday directed the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to file comments on the petitions challenging Nepra's decision on the motions for leave for review filed by various parties concerning K-Electric's multi-year tariff (MYT) determinations for the control period of financial year 2024 to financial year 2030. The SHC also continued t..... [more >>](#)

SSGC restores gas supply after repairing pipeline near MachSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-20

QUETTA: The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has restored gas supply after completing repair work on a high-pressure transmission pipeline that had developed a rupture near Mach. According to SSGC spokesperson Salman Ahmed Siddiqui, the repair work on the ruptured high-pressure transmission line near Mach was completed on Saturday morning. He said the company's technical team worked round the clo..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan to build artificial island to boost oil exploration

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

WORLD Children's Day is upon us, yet countless children are denied even simple rights that should never be in question. This year's call to "listen to children and stand up for their rights" feels painfully apt. Millions of children wake up each day to fear and uncertainty. In conflict zones, children endure bombardment, displacement, trauma and the loss of homes, families,..... [more >>](#)

Tech advancement key to energy security

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for the Board of Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh has highlighted that modern technology and strategic investment are key to ensuring energy security in Pakistan. He stated that Pakistan was entering a new era in energy policy, refining and exploration, which positioned the country as an attractive destination for national and international investors. The minister was [more >>](#)

ADB greenlights \$330m loan to strengthen Pakistan's power transmission network

Source: [Irshad Ansari, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$330 million loan to support Pakistan's Second Power Transmission Strengthening Project, aimed at improving the reliability and capacity of the national grid. The financing will support the construction of a 290-kilometre, 500-kilovolt transmission line, alongside major upgrades to grid stations in Islamabad and Faisalabad. According to ADB,..... [more >>](#)

PPL says not creating artificial island, building setup to support marshy area drilling operations

Source: [News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

State-owned energy company Pakistan Petroleum Ltd on Thursday issued a clarification that it was enabling safe drilling operations in a marshy area near Sujawal and not reclaiming land from the sea to build an island. US outlet Bloomberg reported a day ago that PPL was reclaiming land from the sea to create a launchpad to ramp up oil and gas exploration. Citing PPL's General Ma..... [more >>](#)

PSO poised for PKR 100 bln injection as circular-debt clearance accelerates

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

Pakistan State Oil (PSO) is set to receive nearly PKR 100 billion in the coming week as part of the government's ongoing circular-debt reduction initiative, senior industry officials confirmed on Thursday. The anticipated injection, one of the largest liquidity events for the energy chain in recent months, is expected to ease financial pressure across the sector and strengthen the company..... [more >>](#)

ADB approves USD330m loans to upgrade power grid

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-21

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved loans totalling USD330 million to Pakistan for the Second Power Transmission Strengthening Project to expand the national transmission network and enable the evacuation of low-cost renewable and hydropower to major load centers. The project will construct a new 500-kilovolt, approximately 290-kilometer transmission line and upgrade crit..... [more >>](#)

ECL application under IFRS 9; KE seeks exemption for 2 more years

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-21

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has sought exemption from requirement of application of Expected Credit Loss (ECL) under International Financial Reporting Standards-9 (IFRS 9) for further two years contending that the main reason for the accumulation of circular debt is receivables from federal and provincial government/public sector entities, sources in the SECP told Business Recorder. The power utili..... [more >>](#)

NGC commences construction of 220kV Gharo Grid Station

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-21

LAHORE: The National Grid Company of Pakistan (NGC) has commenced construction of the 220/132 kV Gharo Grid Station in Thatta district, Sindh. Deputy Managing Director (AD&M) Engr Rasheed A Bhutto, along with Engr Nadeem Ali Kazmi, Managing Director of Siemens Energy, and Sebastian Jacob, Country Director of the German development bank, KfW, jointly laid the foundation stone at the projec..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan to drill first offshore well in March 2026

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-22

KARACHI: Pakistan plans to drill its first offshore oil well in March 2026 along the southern shoreline of Sindh, marking a major step in the country's search for new hydrocarbon reserves, a senior official at the state-owned explorer said on Thursday, reports 'Arab News'. The well is being developed in the Sirani Block near Sujawal district, about 30 kilometres from the mainlan..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan exports over 0.5m tonnes of furnace oil

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-22

KARACHI: Pakistan exported over 0.5 million metric tonnes (MTs) of furnace oil (FO) in the first four months of the current financial year after its local demand slumped massively. The high export of FO was mainly driven by the imposition of the petroleum levy (PL) and carbon support levy (CSL) on its local sale in the current budget, as well as its low consumption in power plants for electrici..... [more >>](#)

PD's opposition; No gas supply to two SNGPL-based urea fertiliser plants: ECC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-22

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has refused to approve gas supply to two SNGPL-based urea fertilizer plants till March 31, 2026 due to opposition by the Petroleum Division, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research (MoNFS&R) briefed the ECC that urea is the most widely used nitrogenous fertilizer..... [more >>](#)

NPD arrangement for FY26; Cabinet clears plan to divert 24-29 surplus LNG cargoes from Qatar

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-23

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Cabinet has approved a plan to divert between 24-29 surplus LNG cargoes from Qatar under the Net Proceed Differential (NPD) arrangement for FY 2026, following the Economic Coordination Committee's earlier endorsement, sources told Business Recorder. According to officials, the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) informed the ECC on November 7, 2025, that Pakis..... [more >>](#)

Past the 'peak oil' narrative

Source: [Syed Rashid Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-24

The energy world is taking a major, new twist. Fatih Birol, the head of the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the pundit of the energy world, is on the defensive. Until a few months back, the agency was insisting that global crude demand growth is stuttering and that the world would hit peak demand over the next few years — maybe as early as 2027. Not anymore. In its flagship, much-aw..... [more >>](#)

NPPMCL uncertain about future of Rousch Power Plant

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-24

ISLAMABAD: National Power Parks Management Company Limited (NPPMCL) is reportedly facing a confusing situation regarding the future course of action for the 450 MW Rousch Power Plant, sources told Business Recorder. Under the Negotiated Settlement Agreement (NSA), the government has taken over the plant from former Commerce Minister Abdul Razak Dawood. As per the NSA with M/s Rousch Power, th..... [more >>](#)

October: Losing grip on power

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-24

Pakistan's national grid generated more electricity units in the October of eight years ago than it did in 2025. First four months of FY20 had a higher cumulative generation than 4MFY26 as the cumulative generation in FY26 till date is the lowest since 4MFY20. For the 13th time in 15 months – actual generation is lower than reference. The 12-month rolling average power generation [more >>](#)

Net-metered consumers: the new IPPs?

Source: [Asad Mahmood](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-24

The debate surrounding solar net metering in Pakistan is often framed as a matter of citizen empowerment, energy autonomy, and climate responsibility. Rooftop solar, many argue, enables households and businesses to reduce bills, contribute to sustainability, and hedge against a grid which some consider unreliable. Yet as adoption accelerates, a more complex question emerges: are net-metered consum..... [more >>](#)

Industrial consumers of electricity; KATI seeks comparative data to assess impact

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-24

ISLAMABAD: The Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) has sought comparative data on Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA), capacity charges, and net metering to assess their cumulative financial impact on industrial consumers. In a letter addressed to Registrar Waseem Bhinder, KATI stated that it is submitting this request ahead of the upcoming FCA hearing for October 2025, scheduled for N..... [more >>](#)

Winter gas update: Minister orders uninterrupted supply for public

Source: [Saif Ur Rehman & Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-25

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervez Malik on Monday directed gas utilities to ensure uninterrupted supply to consumers during winter. Chairing a meeting on seasonal gas load management, Malik said that all necessary steps must be taken to facilitate the public during the winter months and confirmed that gas companies had been issued the required instructions in this regard. According to..... [more >>](#)

Iesco spends Rs2.15bn to save human lives from electrical mishaps

Source: [Press Release](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-25

Islamabad: Chief Executive IESCO Engineer Chaudhry Khalid Mahmood has said that the prevention of electrical accidents and the protection of human life are our foremost priorities, as safeguarding life is mandatory for everyone, and any negligence in this regard is unacceptable, says a press release. He stated that within the IESCO region, measures are rapidly underway including the relocation of..... [more >>](#)

OGRA slashes gas tariffs by up to 8%

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-25

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Monday slashed the gas prices by up to 8 per cent for consumers of Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGC), in line with revenue requirements for the fiscal year 2025-26. The regulator has also passed on Rs60 billion to consumers to clear prior adjustments and the stock of gas circular debt. [more >>](#)

Government striving to cut power tariffs

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-26

KARACHI: Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan on Tuesday stated that the government was closely reviewing economic challenges and making all-out efforts to reduce electricity tariffs for industries. While inaugurating the 3rd International Food and Agriculture Exhibition at the Expo Centre, Mr Kamal said the government had met the long-standing demand of the exporters and abolished the 0.25 per cen..... [more >>](#)

Gas sector circular debt soars to Rs2.6trSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-26

ISLAMABAD - The country's gas sector circular debt of both the Sui companies has ballooned to Rs2.6 trillion. The outstanding amount of the state owned oil and gas companies against both the Sui companies i.e. Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has reached to Rs2.6 trillion, official source told The Nation. The principal amount of circular debt is [more >>](#)

K-Electric continues efforts to improve recoverySource: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-26

KARACHI - K-Electric (KE) kept its momentum of customer outreach and community engagement, conducting four separate customer facilitation camps in areas where electricity theft and bill defaults challenge the utility's resolve to supply uninterrupted supply of electricity. Camps were held at Perfume Chowk, Gulistan-e-Jauhar, P&T Colony in Gizri, Surjani and Machar colony in Lyari. &ldquo..... [more >>](#)

Jan 23, 2023 brownout;Nepra clears Wapda of any faultSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-26

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has exonerated the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) of any fault in the delayed restoration of the national power system following the countrywide blackout on January 23, 2023. According to Nepra's report, the total power system collapse occurred on January 23, 2023, at 07:34:43:800 hours, plunging the enti..... [more >>](#)

Cheap crude for nowSource: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-26

As of November 2025, global crude oil markets are shifting again. After a brief rebound earlier in the year, prices have slipped back as supply continues to outpace demand. Most indicators now point to a softer price environment heading into 2026—unless a major disruption changes the equation. The benchmarks reflect this trend clearly. Through mid- to late-November, Brent crude has been..... [more >>](#)

Policy must follow the SunSource: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-26

The old saying goes, if it walks like a duck, talks like a duck and looks like a duck, then it most definitely is a duck. Month after month, the grid electricity generation data shows the duck's belly is getting deeper, yet the urgency needed on the policy front is nowhere to be seen. Pakistans solar story is mostly behind-the-meter and off-grid, but ignore net-metering at your own peril. [more >>](#)

Balancing optimism with cautionSource: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-26

It is tempting to read too much into the ECC's latest approval for the Assignment of Participating Interests in Eastern Offshore Block-C. The move certainly reflects an administration eager to build momentum in exploration, and the consortium now in place is arguably stronger than most Pakistan has fielded offshore. Yet the instinct to amplify such developments, to signal a breakthrough long..... [more >>](#)

Govt to pass burden of LNG cargoes on to RLNG consumersSource: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-27

ISLAMABAD: In a major policy shift, the government has decided not to absorb potential losses arising from the diversion of LNG cargoes under the Net Proceed Differential (NPD) clause and will instead pass the burden on to RLNG consumers, a senior official of the Petroleum Division told The News. The official said Islamabad remains in talks with Qatari authorities to divert between 24-29 LNG carg..... [more >>](#)

Electricity prices likely to drop by 65 paisa per unit

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-27

In welcome news for power consumers, electricity prices in Pakistan are expected to decrease by 65 paisa per unit for one month under the monthly fuel price adjustment (FPA) mechanism. According to details, the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has submitted a petition seeking the reduction, and the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) is set to hold a hearing on the request..... [more >>](#)

132kV line to connect Dasu project; Wapda concerned at energisation delay

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-27

ISLAMABAD: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) expressed its concerns over delaying the energisation of 132 kV transmission line to connect Dasu hydropower project, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Muhammad Arfan, Member (Power) Wapda, contended that he discussed the issue of delay in energisation of transmission line last month. The physical completion of 132 [more >>](#)

Continuous power supply; FESCO to install new transformers before March 2026

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-27

FAISALABAD: FESCO is implementing an ambitious upgradation and augmentation programme with installation of new transformers before the March 2026 to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the hot summer season, said Engr Muhammad Aamir, Chief Executive Officer, Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO). Addressing the business community in Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCC)..... [more >>](#)

The long shadow of Burmah Oil

Source: [Haroon Rashid Siddiqi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-27

In the realm of human endeavour, one often speaks of “history” in sweeping terms — the rise and fall of empires, the movement of peoples, the shifting of ideas and institutions across decades and centuries. Corporate history, by contrast, is more contained but no less profound. It is the chronicle of an enterprise’s journey — its founding, growth, triumphs, and tribul..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL reports second-highest annual profit

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-28

KARACHI: Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd reported the second-highest profit in its history for FY 2024-25, according to disclosures at its 61st annual general meeting held on Thursday in Lahore. Shareholders approved the company’s audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025. SNGPL posted a profit before tax of Rs24,446 million and a profit after tax of Rs14,592 million, tra..... [more >>](#)

Nepa reviews CPPA-G request for negative October fuel charge adjustment

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-28

KARACHI: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) has concluded a public hearing on the Central Power Purchasing Agency -- Guarantee’s (CPPA-G) request for a fuel charge adjustment where it has asked for the relief of Rs0.6508 per unit for October 2025, said a statement on Thursday. The regulator will issue a decision confirming the adjustment to be applied to consumer bills..... [more >>](#)

Nepa fines national grid Rs10m over safety, licence violations

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-28

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) has imposed a Rs10 million fine on the National Grid Company of Pakistan Limited (NGC) for violating multiple provisions of the Nepa Act, Grid Code, Safety Code, and its transmission licence, warning of stricter action for future non-compliance. In its detailed order, Nepa said NGC, formerly known as the National Transmission a..... [more >>](#)

Furnace oil-based electricity costs Rs33 per unit, Nepra toldSource: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-28

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday said that it operated furnace oil-based power plants at Rs33 per unit fuel cost in October in 'good faith' instead of Rs21 per unit unutilised LNG-based plant because "of lower LNG allocation". At a public hearing arranged by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), a Power Division team, led by Central Power Purchas..... [more >>](#)

Net metering hits new high, easing fuel cost pressure on consumersSource: Zafar Bhutta, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-28

ISLAMABAD: Power firms admitted on Thursday that solar net metering has led to a reduction in the burden of higher electricity rates on consumers and will provide a relief of Rs 0.65 per unit on account of fuel charges adjustment for October 2025. Pakistan's power sector posted a negative fuel charge adjustment (FCA) of Rs 0.65 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for October, reflecting lower generation..... [more >>](#)

Electricity generation in October remains 8.9pc lower due to decline in daytime power demandSource: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-28

ISLAMABAD - Electricity generation in October was 8.9 percent lower than projected primarily due to a decline in daytime power demand from ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (Discos), which dropped by up to 31.19 percent amid increased solar and net-metering production. Power Division official told a public hearing that the daytime demand of Discos decreased by up to 4,582 megawatts, from 14,687MW..... [more >>](#)

Oct industrial power consumption jumps 20pc YoY: CPPA-GSource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-28

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency–Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has revealed that industrial electricity consumption increased by 20 percent in October 2025 compared to the corresponding month of 2024. This was disclosed during a public hearing on Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) for October 2025. The hearing was presided over by Nepra Chairman Waseem Mukhtar, Member (Technical) Rafique..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum prices set for a cutSource: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-29

ISLAMABAD: The prices of all petroleum products are estimated to decrease by up to Rs6.30 per litre on Sunday for the next fortnight ending Dec 15, due to slight variations in the international market. Based on existing tax rates, informed sources said the ex-depot price of high-speed diesel (HSD) is expected to drop by about Rs3.70 per litre (about 1.4pc), depending on the final calculation, w..... [more >>](#)

Fuel prices likely to drop by up to Rs6.36 per litre from Dec 1Source: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2025-11-29

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum prices in Pakistan are expected to fall from December 1, 2025, for the upcoming fortnight, with reductions projected up to Rs6.35 per litre, industrial and official sources told the scribe. "The anticipated relief is attributed to increased global supplies following the revival of several units at Kuwait's Al-Zour Refinery, one of the largest refining complexes in..... [more >>](#)

Nepra to open debate on load factor, industrial power tariff issuesSource: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2025-11-29

KARACHI: Member Technical (Sindh) of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Rafiq Ahmed Sheikh has announced that a formal debate will be initiated on the issue of the electricity load factor, as well as efforts under way to resolve power tariff issues and challenges being faced by the industrial sector. During a visit to the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI), h..... [more >>](#)

Oil industry awaits decision on Sindh cess

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-30

ISLAMABAD: The oil industry is now looking towards the apex court for withdrawal of the Sindh Infrastructure Development Cess, which may lead to the collapse of oil companies and refineries. The Sindh government had imposed the cess on the import of petroleum products, creating financial challenges for the industry. Officials of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) recently held a meetin..... [more >>](#)

LPG being sold on record high rates, says BR survey

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-30

ISLAMABAD: Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) prices have reached a record high, with the rate of a 15kg domestic cylinder soaring to Rs4,700, compared to the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA)'s official price of Rs3,015 per cylinder, Business Recorder (BR) noted in a survey conducted on Saturday. Earlier, the OGRA had notified a reduction in LPG prices for November 2025, lowering the [more >>](#)

Power failure at Dhabeji slashes water supply by 100m gallons

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-17

KARACHI: A major power breakdown at Dhabeji on Sunday once again disrupted Karachi's water lifeline, shutting four pumps and causing an estimated 100-million-gallon shortfall in the city's supply. According to a Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KW&SC) spokesperson, the latest outage by K Electric struck at 6:35 a.m. in the second phase of the Dhabeji Pumping Station, al..... [more >>](#)

Karachi faces severe water shortage amid power outages in November

Source: [Suleman Saadat](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-23

KARACHI: Karachi faces a severe water shortage in November as prolonged electricity outages disrupt major pumping stations, the Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KWSC) spokesperson said in a statement on Sunday. According to a KWSC spokesperson, the port city has suffered a shortfall of 884 million gallons of water in the first 23 days of November due to ongoing power disruptions. In a sta..... [more >>](#)

Balochistan Assembly demands end to gas and electricity loadshedding

Source: [Saleem Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-22

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly on Friday adopted a joint resolution, moved by treasury and opposition members, calling for an end to prolonged gas and electricity loadshedding across the province. In the assembly session presided over by Speaker Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, the JUI-F member Asghar Ali Tareen moved a resolution, stating that gas loadshedding during harsh winters and e..... [more >>](#)

Punjab bans petrol-run motorcycle rickshaws production to fight smog

Source: [Ali Raza](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-28

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has imposed a ban on the production of petrol-powered motorcycle rickshaws as part of sweeping measures to combat smog across the province. Chairing a special meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Anti-Smog, she also approved a phased plan to gradually halt manufacturing of petrol motorcycles altogether. On the direction of the chief minister, the governm..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

BHC raps gas firms over billing report

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court on Tuesday expressed strong dissatisfaction over the gas billing report submitted by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC), declaring it unsatisfactory and ordering officials to comply with earlier court directives. A division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Kamran Khan Mulakhail and Justice Ayub Khan Tareen heard..... [more >>](#)

Solar-powered flour mills helping widows earn dignified living

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-17

Solar energy and basic technical training are enabling widows and low-income women in Sindh and South Punjab to build small home-based businesses, earn stable incomes, and feed their families without relying on charity. Under a pilot project supported by an international organisation, women in districts like Badin are running solar-powered chakkis that produce zinc-enriched wheat flour, creatin..... [more >>](#)

Govt says rooftop solar 'not hurting' grid

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-19

ISLAMABAD: In a new twist to the solar debate, the government on Tuesday conceded that increasing net-metering solarisation has so far not had the negative impact on the national grid that is often claimed. "Solar generation is increasing, but this does not have a significant impact on the grid," Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) CEO Rehan Akhtar said while testifying before th..... [more >>](#)

Solar output to outpace daytime grid needs in major industrial hubs: govt

Source: [Reuters](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-23

Pakistan's rooftop solar output is expected to surpass daytime electricity demand in several major industrial zones next year, a first for the national grid, a senior government official informed Reuters. The outlook reflects a record boom in the country's solar panel installations in recent years that has delivered lower emissions and reduced power bills for some, but also disrupted the..... [more >>](#)

Rooftop solar output to exceed grid demand next year

Source: [Reuters](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-24

BELEM, Brazil: Pakistan's rooftop solar generation will for the first time exceed power demand on the national electrical grid during daytime hours in some major industrial regions next year, a senior government official told Reuters. The outlook reflects a record boom in the country's solar panel installations in recent years that has delivered lower emissions and reduced power bil..... [more >>](#)

How to hunt a duck curve

Source: [Ammar H Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-24

There has been a solar revolution in Pakistan, driven by lower solar panel prices and rising grid tariffs, creating a perfect recipe for a surge in solar additions. There have been two types of additions: net-metered and behind-the-meter. Net-metered additions are connected to the grid, in which the grid buys electricity from such customers at a price well above the prevailing marginal cost. Me..... [more >>](#)

World can triple renewables — if governments don't slow it down

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-24

ASTANA - The world is on track to add renewable energy capacity at record pace again in 2025, bringing the goal of tripling global renewables by 2030 closer than ever. According to a new report by the independent energy think tank

Ember, total renewable additions are projected to reach 793 gigawatts (GW) this year (an 11% increase from 2024) largely driven by solar power and China's outsized..... [more >>](#)

Solar energy exhibition gets under way in Peshawar

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-29

PESHAWAR: Governor Faisal Karim Kundi on Friday inaugurated the three-day 12th ISEM Pakistan Solar Energy Exhibition in Peshawar. Upon his arrival, he was received by Country Manager Khawaja Wahaj-ul-Haq and other organizers. The exhibition features a number of national and international companies, energy specialists, technology experts and industry leaders. The governor visited various stalls [more >>](#)

1,000 public schools set to switch to solar: Punjab minister

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-11-30

LAHORE: Punjab Finance Minister Mian Mujtaba Shuja-ur-Rehman Saturday said the Punjab government is rapidly advancing the historic project of shifting 1,000 public schools to solar energy, an initiative that will promote clean energy and ensure uninterrupted electricity in schools. He expressed these views while addressing an academic competition event, 'Brain of Lahore', which wa..... [more >>](#)

Mayor opens solar-powered RO plant

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-11-30

KARACHI: Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab on Saturday formally inaugurated the modern solar-powered water treatment plant established under the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation in Darya Khan Gabol Goth, Gadap Town. The capacity of storage of water is also made 10000 gallon per day. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Parliamentary Leader in the City Council Karamullah Waqasi, Gadap To..... [more >>](#)

Int'l consortium shows interest in waste-to-energy project

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-27

LAHORE: International companies from Beijing and a UK-based consortium have shown strong interest in launching a waste-to-energy project in Lahore under the Punjab Chief Minister's 'Suthra Punjab' initiative. A delegation led by Williams Adeho and Behzad Sarhady met LWMC CEO Babar Sahib Din and discussed the immediate start of a 50MW pilot project. The CEO briefed them on LWMC&rsqu..... [more >>](#)

KE continues crackdown on electricity theft

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

KARACHI - K-Electric (KE) continued its anti-theft measures through a targeted kunda removal operation across multiple high-loss pockets in Liaquatabad. The drive focused on dismantling hazardous illegal connections that endanger public safety, compromise the city's power infrastructure, and cause losses to the utility. KE's teams carried out coordinated action across the Supermarket,..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Media Briefing

UNFPA-led huddle pushes for ethical reporting on gender-based violence

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2025-11-18

A UNFPA-led initiative, funded by the Embassy of the Netherlands and implemented by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Monday brought together journalists from print, electronic, digital and social media platforms in Lahore to strengthen responsible media practices on gender-based violence (GBV), reproductive health (RH), and family planning (FP). At the Punjab Media Coalition..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

Falling short?

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-16

If COP29 in Baku was seen as a Finance COP, the COP30 in Belém is being termed an Action COP. As COP30 reaches its midpoint, those following the discussions are still uncertain whether this summit will become yet another talk shop or mark a genuine turning point. Give it another week and the final communique will tell us whether the conference delivers meaningful progress or simply repeats [more >>](#)

Invisible education system

Source: [Dr Mohsin Ali Kazmi](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-16

N early half of school-aged children in Pakistan attend private schools that the government cannot monitor. Some are in large urban institutions, while others are in small, rented schools, but the majority are officially unregistered. Their records are absent from national databases, and their academic progress isn't tracked. The government & rsquo..... [more >>](#)

Patterns in tobacco industry practices

Source: [Waseem Janjua & Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-16

F or decades, the tobacco industry's playbook in Pakistan has been one of masterful illusion, a relentless cycle of deceptive narratives designed to addict new generations and paralyse public policy. A new monitoring study by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, which tracked 201 news items and articles published by the tobacco industry [more >>](#)

Rewarding size, not effort, has hurt Pakistan's fiscal health. Can the 11th NFC Award rewrite the script?

Source: [Sajid Amin Javed | Vaqar Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-17

The inaugural session of the newly constituted 11th National Finance Commission (NFC) has been delayed, yet again, amid a downward revision in the economic growth forecast for the current fiscal year. Established on August 22 to give a fresh award for the sharing of federal divisible resources among the Centre and provinces. The first meeting of the commission was called for Aug 27, which was f..... [more >>](#)

Jobs that may survive in the Era of Technological Singularity

Source: [Brigadier Mohammad Yasin \(Retired\)](#), [The Destination](#), 2025-11-17

Nowadays the world scientists and technologists are engaged in hot discussions as if Artificial Intelligence (AI) can surpass human intelligence. They are expecting a future when technological growth will become uncontrollable. They call it an era of technological singularity when Artificial Intelligence (AI) surpasses human intelligence and there will be complete automation and digitalization. Th..... [more >>](#)

Why Article 140-A must evolve

Source: [Abdullah Khalid & Qasim Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-19

The Punjab Assembly's recent resolution to amend Article 140-A offers Pakistan a rare constitutional opening to rebuild democracy from the ground up. The amendment, if expanded to include marginalised sections especially women, religious and ethnic minorities as well as youth to establish a common framework across provinces, could transform how the state connects with its citizens. Pak..... [more >>](#)

A COP30 agenda for Pakistan

Source: [Zainab Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-19

Pakistan's narrative at COP30 should begin with a simple premise that is both moral and practical: countries that contributed least to the crisis must not be asked to finance their survival with debt. The monsoon that now swings between drought and deluge is no longer an anomaly. It is the new operating condition of our society and economy. When villages are inundated, when crops fail and w..... [more >>](#)

COP30: Small fund, big stakes

Source: [Nameer Urfi](#), [Ebadat Ur Rehman Babar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-23

For the first time, the Loss, and Damage Fund have money on the table, not just promises. The real test is whether Pakistan can secure its share. At COP30 in Belém, the long-awaited Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) finally moved from concept to operation. Its board approved the Barbados Implementation Modalities and opened a first call for funding requests worth roughly US..... [more >>](#)

Can we make COP30 count?

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Assault on health

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-11-28

The tobacco industry launched a sophisticated campaign to undermine the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) by directly targeting government delegates at the recent UNFCTC COP11, a move that threatens global public health and poses significant reputational risks to committed nations like Pakistan. This was not routine lobbying but a deliberate strategy to derail consensus and weake..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related Articles

China's 2026-30 plan offers Pakistan template to embrace cutting-edge industries

Source: [Moaaz Manzoor](#), [Independent News Pakistan](#), 2025-11-19

China's new five-year plan for 2026-30, centered on achieving self-reliance in science and technology, presents a powerful opening for Pakistan to strengthen its innovation capacity and research collaboration. As Beijing identifies frontier technologies — including quantum technology, biomanufacturing, hydrogen and fusion energy, brain-computer interfaces, embodied intelligence, and 6G..... [more >>](#)

ADB approves \$330m package to modernise Pakistan's power transmission network

Source: [Usman Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-11-20

The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$330 million financing package for Pakistan to expand and modernise its high-voltage transmission infrastructure, a move expected to significantly improve the flow of clean and low-cost

energy across the national grid. While the project marks an important step toward strengthening Pakistan's power sector, energy experts caution that chronic structur..... [more >>](#)

28th Annual Sustainable Development Conference 2025

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Tetra Pak reinforces sustainability commitment at SDPI's 28th Annual Development Conference

Source: [Web Desk](#), [LEAD Pakistan](#), 2025-11-26

Islamabad Tetra Pak Pakistan recently participated in the 28th Annual Sustainable Development Conference represented by Noor Aftab, Director Corporate Affairs Pakistan and MENA region and Muhammad Bin Shahzad, Sustainability Manager at Tetra Pak. The conference was titled "Sustainable Development in the Emerging World Dis|Order" and hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Instit..... [more >>](#)

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