



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, 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.

Themes Covered

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

Pakistan's Energy Transition

Energy Governance

Illegal Lesco stores raided; three held

Source: [Sher Ali Khalti](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-19

LAHORE: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Anti-Corruption Circle raided illegal Lesco warehouses in the Kot Khawaja Saeed sub-division, detaining three suspects, including two company employees. The accused were identified as Line Superintendent Nauman Siddiqui, crane driver M Imtiaz, and Bilal Sheikh. They allegedly stored dismantled Lesco equipment in unauthorised warehouses. FIA recovered [more >>](#)

A net-metering nightmare

Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-16

IN what appears to be a rushed, unilateral decision, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) drastically slashed the incentives for rooftop solar adoption, replacing net-metering with net-billing for all existing and future prosumers. The move aims to protect grid stability and contain solar penetration to prevent consumers going off-grid, but critics warn it raises regulatory [more >>](#)

Balochistan lawmakers raise alarm over low gas, power issues

Source: [Saleem Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-24

QUETTA: Members from both treasury and opposition benches in the Balochistan Assembly on Monday expressed concern and anger over persistent low gas pressure and unresolved electricity issues across the province, urging the speaker to summon the officials of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) without delay. Jamaat-i-Islami Parliamentary Secretary Engineer Majeed Badini raised the issue soon after t..... [more >>](#)

Ramazan and essentials

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

It's euphoria as the blessings of the holy month of Ramazan dawn on us. It is a grim reminder too that the dispossessed and downtrodden should be taken care of, and prices of essential commodities must stay within the purchasing power of all. The government's endeavour to make life easy for the commoners is appreciated. The assurance from the ministries of power and petroleum to do away wi..... [more >>](#)

B-3 industrial consumers;APTMA seeks enhancement of load limit

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The All-Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has sought enhancement of the existing load limit for electricity supply through 11 kV dedicated feeders from 7.5 MW to 10 MW for B-3 industrial consumers, subject to availability of grid and feeder capacity and recovery of proportionate grid-sharing charges under the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Consumer Service..... [more >>](#)

HSD imports slump as December surge blamed on flawed projections

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-18

KARACHI: The import of high-speed diesel (HSD) fell sharply to about 42,000 tonnes in January from 288,000 tonnes in December of the current financial year, according to data compiled by the oil sector on Tuesday. Commenting on the steep decline in January, oil sector officials said that unrealistic demand and supply projections by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) had led to excessivel..... [more >>](#)

Dasu Hydropower Project: Jirga presents 22-point charterSource: [Anwar Hussain, The News, International](#), 2026-02-16

SHANGLA: The participants of a grand jirga on Sunday expressed serious concern over the possible damages and bad effects from the main transmission line of the Dasu Hydropower Project. The jirga convened in Bisham tehsil of Shangla was attended by a large number of local elders, social and political leaders and the would-be affected residents. According to details shared during the jirga, more t..... [more >>](#)

Transaction structuring under way to privatise three major DiscosSource: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The government has accelerated efforts to privatise three major power distribution companies (discos) Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO), Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) and Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) — with officials confident that the divestment process will be completed in the second half of the current calendar year. Senior sources tol..... [more >>](#)

Petrol up by Rs5, diesel by Rs7.32 per litreSource: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The government on Sunday raised petrol and diesel prices for the next fortnight, imposing a fresh inflationary burden on consumers just a week ahead of the holy month of Ramazan. According to a notification issued by the Petroleum Division, the price of petrol (motor spirit) has been increased by Rs5 per litre to Rs258.17, while high-speed diesel (HSD) has gone up by Rs7.32 per litre t..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price hiked by Rs5, diesel by Rs7.32Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The government on Sunday increased the petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) prices by Rs5 and Rs7.32 per litre, respectively, till the end of February, owing to movement in international market prices. In a late-night announcement, the petroleum division said the revision followed movements in international markets and recommendations from the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). [more >>](#)

Rethinking public-private partnerships in energySource: [Zunaib Khanzada, The News, International](#), 2026-02-16

The challenge of powering a growing economy is as much institutional as it is technical. Across the world, energy sectors once dominated by state ownership have undergone a profound transformation as governments and regulators have recalibrated the respective roles of public policy and private capital. What distinguishes enduring success stories is not ownership alone, but the presence of well-..... [more >>](#)

PD on the horns of a dilemmaSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division is reportedly in a quandary over the Independent System and Market Operator's (ISMO) request for further reduction in nearly 10 RLNG cargoes, in addition to already reduced volumes, allegedly in violation of the Integrated Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP), well-informed sources in the Petroleum Division told Business Recorder. In a recent comm..... [more >>](#)

Net-metering vs net-billing: another case of eliteSource: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-16

The recent controversy surrounding amendments to the prosumer regulations by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has been framed as a struggle between regulators and solar consumers. But like most policy debates, this is ultimately about equity — and about how the poor and marginalized are repeatedly left behind. In Pakistan, public policy too often privileges a small, a..... [more >>](#)

PPL: Profits cool in 1HFY26

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-16

While the company remained solidly profitable, Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PSX: PPL) delivered a weaker earnings profile in 1HFY26, due to a modest decline in revenue combined with cost pressure and a sharp normalization in other income. The half-year numbers show that earnings momentum has softened compared to last year's stronger base, with the impact visible across both operating and non-..... [more >>](#)

HESCO sets ambitious goal to become market leader by 2028: CEO

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-16

HYDERABAD: Hydera-bad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) Chief Executive Officer Faizullah Dahri outlined the utility's ambitious plans to become a market leader by 2028, emphasizing full recovery, technological modernization, and improved service delivery for consumers. Speaking to Business Recorder, Dahri said that since taking additional charge as CEO and CFO in January 2025, he has imp..... [more >>](#)

NGC seeks Nepra clarification on custodianship of grid standards

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD: The National Grid Company of Pakistan Limited (NGC) has formally approached the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to seek clarity on whether it is legally required to retain custodianship of technical standards and specifications for equipment rated at 11 kV and below. In a letter dated January 18, 2026, NGC requested guidance on whether the responsibility for mainta..... [more >>](#)

Sindh, KP dominate January oil, gas output

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-17

KARACHI: Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa led the country's gas and oil production in January, outpacing Punjab and Balochistan in national output, according to a monthly exploration report. Sindh accounted for 62 per cent of total national gas production, while Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) contributed 41 per cent of crude oil output, the Pakistan oil and gas exploration activity report for Januar..... [more >>](#)

RCC work to begin at Diamer Basha & Dasu dams this year

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-17

PESHAWAR: The roller-compacted concrete (RCC) work on the main dams of the Diamer-Bhasha Dam and the Dasu Hydropower Project will commence this year. This was stated by officials during a visit by WAPDA Chairman Lt-Gen (Retd) Muhammad Saeed to the under-construction projects on Monday to review the pace of work. According to a communication, officials informed the WAPDA chief that prerequisites fo..... [more >>](#)

SSGC assures 'uninterrupted' gas supply in Karachi during Sehr, Iftar

Source: [Khalid Hasnain | News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-17

KARACHI: The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has issued a gas supply schedule for Karachi and the surrounding areas for the holy month of Ramazan. The announcement by the utility said that gas would be available from 3am to 9am for Sehr and from 3:30pm to 10:00pm for Iftar, with the supply expected to be suspended outside these hours to manage overall demand. "To ensure improved gas pressu..... [more >>](#)

Govt collected record high petroleum levy of Rs2.59tr in 2024, 2025

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD - The federal government collected a record high petroleum levy of Rs2.590 trillion in the past two calendar years, from January 2024 to December 2025. During 2025, the highest ever petroleum levy of Rs1,493.73 billion was collected, showing an increase of Rs397.86 billion against the collection during CY 2024, official documents revealed. In calendar year 2024, petroleum levy of Rs 1,09..... [more >>](#)

Nepra notifies amendment in draft prosumer regulationsSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD - National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has notified amendment in draft prosumer regulations 2026, allowing existing 466000 distributed generators one-to-one unit deal under old net-metering framework, as per Prime Minister's directive. NEPRA has invited public comments on a proposed amendment to the recently notified NEPRA (Prosumer) Regulations, 2026, aiming to cl..... [more >>](#)

Sui gas supply schedule during Ramazan announcedSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-18

LAHORE: Sui Northern Gas has announced revised operational hours for the holy month of Ramazan. According to spokesperson for gas utility, during Ramazan, gas supply to customers will be available from 3:00 AM to 10:30 PM. In case of low gas pressure or any other issue, customers can contact the Sui Northern Gas helpline at 1199 for assistance. The company aims to ensure uninterrupted gas supply t..... [more >>](#)

Discos seek Rs10.75bn in quarterly tariff hikeSource: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The power distribution companies (Discos) on Tuesday asked the regulator to approve Rs10.75 billion in additional charges under the second quarterly adjustment, a move that could translate 43 paise per unit increase for consumers nationwide, including K-Electric users. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) held a public hearing on the petition, chaired by Nepra Chair..... [more >>](#)

Govt to seek IMF nod to scrap off-grid levy after Rs100bn gas sector lossesSource: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The government is set to raise with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission, which is arriving on February 25, the controversial off-the-grid levy on captive power plants, which has caused significant financial and operational setbacks for Pakistan's gas and export sectors. Authorities are seeking an end to the levy, which has largely backfired, top officials of the Petrole..... [more >>](#)

Textile industry pushes govt for hike in 11kV limit to 10MW to cut Rs600m costSource: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The All-Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma) has urged the government to raise the 11kV load limit for large-scale manufacturing units from 7.5MW to 10MW, arguing that the change could save each industrial unit Rs500-600 million in avoidable capital expenditure. In separate letters to Power Minister Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari and Waseem Mukhtar, chairperson of the National E..... [more >>](#)

OGDC, SNF sign landmark deal for water injection at KunnarSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-18

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) has partnered with French specialty chemical giant SNF to install advanced Water Injection Systems (WIS) at its Kunnar and Pasakhi oil fields in Sindh, a move expected to generate \$460 million in additional revenue. The landmark agreement, signed at the OGDC Headquarters in Islamabad, was witnessed by Minister for Energy (Petroleum Divisio..... [more >>](#)

Power data flaws spark concernsSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

ISLAMABAD: Industrialists on Tuesday highlighted flaws in Power Division data, impacting decision-making, as Discos sought around 43 paise per unit higher quarterly tariff adjustments (QTA) for the next three months. As Power Division's team, led by Additional Secretary Mehfooz Bhatti, reported 45 per cent of industrial consumers availing the benefit of the government's incremental [more >>](#)

Electricity prices may rise by Rs1.78 per unit for one month

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

Electricity consumers may face a one-month increase of Rs1.78 per unit after a petition was filed seeking approval of January's monthly fuel cost adjustment. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) submitted the request to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), which is scheduled to hear the petition on February 26. According to the application, 9.14 billion units of e..... [more >>](#)

No load-shedding during Sehri, Iftar in Karachi during Ramadan: K-Electric

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

Karachi's sole power supplier, K-Electric, has announced that there will be no load-shedding across the city during Sehri and Iftar timings throughout the holy month of Ramadan, ARY News reported. According to a statement issued by the power utility, a special electricity supply schedule has been prepared for Ramadan to ensure uninterrupted power during peak hours of Sehri and Iftar, provid..... [more >>](#)

PSO: resilient 1H, weak 2Q

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

Pakistan State Oil's (PSX: PSO) 1HFY26 results reflect a familiar PSO pattern: earnings resilience supported by finance-cost relief, while core operating performance remains under pressure from weaker volumes, thinner margins, and intensifying competition. On an unconsolidated basis, the company reported profit after tax of Rs12 billion, up 8.5 percent year-on-year. However, the headline gro..... [more >>](#)

Oilboy Energy Limited

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

Oilboy Energy Limited (PSX: OBOY) was formerly known as Drekkar Kingsway Limited. The company was incorporated in Pakistan as a private limited company in 1993 and was converted into a public limited company in 1994. The company is engaged in the manufacturing and sale of diverse categories of electrical appliances, cosmetics, toiletries, leather goods, machinery as well as its components and part..... [more >>](#)

Pesco promises smooth power supply in Ramazan

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-19

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco) announced on Wednesday that it would ensure uninterrupted power supply throughout the province during Sehr-o-Iftar timings in Ramazan. According to a press release Pesco Chief Executive Officer Engr Akhtar Hamid Khan assured the consumers that all arrangements had been made to ensure smooth supply of electricity across Pesco region. On the d..... [more >>](#)

Parliamentary forum questions Nepra's prosumer rules

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-19

KARACHI: The Parliamentary Forum on Energy and Economy convened a high-level briefing to examine the implications of the recently approved Prosumer Regulation 2026 by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), raising concerns over consumer rights, regulatory predictability and the future of distributed renewable energy in Pakistan. According to a statement, the session brought tog..... [more >>](#)

Power output rises 12pc

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-19

KARACHI: Power generation rose 12.1 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to 9,140 GWh in January, compared with 8,153 GWh in the same month last year. On a month-on-month (MoM) basis, generation increased 7.7 per cent, reflecting seasonal factors. During the first seven months of the current fiscal year, total generation reached 76,496 GWh, up 2.3 per cent YoY, data showed on Wednesday. According to Arif..... [more >>](#)

Power firms seek Rs1.78 more for JanuarySource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

ISLAMABAD: After a period of relative stability, power companies have sought additional fuel cost charges of over Rs1.78 per unit from consumers across the country in March bills, as demand appeared to pick up and power generators returned to furnace oil. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) demanded a higher fuel cost on account of power consumed in January, even though almost 60 per cent [more >>](#)

With existing annual allocation, Dasu hydropower project will take 64 years to completeSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

ISLAMABAD - A National Assembly panel was Wednesday informed that allocating a low budget for major development projects is increasing their cost and causing unnecessary delays in construction. The NA body was also informed that with existing annual allocations, Dasu hydropower project will take 64 years to complete while Diamer-Bhasha Dam will take 46 years. The National Assembly Standing..... [more >>](#)

Incremental consumption package; Industry, PD lock horns over financial impactSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

ISLAMABAD: The country's industry and the Power Division have locked horns over the financial impact of the incremental consumption package on the overall electricity tariff, with both sides presenting conflicting claims about whether the relief measure led to new demand or merely shifted industrial load from captive generation to the national grid. The debate emerged during a public he..... [more >>](#)

CPPA-G seeks Rs1.78/unit FCA hike to recover Rs15.6bnSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought a positive adjustment of Rs 1.78 per unit in tariff under monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) for January 2026 to recover Rs 15.6 billion from consumers, Discos and KE. Nepra is scheduled to hold public hearing on February 26, 2026 to scrutinise the data submitted by CPPA-G. According to data submitted to Nep..... [more >>](#)

PTC urges PM to reconsider off-grid levy frameworkSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Textile Council (PTC) has urged Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to reconsider the off-grid (cogeneration) levy framework and advance genuine gas market reform through neutral third-party access, unbundling, and ring-fenced network tariffs. In a letter addressed to the Prime Minister, PTC Chairman Fawad Anwar submitted a formal representation regarding the recent notification [more >>](#)

Net-billing, distributed solar, and Pakistan's energy transitionSource: [Dr Raania Ahsan](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

Pakistan's recent shift from net-metering to net-billing for rooftop solar users has triggered intense debate. For some, it signals a retreat from a citizen-led clean energy transition. For others, it represents a necessary correction to preserve grid stability. In reality, the controversy reflects something deeper: structural tensions within Pakistan's tariff architecture and power se..... [more >>](#)

Taming oil volatilitySource: [Dr Abida Naurin](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-20

Global oil prices remain one of the most powerful external forces shaping Pakistan's macroeconomic outcomes. As a net oil-importing country with limited short-run substitution options, Pakistan's trade balance, inflation trajectory, exchange rate stability and fiscal position are deeply intertwined with developments in international energy markets. With oil price dynamics now influenc..... [more >>](#)

OGDC strikes 9.7mmscfd gas at Dars West-3 well in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-20

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) has struck 9.7 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscfd) of gas at its Dars West-3 well in Tando Allah Yar district, Sindh, alongside 580 barrels per day of condensate. The well was drilled to a depth of 2,100 metres and tested in the C-Sands of the Lower Goru Formation using the company's in-house technical expertise. Dur..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's energy sector isn't broken by chance. It's broken by design

Source: [Muhammad Hamza Latif](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-20

Last year, Pakistan found itself in the absurd position of paying penalties to avoid receiving liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes it had contractually committed to buy. The country, structurally dependent on imported energy, was negotiating to divert dozens of scheduled shipments because domestic demand had collapsed. When resale arrangements were struck, downside risks stayed with Islamabad w..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL makes discovery in Sindh

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-20

ISLAMABAD: The state-owned Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) on Thursday announced a gas and condensate discovery at its Dars West-3 well located in Tando Allah Yar district of Sindh. "During testing, Dars West-3 flowed at a rate of 9.70 million standard cubic feet per day of gas along with 580 barrels per day of condensate at a choke size of 36/64 inches," the company said [more >>](#)

Surplus gas supply to power, fertiliser sectors proposed

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-20

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division is seeking approval of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) for gas allocation from a Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) field to power and fertiliser sectors only through competitive bidding. Under the policy of gas allocation to third parties, all sectors are eligible to participate in competitive bidding. This policy has been approved by the federal govern..... [more >>](#)

Uninterrupted gas supply from 3:00am to 10:30pm to be ensured: SNGPL

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-20

LAHORE - A high-level management video conference was chaired by Amer Tufail, Managing Director of SNGPL, with all the regional in charges to ensure smooth and uninterrupted gas supply during the holy month of Ramazan. During the meeting, the managing director reviewed the comprehensive operational plan and issued instructions to all the regional managers to ensure uninterrupted gas from 03:00 AM [more >>](#)

Gas & condensate discovered at Dars West-3 Well

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-20

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC), leading exploration and production company on Thursday announced a gas and condensate discovery at its Dars West-3 well located in the Tando Allah Yar district of Sindh. The new development well was successfully tested in the C-Sands of the Lower Goru Formation. The well was drilled to a total depth of 2,100 metres and tested using OG..... [more >>](#)

Incremental concessional package; PD claims industries net over Rs12bn in 2 months

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-21

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has claimed that the country's industrial sector received financial benefits exceeding Rs 12 billion over two months — December 2025 and January 2026 — under the incremental concessional package. The Division shared details for the two-month period after industry representatives asserted that they had not gained any real benefit from the package..... [more >>](#)

NA panel told

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-21

ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday made some startling disclosures, revealing that the CASA (Central Asia-South Asia) transmission line is kept continuously energised to prevent theft of its wires. The disclosure was made by Additional Secretary Power Division, Syed Imtiaz Hussain Shah, during a meeting of a sub-committee of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Power. The meeting pres..... [more >>](#)

KATI urges govt to withdraw levy on captive power plants

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-21

ISLAMABAD: The Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) has urged Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Ali Pervaiz Malik, to immediately withdraw the levy imposed on Captive Power Plants (CPPs), terming it unjustified and economically damaging. In a letter addressed to the minister, KATI President Ikram Rajput argued that the levy has been justified on the premise of [more >>](#)

No payments through post offices from April: Lesco

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-21

LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has announced that, effective April 1, 2026, consumers will no longer be able to pay their electricity bills through post offices. According to the company, the decision was made in line with the resolution passed during the 309th meeting of its Board of Directors. Consumers have been advised to ensure timely payment of their bills by using [more >>](#)

Furnace oil exports cross 1m tonnes

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-21

KARACHI: Pakistan exported more than one million metric tonnes (MT) of furnace oil during the first seven months (July-January) of the current fiscal year 2025-26, as domestic consumption fell sharply following higher levies and structural changes in the energy mix. According to data released by the oil sector, refineries exported 114,217 MT of furnace oil in January alone. "The export volu..... [more >>](#)

Energy discount fails to impress industry

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-21

ISLAMABAD: The country's business community continues to be unimpressed with the government's 'success story on energy tariff incentives' benefiting more than 127,686 industrial consumers in the first two months and counting. The two sides have exchanged divergent positions on the benefits of a three-year incremental package with a Rs4.04 per unit reduction for industry [more >>](#)

OGDC announces oil, gas discovery at Baragzai X-01 (Slant) in Kohat, KP

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-21

ISLAMABAD - Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC), Pakistan's leading exploration and production company, on Friday, announced a significant oil and gas discovery at its exploratory well Baragzai X-01 (Slant), located in Kohat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The discovery has been made over the Lumshiwal Formation within the Nashpa Exploration Licence. During Cased Hole Dri..... [more >>](#)

Jura Energy faces regulatory scrutiny

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-22

ISLAMABAD: As the Ministry of Energy has initiated proceedings against Jura Energy Corporation for allegedly failing to comply with Pakistani laws, a new development has surfaced relating to a change in the foreign firm's ownership and directors. Acting on directives of the Islamabad High Court to initiate action against the company for non-compliance with petroleum concession agreements, p..... [more >>](#)

Exploration firm faces case over governance

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-22

ISLAMABAD: Jura Energy Corporation is confronting a corporate and legal crisis as a minority shareholder has initiated oppression proceedings before Ontario's Commercial List against the company and its directors. The shareholder claims that governance failures and decisions have allegedly placed the company's entire business at risk. In a lawsuit, the petitioner said that Jura director..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum group imports fall by 4.39pc to \$9.04b in seven months

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-22

ISLAMABAD - The imports of the overall petroleum group decreased by 4.39 percent during the first seven months of the current fiscal year (2025-26) as compared to the corresponding months of the last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. The total imports of the petroleum group during July-January (2025-26) stood at \$9,046.783 million against the imports of \$9,461.924 million dur..... [more >>](#)

Ogra seeks input on dollarised return for oil project

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-23

ISLAMABAD: Amid alerts already raised by two key federal ministries, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has invited expert and public opinion on a rather quick and upfront four-year payback period for a \$432 million government-to-government investment between state-owned entities of Pakistan and Azerbaijan in the oil sector. Ogra has scheduled a public hearing for March 2 and s..... [more >>](#)

Sepco 'suspends' loadshedding during Sehr, Iftar timings throughout Ramazan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-23

LARKANA: The Sukkur Electric Power Company (Sepco) has announced suspension of loadshedding during Sehr and Iftar timings throughout Ramazan in Larkana circle, officials confirmed at a press conference held here on Sunday. Keeping aside the issues of defaulters, Sepco has decided to provide uninterrupted supply to the consumers during the holy month. Superintendent Engineer Mushtaq Hussain [more >>](#)

Industries drive power demand

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-23

Pakistan's national grid power generation in 7MFY26 remained 8 percent below the peak recorded in 7MFY22. At 74 billion kilowatt hours, output was still lower than the same period in FY23 and FY24, and only marginally higher than last year. The broader trend of subdued generation nevertheless saw a meaningful break in January, which became only the fourth instance in the past 18 months where..... [more >>](#)

OGDC posts Rs73.02bn profit with record dividend of Rs7.75 per share

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-24

ISLAMABAD/KARACHI: Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) on Monday announced a second interim cash dividend of Rs4.25 per share for the half year ended December 31, 2025, taking the cumulative payout for the period to a record Rs7.75 per share. The dividend, approved at a meeting of the company's Board of Directors, represents the highest-ever second quarterly dividend in OGDC&rs..... [more >>](#)

PPDA calls for immediate action against alleged solvent oil blending

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-24

KARACHI: The Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) has called on the government to launch an immediate crackdown on the alleged misuse of solvent oil in petroleum products, warning that the illegal practice is harming consumers, distorting markets and causing substantial revenue losses. In a letter to Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik, the association said the issue was discussed durin..... [more >>](#)

Nepra urges completion of key NGC projectsSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's national transmission system — maintained by both the government and K-Electric — continues to struggle to provide cost-effective and reliable power supply to consumers due to grid weaknesses, project delays, underutilisation of expensive foreign-financed assets, and inadequate technical expertise. This alarming situation has been highlighted by the Natio..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL quarterly profit slumps to Rs35bnSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-24

ISLAMABAD: Mainly due to the forced closure of gas fields under government decisions and the impact of lower global prices, Pakistan's largest oil and gas producer has been witnessing a continuous decline in profitability over the past three quarters. One of the country's top profit-earning entities, Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL), on Monday reported a 17 per cent decline..... [more >>](#)

OGDC posts Rs73b profit on higher gas pricesSource: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-24

ISLAMABAD: Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) posted net sales revenue of Rs192.830 billion and profit after tax of Rs73.019 billion, translating into earnings per share (EPS) of Rs16.98, for half year ended December 31, 2025. The board of directors of the exploration and production company, in its meeting held on Monday, announced the results and declared a second interim cash div..... [more >>](#)

OGDC posts Rs73.019b profit in half year, declares record interim dividendSource: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-24

ISLAMABAD - Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) posted net sales revenue of Rs192.830 billion and profit after tax of Rs73.019 billion, translating into earnings per share (EPS) of Rs 16.98, for the half year ended December 31, 2025. The Board of Directors of OGDC, in its meeting held on Monday, announced the results for the period and declared a second interim cash dividend of Rs4..... [more >>](#)

AGP orders HESCO to remove meters of defaultersSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-24

ISLAMABAD: The Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) has directed the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) to remove electricity meters of consumers who have defaulted on three consecutive monthly bills, in accordance with NEPRA regulations. According to Nepra's Consumer Service Manual, if a consumer fails to pay the third month's bill along with arrears of the previous two month..... [more >>](#)

OGDC in 1HFY26Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-24

Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (PSX: OGDC) delivered a softer set of results in 1HFY26, reflecting a combination of lower hydrocarbon revenues, margin compression, and rising cost pressures. Net sales for 1HFY26 declined 6.6 percent year-on-year, primarily driven by lower realized prices and volumetric pressures. The topline weakness was visible across the second quarter as well, whe..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan eyes first 200MW deal under wheeling auction by JuneSource: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-25

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan expects to complete its first 200-megawatt electricity transaction under a competitive wheeling auction by June, Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awaiz Ahmed Khan Leghari said Tuesday, after a summary on the 200MW auction was sent to the prime minister for approval, a key step in the country's transition toward a competitive power market. The 200MW transaction will be c..... [more >>](#)

OGDC says Reko Diq development on track

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-25

KARACHI: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) said work on the strategically significant Reko Diq copper-gold project remains on schedule, as it continued to inject fresh capital into the multibillion-dollar venture during the first half of FY26. Speaking at a corporate briefing on its first-half results, management said there had been no delays in the development of Reko Diq and that..... [more >>](#)

Leghari hopeful of CMOD deal by June

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-25

ISLAMABAD: The first 200 megawatts (MW) electricity transaction under the newly launched Competitive Market Operations Date (CMOD) regime is expected to be completed by June this year, said Power Minister Sardar Awaiz Ahmed Khan Leghari on Tuesday. Speaking at the declaring ceremony of the CMOD, the minister said the transaction will mark a significant milestone in Pakistan's transition tow..... [more >>](#)

NGC concerned over Nepra's FY2024–25 transmission performance report

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-25

LAHORE - National Grid Company of Pakistan has expressed serious reservations regarding the questions raised in NEPRA's performance evaluation report of the transmission sector for FY2024-25. While highlighting the importance of a reliable national transmission system, the company stated that it always remains fully committed to maintaining system stability, operational efficiency and as suc..... [more >>](#)

CMOD regime: Pakistan to finalise first 200MW deal via wheeling auction by June

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-25

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan is likely to finalise first 200MW electricity deal under Competitive Market Operations Date (CMOD) regime via wheeling auction by June this year. "A summary related to the auction of 200MW wheeling capacity has been forwarded to the Prime Minister for approval," Federal Minister for Power Awaiz Leghari said Tuesday while addressing the CMOD declaration ceremony. Th..... [more >>](#)

200MW trade under CTBCM model; Summary sent to PM for approval: Awaiz

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-25

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Sardar Awaiz Ahmad Khan Leghari on Tuesday said a summary has been sent to the Prime Minister for final approval to launch 200 MW electricity trading under the Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM) model. Addressing a ceremony marking the formal Commercial Market Operation Date (CMOD), the Minister stated that most issues related to electricity wh..... [more >>](#)

Stable margins anchor POL's 1HFY26

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-25

In 1HFY26, Pakistan Oilfields Limited (PSX: POL) delivered a resilient earnings performance despite a decline in the topline and a sharp decline in other income. Net sales for POL fell 9 percent year-on-year, primarily reflecting lower realized oil prices during the period. Gross profit declined in line with revenue, down 9 percent year-on-year, with gross margins largely stable at around 65 perce..... [more >>](#)

Nepra admits tariff review for Karachi nuclear units after loan extension

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power regulator has admitted tariff revision petitions for two Karachi nuclear power units after their operator secured a two-year extension and grace period on a Chinese loan, a move that could affect future electricity pricing. In a public notice, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) said it has taken up modification requests filed by the Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

Discos bleed Rs397bn in FY25: NepraSource: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power distribution companies bled a combined Rs397 billion in FY2024-25 due to unchecked transmission and distribution (T&D) losses and weak bill recoveries, intensifying circular debt and exposing deep governance failures, according to the latest Performance Evaluation Report issued by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra). The report shows Rs26..... [more >>](#)

Minister claims success in halting gas sector circular debtSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-26

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik has announced that the government has successfully halted the accumulation of circular debt in Pakistan's gas sector, citing key reforms aimed at building a more efficient and sustainable energy system. He made these remarks at the Pakistan Governance Forum, organised by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives..... [more >>](#)

OGDC receives eighth interest instalment under circular debt planSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-26

KARACHI: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) said it has received Rs7.725 billion from Power Holding (Private) Limited (PHL), marking the eighth consecutive monthly interest payment under the government's circular debt settlement plan. The payment forms part of a total Rs92 billion interest repayment to be made in 12 equal monthly instalments starting from July 2025, the company..... [more >>](#)

Power sector bleeds Rs1tr annuallySource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power distribution system is bleeding over Rs1 trillion annually due to transmission and distribution losses and unpaid bills, struggling to deliver reliable and quality electricity to consumers and the economy. This has been concluded by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) in its Performance Evaluation Report of Distribution Companies for FY25, [more >>](#)

In the DarkSource: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

Residents of Gilgit-Baltistan are up in arms over increasingly prolonged power outages across the region. The crisis has escalated to the point where, in many areas, electricity is supplied for barely two hours a day, and even then at such low voltage that residents cannot operate essential equipment. Water pumps and heaters, vital for sustaining daily life in a harsh mountainous climate, remain u..... [more >>](#)

Discos incurred Rs472b losses in FY2024-25: NepraSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-26

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's power distribution companies (Discos) incurred Rs472 billion losses on account of transmission and distribution losses and less recoveries during the FY2024-25, revealed National Electric Power Regulatory Authority. Beside monetary losses, safety performance in the power sector witnessed a troubling decline during FY2024-25 with 118 fatalities reported across var..... [more >>](#)

Nepra recommends sweeping reformsSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-26

ISLAMABAD: While expressing serious concerns over the power sector performance during FY 2024-25, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has recommended reforms including restructuring large DISCOs into smaller, more efficient units, advancing privatization and public-private partnership initiatives, and phasing out the AT&C losses-based policy. According to power secto..... [more >>](#)

Transition to competitive electricity market

Source: [Zafar Yab Khan](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

Pakistan has entered a defining phase in the evolution of its power sector. With the successful achievement of Commercial Market Operation Date (CMOD) on January 22, 2026, the country has formally transitioned from a centrally managed, single-buyer market framework towards a competitive electricity market model. This shift represents not merely a regulatory milestone, but a structural transformati..... [more >>](#)

Increased per-unit power costs;Nepra report identifies reason

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has stated that underutilization of power plants, combined with excess installed capacity, significantly increased per-unit electricity costs during FY 2024–25, primarily due to higher capacity payments. The regulator emphasized that a balanced generation mix and improved system efficiency are essential to reduce electricity..... [more >>](#)

Monthly FCA; Consumers of Discos & KE set to pay extra Rs18bn

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: Consumers of Power Distribution Companies (Discos) and K-Electric are set to pay an additional amount exceeding Rs 18 billion under the monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) at Rs 1.78 per unit, along with 18 percent GST. The increase is primarily attributed to an unprecedented 14 percent rise in power generation (1,100 million units) in January and a revision in the FCA reference for J..... [more >>](#)

Discos' PER; PD rejects Nepra's claims

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has rejected claims made by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) in its Performance Evaluation Report of Distribution Companies for FY 2024-25. Rebutting the report, Power Division said, a recent NEPRA report also published in the press, has painted a concerning picture of the power sector. While we respect the Authority's oversight role..... [more >>](#)

PCAs and ELs inked; Govt awards 11 onshore exploration blocks

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division Thursday signed Petroleum Concession Agreements (PCAs) and Exploration Licences (ELs) awarding 11 onshore blocks marking a significant step forward in advancing oil and gas exploration activities across the country. The signing ceremony was held in Islamabad, and was graced by the Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik. The awarded blocks include ei..... [more >>](#)

White oil, black hole?

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

There is a plan to build a white oil pipeline to transport petrol and diesel from around Lahore to Peshawar at nearly double the existing peak-load capacity, with a financial structure offering dollarized guaranteed returns irrespective of capacity utilization. Currently, two white oil pipelines carry molecules from Karachi to Multan to Faisalabad to Lahore (the actual pipeline points differ; thes..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL signs PCAs for five new exploration blocks

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Pakistan's largest exploration and production company on Thursday signed Petroleum Concession Agreements (PCAs) for five new exploration blocks awarded in the bidding round held on April 30, 2025. The signing ceremony for the blocks was held at the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) in Islamabad. The provisional awards had been..... [more >>](#)

Plug the leaks Power losses top Rs1trn as Pakistan's grid falters under theft and inefficiency

Source: Editorial, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

Pakistan's power sector is structurally haemorrhaging. The regulator's latest performance review confirms what consumers and industry have long experienced —a distribution system losing over Rs1 trillion annually through transmission inefficiencies and unpaid bills, while failing to deliver reliable electricity. Transmission and distribution losses among ex-Wapda distribution compan..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan awards 11 oil and gas blocks, secures Rs8.66bn investment

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday awarded 11 onshore oil and gas blocks to major domestic players, securing over Rs8.66 billion in committed investments and more than Rs276 million for local social welfare projects, marking a significant push to boost domestic energy production and reduce reliance on imports. The Petroleum Concession Agreements (PCAs) and Exploration Licences (ELs) were signe..... [more >>](#)

Nepra warns electricity prices 'moving wrong way'

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power regulator has warned that electricity prices are moving in the wrong direction as utilities sought a Rs1.78 per unit increase driven by expensive fuel use, during a public hearing held on Thursday by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra). "We hoped for better results, but things are going the opposite way," said Nepra Member Punja..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan pays Rs2.94tr for underused power

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's policymakers are presiding over a power system that paid Rs2.94 trillion (\$10.5bn) for electricity in FY2024-25, with over three-fifth of that bill locked into capacity payments for plants that ran at barely 42.5 per cent utilisation, exposing a structural policy failure that continues to inflate tariffs and strain public finances. A new Performance Evaluation Report o..... [more >>](#)

Govt allows 138,000 tonnes of HSD imports for March

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2026-02-27

KARACHI: The government has allowed two oil marketing companies (OMCs) to import 138,000 tonnes of high-speed diesel (HSD) in March this year. At a Product Review Meeting (PRM), the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) allowed Pakistan State Oil (PSO) to import 100,000 tonnes of HSD in March. The regulator also extended permission to Gas & Oil Pakistan Limited to import 38,000 tonnes of HS..... [more >>](#)

Power Division contests Nepra findings

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division on Thursday expressed displeasure over a damning report of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) about poor performance of the power distribution companies in 2024-25, saying the report ignored improved ground realities. It said the Nepra report that "painted a concerning picture of the power sector" and the data presented in report d..... [more >>](#)

Fuel cost adjustment row erupts over PM's power package

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: In a befitting response to industrialists' claims about the erosion of the prime minister's Rs4.04 per unit tariff relief package, the government on Thursday said it had provided Rs15 billion in free working capital to industry for 90 days and was now seeking to recover it through a Rs1.78 per unit fuel cost adjustment (FCA) in March. "This is not an additional cost..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices likely to rise by Rs7 for next fortnight

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The prices of all petroleum products were estimated to increase by Rs4.50 to Rs7 per litre on Saturday for the next fortnight ending March 15, owing to a slight upward trend in the international market. Official sources said the benchmark crude prices had slightly moved up this week in view of regional tensions. Therefore, the price of all products, including petrol, high speed diesel [more >>](#)

FCAs & QTAs variable components; Relief package forms part of base tariff: PD

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division on Friday clarified that the Prime Minister's relief package of Rs 4.04 per unit for industry forms part of the base tariff, while Fuel Cost Adjustments (FCAs) and Quarterly Tariff Adjustments (QTAs) are variable components applied on a monthly and quarterly basis. In a statement, the spokesperson for the Power Division said recent media reports had created..... [more >>](#)

Wafi Energy Pakistan posts Rs3.54bn profit

Source: [Muhammad Saqib](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-28

KARACHI: Wafi Energy Pakistan Limited (WEPL) reported a profit after tax of Rs3.54 billion for the year ended in December 2025, registering a growth of 7.5 percent compared with the previous year, as the company expanded its retail network and lubricant business during its first full year of operations in Pakistan. The financial results were approved by the company's Board of Directors,..... [more >>](#)

Senate panel warns of \$3.5bn Bhasha Dam funding gap, mounting flood risks

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Senate warned that a \$3.5 billion funding gap faced by the country's flagship Diamer-Bhasha Dam project and mounting encroachments along riverbeds are amplifying flood risks, as officials said India considers the decades-old Indus Waters Treaty "suspended" — a claim Islamabad rejects. The Senate Standing Committee on Water Resources said Thursda..... [more >>](#)

Nepra under fire over net metering policy change

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power and Regulatory Authority (Nepra) came under fire on Monday over abrupt changes to the net metering policy, as the National Assembly Standing Committee on Industries and Production questioned the rationale of the move which would "shatter the trust of the investors in the government policies". In a meeting held under the chairmanship of MQM..... [more >>](#)

FY2026–27; NA panel suggests 64 water, hydropower projects

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly Standing Committee on Water Resources on Wednesday recommended 64 water and hydropower projects for the financial year 2026–27 at an estimated cost of Rs 976 billion, amid complaints regarding the slow release of allocated funds by the Ministry of Water Resources. The meeting, presided over by Ahmad Ateeq Anwar, commenced nearly 30 minutes late due to a [more >>](#)

Sui gas companies suffer Rs60b annually due to theft; NA panel calls for privatisation of the two gas utilities

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-21

ISLAMABAD - State-owned Sui gas companies are losing Rs60 billion annually due to gas theft and leakages, as members of a parliamentary panel on Friday called for the privatisation of both companies. The National Assembly's Standing Committee on Petroleum, chaired by Syed Mustafa Mehmood, questioned officials about the rising losses and the overall financial health of the gas companies. W..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan considers resuming Russian crude imports ahead of PM's Moscow visit

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-19

KARACHI: Pakistan is considering resuming imports of Russian crude oil, with the issue expected to be explored during the prime minister's visit to Russia next month. Pakistan previously imported Russian crude in 2023, when two refineries purchased 200,000 metric tonnes of Urals crude. The imports were subsequently halted after the cargoes proved financially unviable and amid the rising a..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, Turkmenistan discuss regional energy links

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-25

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Sardar Awaiz Ahmed Khan Leghari on Tuesday met Turkmenistan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Atadjan Movlamov, with discussions focusing on regional energy connectivity and cross-border cooperation between Pakistan and Central Asia. According to an official statement, the meeting took place at the Ministry of Energy, where the minister welcome..... [more >>](#)

Electric Incentives

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

Pakistan's push towards adopting electric vehicles in all their configurations — whether plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs), hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) or pure battery electric vehicles (BEVs) — has gathered pace. The country has recently witnessed a noticeable uptick in the sale and purchase of these cars, mirroring the rapid expansion of solarisation across the count..... [more >>](#)

Sindh Assembly for no gas load-shedding during Sehri, Iftar hours

Source: [Anwar Khan](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

KARACHI: The Sindh Assembly on Tuesday unanimously adopted two key resolutions—calling for uninterrupted gas supply during Sehri and Iftar hours in the month of Ramazan and increasing insurance compensation in case of accidents from Rs100,000 to Rs500,000. The House; however, rejected two resolutions of the opposition. The Private Members' Day session presided over by Speaker Sy..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Call to revisit new solar policy

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-16

LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer of Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) Mian Kashif Ashfaq on Sunday called for revisiting the new solar policy fully ensuring people-friendly and supportive of sustainable economic growth. Chairing here board of directors meeting, he emphasised that solar energy has emerged as a reliable and affordable alternative for industry, agriculture, domestic and small busines..... [more >>](#)

Land of the unclear

Source: [Umair Javed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-16

AT the time of writing, the contractual status of net-metered solar connections remains unclear. New regulations from Nepra, backed by the Power Division, converted all new and existing customers to a net-billing scheme, drastically reducing the buyback rate. Shortly after, though, the prime minister entered the fray and asked the same Power Division to challenge the regulator's decision. [more >>](#)

Net-metering: how a policy turns into a fiasco

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2026-02-16

First things first, Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awaiz Khan Leghari has defended recent regulatory changes relating to solar net-metering while responding to a Senate resolution seeking protection for rooftop solar users and alignment of proposed regulations with national renewable energy policy. The resolution was later deferred after debate in the upper house for further consideration. More..... [more >>](#)

Nepra unveils new draft of solar regulation amid widespread criticism

Source: [Saif Ur Rehman](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-02-16

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has released a draft of its solar regulation 2026 amid intense public backlash over revised net metering rules. "The Authority is pleased to publish draft of the amendment to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Prosumer) Regulations, 2026 for eliciting public opinion," read a statement issued by the regulator. N..... [more >>](#)

How Pakistan penalised a green revolution

Source: [Mir Adnan Aziz](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-02-17

Ironically, public policy reversals in Pakistan never exact a price from the designers. The burden always falls on those who endure them – the powerless people. The latest example is the dilution of the net metering regime. For years, citizens were encouraged to adopt a cleaner, more responsible energy transition by installing solar panels. Confronted with soaring electricity tariffs and re..... [more >>](#)

Nepra shields existing solar users from new billing rules

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power regulator to protect existing rooftop solar users from sudden financial losses, proposing a rule change that would lock in their current billing terms until their contracts expire. However, new solar customers are shifted to a less generous system. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Monday issued a draft amendment to its Prosumer Regulati..... [more >>](#)

MNAs slam solar power policy change

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentarians and even government officials in the National Assembly Standing Committee on Industries and Production on Monday denounced the change in solar net metering policy by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra). The committee met under the chairmanship of Syed Hafeezuddin, who raised the issue of amendments to the net metering policy as the regulator has n..... [more >>](#)

The Solar Trap Stop viewing the sun as a threat to your revenue. Stop planning taxes on sunshine.

Source: [Nadir Nabil Gabol](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2026-02-17

Imagine a shopkeeper in Hyderabad or a schoolteacher in Karachi who spends their life savings to install a few solar panels on their roof. They didn't do it to become energy tycoons or to bankrupt the national grid. They did it because the electricity bill sitting on their kitchen table was eating up half their monthly salary. For the last few weeks, all we have heard from Islamabad and p..... [more >>](#)

COMMENT: The solar U-turn: a multi-billion dollar blunder

Source: [Dr Farrukh Saleem](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-02-18

Pakistan announces incentives. Pakistan holds roadshows. Pakistan signs agreements. Capital arrives. Plants are built. Jobs are created. Lo and behold, comes the U-turn. Tariffs are altered. Formula changed. Contract reinterpreted. Our government thinks investors forget. Red alert: Investors do not forget — capital has memory. Vietnam did not grow exports from \$2 billion to over \$400 billi..... [more >>](#)

Solar without net metering

Source: [Waqas Bin Najib](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

A REVISION to the solar home systems regulations is the right policy direction. This should have been done much earlier. The net metering policy for solar installations was announced in 2015, when solar PV was three times the price it is today. Solar PV installation at homes was not financially attractive. The policy enabled customers to install grid-connected solar systems and to supply excess e..... [more >>](#)

Solar interrupted

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

The fact that Nepra's controversial decision to radically alter the incentive structure for distributed solar power met with strong criticism during a parliamentary panel meeting on Monday is not surprising. Both parliamentarians and government officials were critical of the changes that have effectively terminated the 'unit-for-unit energy exchange' between prosumers and the gri..... [more >>](#)

Net-metering changes worry lawmakers

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentary Forum on Energy and Economy here on Tuesday raised concerns over consumer rights after changes to net-metering by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa). A discussion session organised by the Forum examined the implications of the recently approved Prosumer Regulation 2026 by Nepa, raising concerns about consumer rights, regulatory predictability,..... [more >>](#)

Prosumer Regulations: A constitutional question

Source: [Ahmed Kamran](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-18

Regulation 21(2) of the Nepa (Prosumer) Regulations, 2026 raises a constitutional question that goes far beyond electricity billing. It touches the limits of delegated authority, the doctrine against retrospective impairment, and the sanctity of contracts entered into under a statutory regime. The clause is drafted to mask the extent of the change it introduces. It repeals the 2015 Net Meter..... [more >>](#)

The renewable tipping point

Source: [Khurram Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

An important tipping point is approaching and decision time is here. The tipping point is the cost at which battery storage of a single unit of electricity becomes competitive with grid-connected power generation systems. Once we cross that point everything changes, and we could be less than a couple of years away now. By one estimate, the total cost of a utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Sy..... [more >>](#)

Govt to clear net metering applications filed by Feb 8

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-19

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has decided to process all pending net metering applications submitted by February 8 under the previous regulatory framework, according to a statement issued by the Power Division on Thursday. It directed that applications received by the cut-off date be handled under the old rules, instructing all electricity distribution companies, including K-Electric, to i..... [more >>](#)

Govt to honour net-metering requests filed before Feb 8 under old rules

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-20

ISLAMABAD: To salvage government credibility, Power Minister Awais Leghari on Thursday decided to honour all applicants of net-metering solar connections till the change of regulations on Feb 8 and directed electricity distribution companies (Discos), including K-Electric, for its implementation. At a meeting of the Power Division's attached entities, the minister was informed that 5,165 [more >>](#)

Governor launches solar power initiative at Darbar Bibi Pak Daman

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-20

Sardar Saleem Haider Khan inaugurated a new solar energy system during his visit to Darbar Bibi Pak Daman, marking a step toward sustainable energy use at the historic shrine. While addressing attendees, the Governor underscored the need to uphold the sanctity of religious sites and ensure that devotees are provided with proper facilities. He offered Nawafil prayers inside the shrine and made s..... [more >>](#)

Ongoing energy transitions

Source: [Mohiuddin Aazim](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-23

Pakistan faces chronic energy shortages amidst mounting fiscal stress, with state-owned enterprise losses exceeding Rs832 billion in FY25 even as the country negotiates electricity tariff reforms with the International Monetary Fund. Amid these pressures, a quieter but potentially transformative shift is taking shape in the corporate sector, as firms begin moving towards cleaner energy and more..... [more >>](#)

Judiciary focusing on solarisation

Source: [Nasir Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-27

ISLAMABAD: Reinforcing a reform vision that integrates sustainability with institutional resilience, Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) and Chairman, Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (LJCP) Yahya Afridi on Thursday presided over a high-level review meeting to assess the progress of nationwide judicial infrastructure reforms, with a central focus on the solarisation of courtrooms and bar rooms t..... [more >>](#)

OGRA orders refineries to ensure adequate oil reserves due to Middle East situation

Source: [Web Desk / Reuter](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-28

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Saturday ordered all stakeholders to make certain and ensure an adequate stock of petroleum products amid the raging conflict in the Middle East unleashed by attacks of Israel and the United States on Iran that prompted retaliatory strikes. Earlier in the day, the US and Israel jointly launched strikes on Iran that pushed the Middle East into renew..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Press Releases

'Survey shows strikingly upward trend in poverty'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-26

Islamabad: Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Executive Director Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri has said that Pakistan's most updated Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES), gathered after six years, shows strikingly upward trend in poverty rise in the country that can be controlled by prioritising inclusive growth, job creation, price stability and equitable resource distribution ra..... [more >>](#)

Poverty can be controlled by focusing on inclusive growth, job creation, price stability: Dr Suleri

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-02-25

ISLAMABAD, Feb 25 (APP): Pakistan's most updated Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES), gathered after six years, has shown strikingly upward trend in poverty rise in the country that can be controlled by prioritizing inclusive growth, job creation, price stability, and equitable resource distribution rather than focusing solely on GDP growth. These views were expressed by Dr Abid Q..... [more >>](#)

Poverty can be controlled by focusing on inclusive growth, job creation, price stability: Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-02-25

ISLAMABAD, Feb 25 (SABAH): Pakistan's most updated Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES), gathered after six years, has shown strikingly upward trend in poverty rise in the country that can be controlled by prioritizing inclusive growth, job creation, price stability, and equitable resource distribution rather than focusing solely on GDP growth. These views were expressed by Dr Abid Q..... [more >>](#)

Poverty Can Be Controlled By Focusing On Inclusive Growth, Job Creation, Price Stability: Dr Suleri

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-02-25

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 25th Feb, 2026) Pakistan's most updated Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES), gathered after six years, has shown strikingly upward trend in poverty rise in the country that can be controlled by prioritizing inclusive growth, job creation, price stability, and equitable resource distribution rather than focusing solely on GDP growth. [more >>](#)

غربت رپورٹ خطرے کی گھنٹی، ہر تین میں سے ایک پاکستانی خط غربت سے نیچے

Source: [Tanvir Hashmi](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2026-02-26

اسلام آباد (تنویر ہاشمی) چھ سال بعد آنے والی غربت رپورٹ نے خطرے کی گھنٹی بجا دی ہے، ہر تین میں سے ایک پاکستانی خط غربت سے نیچے زندگی گزار رہا ہے، غربت اعدادوشمار بہتر بنانے سے نہیں وسائل کی منصفانہ تقسیم سے ختم ہو گی، ان خیالات کا اظہار [more >>](#).....

SDPI Articles

Integrated protection

Source: [Ali Rehmat Shimshali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-16

Pakistan has endured catastrophic floods in 2010, 2022 and 2025, each exposing vulnerabilities while testing national resilience, with immense human, economic and infrastructural losses. The 2010 floods, triggered by extreme monsoon rains, deforestation and poor watershed management, affected over 18 million people and caused nearly 2,000 deaths. In 2022, exceptional rainfall combined with satura..... [more >>](#)

Why services exports matter

Source: [Asif Javed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-16

Pakistan's economic discourse has traditionally centred on expanding exports of goods, particularly textiles and agricultural products. Despite repeated policy interventions, this strategy has delivered limited and volatile results, leaving the economy exposed to persistent trade and current account pressures. In contrast, services exports, a rapidly expanding component of global trade, rema..... [more >>](#)

The social justice divide

Source: [Shoaib Aziz](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-20

At its core, social justice is the promise that no citizen is left behind. Yet for millions of Pakistanis, this promise remains unfulfilled. The roots of these persistent inequalities lie in imbalanced development, faulty policymaking and skewed resource prioritisation. Political instability, climate change, patronage politics, corruption and sharp regional economic disparities have combined to p..... [more >>](#)

Beyond parallel systems

Source: [Hassan Murtaza Syed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-21

Education is often called the great equaliser. In Pakistan, however, it has quietly become one of the strongest markers of inequality. A child's future is shaped less by talent or hard work and more by the type of school their family can afford or access. Public schools, private institutions and religious seminaries operate side by side, educating millions, yet rarely intersect in purpose, [more >>](#)

Nicotine-free world

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-22

Across the world, a new public health crisis is silently unfolding, one that threatens to undo decades of progress in combating addiction and disease, and Pakistan is no exception to this. While traditional tobacco use has been pushed down in many parts of the globe, the tobacco and nicotine industry has shifted its focus to products like e-cigarettes, vapes and nicotine pouches. These products ar..... [more >>](#)

Coastal development

Source: [Naseer Memon](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-22

The federal government has once again shown interest in starting mega-projects along the Sindh coastline. Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry has announced an ambitious plan to transform the Ziarat Hasan Shah Island into a premier eco-tourism and lifestyle destination. The plan envisages to make the island a flagship..... [more >>](#)

The poverty reality check

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-24

For nearly six years, Pakistan debated growth, inflation and reform without updated poverty data. We argued about policy direction but lacked the evidence to judge how those choices were affecting ordinary households. The new poverty estimates from the Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES) finally bring some clarity and offer a reality check on where the country stands. The findings are sob..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's AI Ambitions: Islamabad AI Declaration And The Quest For True Sovereignty

Source: [Sarah Siddiq Aneel](#), [The Friday Times](#), 2026-02-23

In Islamabad this month, beneath winter skies and the outline of the Margalla Hills, Pakistan staged its first 'Indus AI Week', which felt equal parts tech summit and national strategy session. University students crowded panel discussions on compute infrastructure; civil servants debated regulatory frameworks; startup founders pitched sovereign cloud ambitions. The branding was con..... [more >>](#)

Cost of feed insecurity in Pakistan's poultry production

Source: Yahya Gulraiz and Dr Kashif Salik, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-02-25

Over the years, poultry meat has emerged as one of the most popular protein sources for consumers, largely due to its year-round availability and relative affordability in Pakistan. Poultry provides high-quality protein through table eggs and chicken meat. In Pakistan, the sector accounts for approximately 43.3 percent of total meat production, with an estimated per capita consumption at 69-70 gra..... [more >>](#)

Adaptation beyond optics

Source: Zainab Naeem, [The News, International](#), 2026-02-26

Climate adaptation in Pakistan must not become an exercise in optics, nor should it be reduced to producing attractive reports or donor-developed frameworks that look impressive on paper but barely touch realities on the ground. If adaptation is treated as a performative agenda rather than a survival imperative, it risks failing precisely those communities that are already living with climate str..... [more >>](#)

Adaptation beyond optics

Source: Zainab Naeem, [Geo News](#), 2026-02-26

Climate adaptation in Pakistan must not become an exercise in optics, nor should it be reduced to producing attractive reports or donor-developed frameworks that look impressive on paper but barely touch realities on the ground. If adaptation is treated as a performative agenda rather than a survival imperative, it risks failing precisely those communities that are already living with climate str..... [more >>](#)

How are the SDGs doing?

Source: Ali Rehmat Shimshali, [The News, International](#), 2026-02-28

Pakistan is an investment-starved country. The ways and means to attract investment are not working well. The Board of Investment (BOI) has utterly failed to attract investment into the country. The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has also miserably failed to boost investment. It is quite surprising that the government has failed, despite its best efforts, to boost FDI and achieve [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related Articles

Digital and Financial Literacy: Empowering women and building climate resilience in Sindh

Source: Johanna Knoess, [GIZ Pakistan](#), 2026-02-23

Across Sindh, women are gaining the digital and financial skills they need to manage money, access social protection, and respond to climate shocks. Discover how community-based training is strengthening resilience and confidence. Two women from Sindh reading a manual on digital literacy © GIZ Pakistan Why digital and financial literacy matters Across Sindh, women play a critical role i..... [more >>](#)

Seminar News

Experts call for radical tax cuts for 5G technology rollout in Pakistan

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-02-16

ISLAMABAD, Feb 16 (SABAH): The successful rollout and adoption of 5G technology in Pakistan hinges on radical tax cuts and business to business strategy, otherwise the country's transition to 5G will remain in low pace due to crippling taxation, high handset costs, and the lack of industrial use cases. This was crux of a debate on Monday seminar, titled: "5G Imperative in Pakistan: [more >>](#)

Experts Call For Radical Tax Cuts For 5G Technology Roll-out In Pakistan

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-02-16

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 16th Feb, 2026) The successful roll-out and adoption of 5G technology in Pakistan hinges on radical tax cuts and business-to-business strategy, otherwise the country's transition to 5G will remain in low pace due to crippling taxation, high handset costs, and the lack of industrial use cases. This was crux of a debate on Monday seminar, ti..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for radical tax cuts for 5G roll-out in Pakistan

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2026-02-17

The successful roll-out and adoption of 5G technology in Pakistan hinges on radical tax cuts and business-to-business strategy, otherwise the country's transition to 5G will remain in low pace due to crippling taxation, high handset costs, and the lack of industrial use cases. This was crux of a debate on Monday seminar, titled: "5G Imperative in Pakistan: The Need for Comprehensive..... [more >>](#)

Experts stress radical tax cuts for 5G technology roll-out in Pakistan

Source: [APP](#), [Dunya News](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD (APP) - The successful roll-out and adoption of 5G technology in Pakistan hinges on radical tax cuts and business-to-business strategy, otherwise the country's transition to 5G will remain in low pace due to crippling taxation, high handset costs, and the lack of industrial use cases. This was crux of a debate on Monday seminar, titled: "5G Imperative in Pakistan: The Need f..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for radical tax cuts for 5G technology roll-out in Pakistan

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-02-16

ISLAMABAD, Feb 16 (APP): The successful roll-out and adoption of 5G technology in Pakistan hinges on radical tax cuts and business-to-business strategy, otherwise the country's transition to 5G will remain in low pace due to crippling taxation, high handset costs, and the lack of industrial use cases. This was crux of a debate on Monday seminar, titled: "5G Imperative in Pakistan: The [more >>](#)

Aggressive tax cuts crucial for successful 5G rollout and adoption in Pakistan

Source: [Hamza Shahnawaz](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2026-02-16

Islamabad, February 16, 2026 – The successful rollout and widespread adoption of 5G technology in Pakistan hinges on radical tax cuts, supportive regulation, and a strong business-to-business (B2B) strategy, experts said on Monday, warning that without decisive reforms, the country's transition to next-generation connectivity will remain sluggish. This consensus emerged during a sem..... [more >>](#)

Experts Seek Sharp Tax Cuts to Accelerate 5G Rollout in Pakistan

Source: [Usama Anjum](#), [Phone World](#), 2026-02-16

Telecommunications experts, policymakers, and industry representatives on Monday called for substantial tax reductions and a shift toward business-focused applications to ensure a viable rollout of 5G in Pakistan, warning that excessive taxation and weak industrial demand could slow the country's digital transition. The discussion took place at a seminar titled "5G Imperative in Pak..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for radical tax cuts for 5G technology roll-out

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-02-17

Islamabad: SDPI's distinguished Advisor Emeritus Brig (r) Mohammad Yasin termed the forthcoming auction of nearly 600 MHz of spectrum as potentially the largest in Pakistan's history, calling it a structural shift rather than merely a technological upgrade. Yasin was participating in a seminar, on "5G imperative in Pakistan: the need for comprehensive infrastructure, economic rea..... [more >>](#)

پاکستان میں فانیو جی کا مستقبل ٹیکس و ادارہ جاتی اصلاحات اور صنعتی حکمت عملی سے مشروط ہے، آئی ٹی ماہرین

Source: APP, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-02-16

اسلام آباد (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 16 فروری 2026ء) ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن و آئی ٹی ماہرین نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں فانیو جی کا مستقبل ٹیکس و ادارہ جاتی اصلاحات اور صنعتی حکمت عملی سے مشروط ہے، واضح حکمت عملی کے بغیر [more >>](#)..... □

پاکستان میں فانیو جی کا مستقبل ٹیکس اصلاحات اور صنعتی حکمت عملی سے مشروط ہے: ماہرین

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-02-16

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین اور پالیسی سازوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں فانیو جی ٹیکنالوجی کا کامیاب آغاز بھاری ٹیکسوں میں نمایاں کمی، بزنس ٹو بزنس حکمت عملی، سستے موبائل فونز اور جامع پالیسی و ادارہ جاتی اصلاحات [more >>](#).....

پاکستان میں فانیو جی کا مستقبل ٹیکس اصلاحات اور صنعتی حکمت عملی سے مشروط ہے: ماہرین

Source: Sufiyan Paracha, [Daily Mudabbir](#), 2026-02-17

..... [more >>](#)

'Online harassment forces 15pc women to leave jobs'

Source: Rasheed Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2026-02-18

Islamabad: Naghmana Hashmi, advisor for Federal Ombudsperson Secretariat for Protection Against Harassment at Workplace (FOSPAH), has said that nearly 15 per cent of professional women are compelled to leave their jobs due to online harassment. Ms Hashmi was addressing a seminar about technology-facilitated violence against women and girls hosted here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (S..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for 'OneStop' crisis centers to combat VAW as cybercrime surges

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD, Feb 17 (SABAH): Experts and digital rights advocates have stressed the need for an urgent overhaul of Pakistan's cyber governance, suggesting the establishment of "OneStop Crisis Centers" to combat a staggering rise in technology facilitated violence against women and girls (TFVAW). The call was made during a high-level seminar hosted by the Sustainable Development Poli..... [more >>](#)

Experts Call For 'One-Stop' Crisis Centers To Combat VAW As Cybercrime Surges

Source: APP, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 17th Feb, 2026) Experts and digital rights advocates have stressed the need for an urgent overhaul of Pakistan's cyber-governance, suggesting the establishment of "One-Stop Crisis Centers" to combat a staggering rise in technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (TFVAW). The call was made during a high-level semina..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for 'One-Stop' crisis centers to combat VAW as cybercrime surges

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD, Feb 17 (APP): Experts and digital rights advocates have stressed the need for an urgent overhaul of Pakistan's cyber-governance, suggesting the establishment of "One-Stop Crisis Centers" to combat a staggering rise in technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (TFVAW). The call was made during a high-level seminar hosted by the Sustainable Development Po..... [more >>](#)

Establish One Stop Crisis Centers to Tackle TFVAW

Source: News Desk, [Peak Point](#), 2026-02-17

Experts and digital rights advocates at a Sustainable Development Policy Institute seminar in Islamabad urged swift reform of Pakistan's cyber-governance and the rollout of One Stop Crisis Centers to address the sharp rise in

technology-facilitated violence against women and girls. The panel underlined that cybercrime complaints climbed to a record 171,000 in 2025, up from 102,000 five years..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for 'One-Stop' crisis centers to combat VAW as cybercrime surges

Source: [DNA](#), [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD, Feb 17: Experts and digital rights advocates have stressed the need for an urgent overhaul of Pakistan's cyber-governance, suggesting the establishment of "One-Stop Crisis Centers" to combat a staggering rise in technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (TFVAW). The call was made during a high-level seminar hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy In..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for 'One-Stop' crisis centers to combat VAW as cybercrime surges

Source: [DNA News](#), [DNA News](#), 2026-02-17

ISLAMABAD, Feb 17: Experts and digital rights advocates have stressed the need for an urgent overhaul of Pakistan's cyber-governance, suggesting the establishment of "One-Stop Crisis Centers" to combat a staggering rise in technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (TFVAW). The call was made during a high-level seminar hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy In..... [more >>](#)

خواتین اور بچیوں کے خلاف ٹیکنالوجی کے ذریعے تشدد میں اضافہ تشویشناک ہے، ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-02-17

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) پاکستان میں خواتین اور بچیوں کے خلاف ٹیکنالوجی کے ذریعے ہونے والے تشدد میں خطرناک اضافے کے پیش نظر قانونی ماہرین، قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں اور ڈیجیٹل حقوق کے کارکنوں نے سائبر گورننس نظام میں فو..... [more >>](#)

ایس ڈی پی آئی کے زیر اہتمام اعلیٰ سطح کا سیمینار، قانونی ماہرین، قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں اور ڈیجیٹل حقوق کے کارکنوں کا سائبر گورننس نظام میں فوری اصلاحات کا مطالبہ

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-02-17

اسلام آباد (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبار تازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 17 فروری 2026ء) خواتین اور بچیوں کے خلاف ٹیکنالوجی کے ذریعے ہونے والے تشدد میں اضافے کے پیش نظر قانونی ماہرین، قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں اور ڈیجیٹل حقوق کے کارکنوں نے سائبر..... [more >>](#)

© 2026 All rights reserved

Newsletter generated and disseminated by ASRC Team SDPI



A Product of ASRC-SDPI

Team:

Data Managed by: Shahid Rasul, Abid Rasheed

Layout Design: Ali Aamer Javed Associate Coordinator ASRC

Sustainable Development Policy Institute

10-D West, 3rd Floor, Taimoor Chamber, Fazl-ul-Haq Road, Blue Area, Islamabad. Pakistan,

Tel: +92.51. 2278134, Fax: 2278135, ©2023 All rights reserved

Newsletter generated and disseminated by ASRC Team SDPI