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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 the Newsletter

To keep researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders informed about emerging developments at the national, regional, and international levels, SDPI publishes a bi-monthly e-newsletter on "Pakistan's Energy Transition."

The newsletter compiles and curates relevant reference material, including news reports, analytical commentaries, and Op-Eds published in leading national and international newspapers, to support informed discourse on energy transition policies, trends, and challenges.

Media Sources Covered

The newsletter draws upon reporting, analysis, and opinion pieces published in leading national and international media outlets, including:

Dawn

The News

The Express Tribune

The Nation

Business Recorder

Daily Times

Pakistan Observer

Pakistan Today

Urdu Point

China Daily

Thematic Focus Areas

This e-newsletter covers emerging developments, policy trends, market dynamics, and research insights related to Pakistan's energy transition and sustainable development agenda, with a particular focus on:

1. Energy and Power Sector Developments
2. Renewable and Clean Energy Technologies
3. Sustainability and Climate-Responsive Energy Solutions
4. Energy Investment, Innovation, and Automation
5. Oil and Gas Sector Policies and Markets
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Editor's Note:

Pakistan's energy transition has emerged as a strategic national priority at the intersection of energy security, climate resilience, economic competitiveness, and sustainable development. As the country confronts rising energy demand, increasing climate vulnerabilities, dependence on imported fossil fuels, and fiscal pressures, the shift towards affordable, reliable, and clean energy systems is no longer optional — it is essential for long-term socioeconomic stability and growth.

In recent years, Pakistan has taken important policy and institutional steps to accelerate this transition, including renewable energy expansion targets, commitments under the Paris Agreement, electric mobility initiatives, and growing investments in solar, wind, hydropower, and green infrastructure. At the same time, the global momentum towards decarbonisation, green industrialisation, and climate finance presents new opportunities for Pakistan to link its development trajectory with emerging low-carbon economic models.

However, translating policy ambitions into effective implementation remains a critical challenge. A successful and inclusive energy transition requires coherent governance frameworks, long-term policy consistency, technological innovation, investment facilitation, and evidence-based decision-making. It also necessitates stronger coordination among government institutions, academia, industry, financial actors, and civil society to ensure that the transition is equitable, economically viable, and socially responsive.

In this context, the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), through its **"Clean Energy Transition"** programme and associated research and policy initiatives, seeks to contribute to informed dialogue, policy analysis, and stakeholder engagement on Pakistan's evolving energy landscape. By generating research-based evidence and fostering multi-stakeholder collaboration, SDPI aims to support policy processes that advance sustainable energy systems, green economic transformation, and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), while contributing to broader climate and development objectives.

Pakistan's Energy Transition

Energy and Power Sector Developments

FIA secures 17-year jail terms for five in Rs104.75 million IESCO bribery case

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-20

ISLAMABAD - The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has secured 17-year rigorous imprisonment for five convicted officials in the Rs104.75 million IESCO bribery case, with a special court also ordering confiscation of the recovered amount in favour of the national exchequer. An FIA official told on Sunday that the case originated from a successful raid conducted by the FIA Anti-Corruption Circle I..... [more >>](#)

Rs15.68bn fuel hike looms as Nepra member accuses power officials of faking loss data

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-30

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani power consumers are set to absorb another Rs15.68 billion in August electricity bills after the national power regulator reserved judgment on a 1.20-rupee a unit fuel cost hike, even as power demand fell and a regulator himself accused authorities of manipulating loss data rather than fixing a chronically mismanaged grid. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepr..... [more >>](#)

PM orders audit of DISCOs' billing system Shehbaz briefed on enhanced services for expats

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-31

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday directed a comprehensive technical audit of the billing systems of power distribution companies (DISCOs) and stressed that power sector reforms remained among the government's foremost priorities. The prime minister, while chairing a review meeting on Power Division issues, said as performance of the distribution companies had improved, co..... [more >>](#)

Geopolitics of energy arbitration

Source: [Muhammad Siddique Ali Pirzada](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

International energy arbitration is no longer governed by contract law alone. It is increasingly shaped by geopolitics. Wars now determine far more than energy prices. They influence whether long-term supply contracts remain performable, whether arbitral proceedings can continue, and whether the awards they produce can ultimately be enforced. The Russia-Ukraine war exposed this transformation. Sa..... [more >>](#)

Senate panel orders Nepra performance audit, flags unapproved pay hikes

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel on Tuesday ordered a performance audit of Pakistan's power sector regulator and referred its unapproved executive pay raises to the country's top financial oversight body, after officials disclosed the regulator had increased its leadership's salaries without required government approval. The Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, chai..... [more >>](#)

Discos refund over Rs47.81bn to overbilled consumers, PAC told

Source: [Asim Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-24

ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was Thursday told that the power distribution companies had refunded more than Rs47.81 billion to over 278,000 consumers after widespread overbilling. Auditors told the committee during a meeting here that overbilling was used to conceal line losses and power theft. The committee meeting, chaired by Ms Shahida Akhtar Ali at the Parliament House, rev..... [more >>](#)

Two mini-micro hydropower projects completed in Upper DirSource: Bureau Report, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-16

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has completed two mini-micro-hydropower projects of 342 kilowatts in Upper Dir district, where cheap electricity has been provided to over 1,300 households. Secretary Energy and Power Nisar Ahmed told a gathering at Siah Badrakani Dogdara area in Upper Dir that the completion of both projects would benefit more than 7,000 people in the backward areas of..... [more >>](#)

Electricity bills to increase as Rs200b recovery begins in AugustSource: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-16

ISLAMABAD - Electricity tariff is likely to go up by approximately Rs1 per unit from August 1 as the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved National Grid Company's three-year Use of System Charges (UoSC) at an average Rs515.75/kW/month, a 119 percent hike from previous Rs235.30/kW/month, covering FY2022-23 to FY2024-25. In its decision released here, the NEPRA has..... [more >>](#)

Cost of Pakistan's spot LNG imports jumps amid war tensionsSource: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-16

ISLAMABAD - The cost of Pakistan's spot LNG imports has surged alarmingly, with PLL accepting PetroChina's bid at highest-ever price of \$20.6999 per mmBtu amid the US-Iran war tensions, for July 21-22 delivery. In response to bids invitation for one spot cargo, PLL has received two offers at \$20.6999 per million British thermal units (mmBtu) and \$21.3737/mmBtu, official source told The..... [more >>](#)

KP govt completes 342 kilowatts two mini-micro-hydropower projectsSource: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-16

Peshawar - The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has successfully completed two mini-micro-hydropower projects of 342 kilowatts in Upper Dir district, where cheap electricity has been provided to more than 1,300 households deprived of electricity. The completion of both projects will benefit more than 7,000 people in the backward areas of Upper Dir district. These projects will provide 24-hour electr..... [more >>](#)

Use of data to help improve power sector's performance: LeghariSource: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Division Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari participated in a meeting of Pakistan's first-ever Public Sector Data Governance Council, where participants discussed measures to strengthen data governance and improve data management across the power sector. During the meeting, the Federal Minister was briefed on the proposed institutional structure of the..... [more >>](#)

Power generation drops 2.5pc in JuneSource: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD: The country's power generation declined by 2.5 percent in June 2026 compared to the same month last year, primarily due to disruptions in LNG supply from Qatar, which recently extended force majeure amid a war-like situation in the Middle East. Despite the drop in generation, the average cost of electricity surged by 14 percent to Rs8.9885 per kWh in June 2026, up from Rs7.86..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's circular debt isn't a financial crisis; Circular debt is a governance failure; it isn't a financial crisis.Source: Farhat Ali, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

Every year, the nation is presented with a new financial explanation for the worsening circular debt—insufficient recoveries, delayed payments, subsidy shortfalls, or the latest inability to meet an IMF target. Yet these are merely symptoms, not the disease. Pakistan's power sector circular debt is fundamentally a governance crisis that has been allowed to fester across the entire..... [more >>](#)

ISMO agrees to include 269MW hybrid Dhabeji as optimised project

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-17

ISLAMABAD: Independent System and Market Operator (ISMO) has agreed to include 269 MW hybrid Dhabeji of JCM Canada as an optimised project, following the re-simulation of IGCEP-2025 based on the revised project data. This development has reportedly materialised after the meetings of Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Tarik Ali Khan, along with the representative of the Canadian Company. [more >>](#)

Govt may increase June FCA by Rs1.20 per unit

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-17

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to increase electricity tariff by Rs1.20 per unit for June 2026 across the country under monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) formula, official sources told Business Recorder. Central Power Purchasing Agency Guarantee Limited has submitted power generation data with the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra). The main reason of higher FC..... [more >>](#)

Pay again or let the river come home?

Source: [Amer Zafar Durrani](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-17

Every month, on every electricity bill in Pakistan, sits a small 'line item' called the Neelum–Jhelum surcharge. We have paid for it for years. Ask yourself a simple question: what did your last payment buy? The answer: since May 2024, nothing. The 969MW Neelum–Jhelum plant has not produced a single unit of electricity for more than two years. Wapda told the Senate this mo..... [more >>](#)

Power generation falls 2.3pc in FY26

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-18

KARACHI: Power generation fell 2.3 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to 13,431 GWh in June 2026, while electricity generation for FY26 rose a modest 1.2 per cent YoY to 128,699 GWh, with growth losing momentum towards the end of the fiscal year due to geopolitical disruptions affecting fuel supplies. On a month-on-month (MoM) basis, power generation increased 6.3 per cent, largely reflecting seasonal d..... [more >>](#)

Discos seek Rs1.20 tariff hike for August

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD: Power companies on Friday sought a Rs1.20 per unit increase in fuel cost charges for consumers across the country in August, primarily due to the use of expensive imported fuels. The request comes despite around 75pc of electricity generated in June having come from cheaper domestic sources, predominantly those with zero fuel costs. Once approved, the power companies would charge cons..... [more >>](#)

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Nepra allows Aerem Energy to set up hybrid project at Dhabeji

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has granted generation concurrence to Aerem Energy (Private) Limited (AEREPL) for setting up a 269MW hybrid renewable energy project at Dhabeji in

District Thatta, Sindh, marking a key milestone in the country's transition towards cleaner energy sources. According to an official determination issued on July 17, 2026, th..... [more >>](#)

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KE-Mashreq Pakistan partnership; Customers can receive cashback on electricity bill payment

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-19

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE) has partnered with Mashreq Pakistan to enable the power utility's customers holding a current account with the financial institution to receive cashback reward of up to PKR10,000 on electricity bill payments. The initiative combines KE's expanding digital payments ecosystem with Mashreq Pakistan's digital banking platform to encourage secure, conveni..... [more >>](#)

Energy conference calls for building electric vehicles ecosystem to cut fuel imports

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-20

Policymakers, energy experts, investors and industry leaders at a conference held on the energy sector unanimously called for building a comprehensive ecosystem for electric vehicles (EVs), particularly a nationwide charging station network, saying Pakistan must accelerate the transition to clean mobility to significantly reduce fossil fuel consumption, curb harmful emissions from the transport se..... [more >>](#)

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Nepra upholds Rs10m fine on Hesco

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has rejected the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company's (Hesco) review motion and upheld a Rs 10 million fine imposed on the utility for failing to establish a mandatory safety directorate in line with regulatory requirements. In its order issued on July 20, 2026, the regulator dismissed Hesco's motion for Leave for [more >>](#)

WAPDA grilled over failure to complete major hydel projects

Source: [Hamza Habib](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Sub-Committee on Economic Affairs grilled the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) over its failure to complete major hydel projects on time and sought details of the financial burden caused by these delays. The sub-committee meeting held under the convenorship of Senator Waqar Mehdi comprehensively reviewed work progress on the major hydel projects. While [more >>](#)

The Curse of Load Shedding

Source: [Rehan Sayeed](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

For the vast majority of Pakistanis, the brutal summer heat is not just a seasonal discomfort—it is a matter of survival, made exceedingly worse by the onslaught of load shedding. The sweltering heat, combined with long periods of outages, poses unbearable hardships for citizens, the majority of whom lack basic amenities, let alone the luxury of air conditioning. According to data from the P..... [more >>](#)

Union activities in power entities banned to prevent possible protests against privatisation

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

ISLAMABAD - The federal government has imposed Essential Services Act on power sector entities, banning union activities to prevent possible protests against proposed privatisation and ensure uninterrupted electricity supply. "WHEREAS the Federal Government is of the opinion that all classes of employment under power sector entities to restrict all union activities is essential for maintena..... [more >>](#)

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New fuel regime

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-22

So Pakistan has now shifted to a daily fuel pricing mechanics, making the country one of the few in the world where fuel prices can change on a day-to-day basis. The government had already shifted to a weekly fuel price mechanism earlier this year, a change prompted by the fuel crisis that the Middle East conflict has produced, but has now gone a step further. Reports say that the move paves the w..... [more >>](#)

Study shows grid power to cut Thar coal mining costs

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-22

KARACHI: The cost of local coal production is expected to fall by around \$0.7 per tonne as mining operations transition from diesel to grid electricity, according to a new study on coal mining and trading. Meanwhile, the Thar Coal Rail Connectivity Project is expected to become operational by late 2026, helping address the cost and transport constraints that have largely confined Thar lignite to [more >>](#)

Govt unveils guidelines for daily petroleum pricing mechanism

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-21

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan government has unveiled policy guidelines for one of the most significant overhauls of the country's petroleum pricing regime, proposing a shift from the existing periodic fuel price adjustment mechanism to a daily market-based system. This empowers the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) to independently notify ex-depot prices and grant state-owned Pakistan Stat..... [more >>](#)

Bagasse-based power project; CPPA-G grilled by power regulator

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-23

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday grilled the Central Power Purchasing Agency Guaranteed (CPPA-G) over what it termed discriminatory treatment towards a bagasse-fired power company in extending incentives already available to similar plants. The issue surfaced during a public hearing on a tariff modification petition filed by S..... [more >>](#)

KE industrial power consumption hits record 6.08bn unitsSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-24

KARACHI: K-Electric's (KE) industrial feeders recorded their highest-ever consumption of 6.08 billion units in FY26, as Pakistan's GDP growth improved to 3.7 per cent during the fiscal year. "This achievement cannot be viewed in isolation. It reflects the collective efforts of the Government of Pakistan, the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), and Karachi's ind..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric's industrial segment consumption hits record high in FY26Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-24

KARACHI - K-Electric's industrial feeders' consumption hit a record high at 6.08 billion units in FY26 as Pakistan's GDP growth increased to 3.7% during the fiscal year, highlighting the utility's role in powering Karachi, the country's economic engine, through reliable and consistent electricity supply. "This achievement cannot be viewed in isolation. It reflec..... [more >>](#)

Beyond NGC's tariff determinationSource: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-24

Power regulator Nepra's determination of the National Grid Company's (NGC) multi-year tariff for FY23 through FY25 is significant not only because of the revenue requirement it approves, but because it once again highlights a persistent weakness in Pakistan's power sector's regulatory framework. The authority has substantially pared down NGC's claimed revenue requirem..... [more >>](#)

Nepra grants 20-year power distribution licence to DHA Energy for DHA City KarachiSource: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-25

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power regulator has granted a 20-year distribution license to DHA Energy Supply Company (Private) Limited to provide electricity services within DHA City Karachi, a sprawling housing development covering about 22,000 acres. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) said the licence, effective from October 1, 2026, will remain valid until September 30, [more >>](#)

COMMENT: A signal from Karachi's factoriesSource: [Dr Farrukh Saleem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-25

Attention: Something unusual is happening inside Karachi's factories. The machines are consuming more electricity than ever before. There is something genuinely positive here. Plain fact: In FY26, Karachi's industrial consumers used 6.08 billion kWh of electricity up from 5.04 billion kWh a year earlier. That is an increase of 20.6 per cent in a single year. That is a substantial jump..... [more >>](#)

Powering distrust Nearly 279,000 consumers received inflated billsSource: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-25

Pakistan's power sector has long been trapped in a vicious cycle of inefficiencies and mounting circular debt. Consumers have repeatedly been told that the only way to keep the system afloat is through higher tariffs and stricter recoveries. Yet the latest audit finding have revealed that distribution companies overbilled consumers by Rs47 billion in a single month. Nearly 279,000 consumers r..... [more >>](#)

Nepra grants 20-year power distribution licence to DHA Energy Supply CompanySource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-25

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has granted a 20-year distribution licence to DHA Energy Supply Company (Private) Limited. "In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 20 and 21 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997, as amended from time to time (the "Act"), the authority hereby grants..... [more >>](#)

FBR to transfer records of taxpayers to new formations

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-25

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has decided to transfer tax records/files of relevant taxpayers to the newly created field formations after organizational restructuring of Inland Revenue tax offices. In this regard, the FBR has issued instructions to the heads of the Inland Revenue field formations here on Friday to ensure safe transportation of tax records to newly created or r..... [more >>](#)

Power supply in H'abad SITE likely to improve soon: HESCO Xen

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-25

HYDERABAD: HESCO Executive Engineer (XEN) Sajjad Parvez Memon has assured industrialists that electricity supply in Hyderabad's industrial area will improve significantly within the next week following immediate corrective measures and feeder upgrades. The assurance came during a meeting held at Indus Dyeing under the auspices of the Hyderabad SITE Association of Trade & Industry (H..... [more >>](#)

Extended power outages affect rural, urban areas across country

Source: [Munawar Hasan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-28

LAHORE: Power outages have resurfaced throughout the country, impacting both urban and rural regions with prolonged blackouts amid extremely hot and humid weather. The crisis is now affecting major cities, towns and rural areas, revealing discrepancies between policy declarations and actual conditions. As peak summer demand coincides with feels-like temperatures exceeding 50°C, the return of [more >>](#)

Pakistan clears restructuring plan for three Discos

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Privatisation Commission Board on Tuesday recommended approval of restructuring plans for three major power distribution companies, paving the way for the privatisation of Faisalabad Electric Supply Company, Gujranwala Electric Power Company and Islamabad Electric Supply Company amid strong interest from domestic and international investors. The board, chaired by Advis..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to take on Discos' liabilities

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: The Privatisation Commission Board (PCB) on Tuesday asked the government to take over liabilities of ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) to facilitate their smooth and successful privatisation like Pakistan International Airlines. An official statement said the Privatisation Commission Board, presided over by Adviser to the Prime Minister on Privatisation [more >>](#)

Energy Resilience

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-29

The Middle East war is not going away, and neither is the disruption to global oil supplies. Recent attacks on refineries in Saudi Arabia have only added to an already precarious supply situation. Pakistan can no longer afford to treat this as a temporary crisis that will eventually pass. Energy disruption must now be understood as a lived reality and incorporated into the country's long-ter..... [more >>](#)

Govt hikes petrol by Rs1.63, diesel by Rs1.55 per litre

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD - The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) updates petroleum products prices on a daily basis on its website to ensure transparency and allow the immediate impact of international price fluctuations to be passed on to consumers. The daily pricing is based on a seven-day weekly average of international market prices to align with international standards, according to Petroleum Minister..... [more >>](#)

Govt misses target as circular debt jumps by Rs61b to Rs1.685tr in FY2025-26

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD - The federal government missed zero circular debt flow target during the last fiscal year (FY2025-26) as the circular debt witnessed an increase of Rs61 billion during the fiscal year. Despite the capital injection, IPPs deal and loan agreement with the government, the upward trend circular debt continued during the FY2025-26 and reached Rs 1.685 trillion from Rs1.614 trillion during F..... [more >>](#)

Govt admits rise in power sector circular debt by Rs61bn

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: The government on Tuesday acknowledged that power sector circular debt flow has increased by Rs61 billion during the fiscal year 2025-26. The government had given a commitment to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that circular debt stock would be contained to Rs1.614 trillion as of June 30, 2026. In an official statement, the Power Division said that Pakistan's power..... [more >>](#)

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Nepra urged to revise IGCEP, TSEP

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: A leading power sector analyst and industrialist has formally urged the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to direct the Power Division and the Independent System and Market Operator (ISMO) to immediately revise the Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2025-35 and the Transmission System Expansion Plan (TSEP) 2025-35, citing newly disclosed cost overru..... [more >>](#)

Non-operational IPPs; Senate panel questions billions in capacity payments

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat expressed serious concern over billions of rupees in capacity payments to non-operational Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and strongly criticized the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) and IPPs for undermining the government's solar energy policy. The Committee also unanimously called for accountability..... [more >>](#)

Punjab plans to harness canal network for affordable hydropower in rural communities

Source: [Asif Mahmood Butt](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-30

LAHORE: The Punjab government has prepared a comprehensive policy framework to tap the untapped hydropower potential of the province's vast irrigation canal network, proposing the development of small hydropower plants to provide affordable, reliable and clean electricity to rural and peri-urban communities while promoting decentralised renewable energy generation. The Punjab Guidelines for..... [more >>](#)

Govt hints at new power tariff package as demand falls

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-30

ISLAMABAD: With electricity demand declining by over three per cent, the government on Wednesday indicated that it was working on another power tariff package as it sought about Rs1.20 per unit additional fuel cost from consumers to collect Rs15.7 billion in August for electricity consumed in June. At a public hearing, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority questioned t..... [more >>](#)

Thar coal to run 660MW Jamshoro project

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-30

KARACHI: Stakeholders have agreed to fast-track arrangements to supply indigenous Thar coal to the 660MW Jamshoro Power Project, a move projected to save Pakistan about \$3.2 billion and reduce reliance on imported fuel. A meeting at Thar Block-1 mine brought together K-Electric Chairman Shaheryar Arshad Chishty, Thar Coal Energy Board (TECB) Managing Director Tariq Ali Shah, Sino Sindh Resources [more >>](#)

Jamshoro plant to fully switch to Thar coal

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-30

JAMSHORO: A stakeholder meeting was held at the Thar Block-1 mine site to advance discussions on the supply of indigenous Thar coal for the 660-megawatt Jamshoro power project. The meeting was attended by K-Electric (KE) Chairman Shaheryar Arshad Chishty, Thar Coal Energy Board MD Tariq Ali Shah, Sino Sindh Resources Limited (SSRL) CEO Li Jigen, Jamshoro Power Company Limited (JPCL) CEO Muhammad..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers may face Rs1.20 tariff hike Nepra approves 20-year licence for DHA City's power distributor

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-30

ISLAMABAD: Electricity tariffs are likely to increase by Rs1.20 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) on account of fuel adjustment for June 2026, dealing another blow to inflation-weary consumers. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) conducted a public hearing on Tuesday to consider the fuel price adjustment. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has filed a petition calling for a hi..... [more >>](#)

North-south constraints in power supply chain raise generation cost by over Rs400b annually: Napra

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-30

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority Wednesday said that north-south constraints in the electricity supply chain are increasing power generation cost by over Rs400 billion annually. In a public hearing on the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) petition, conducted by NEPRA, it was informed that electricity consumers are likely to be burdened with an additional Rs18.5 b..... [more >>](#)

660MW Jamshoro power project; Discussions held on supply of indigenous Thar coal

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-30

THAR: A high-level stakeholder meeting was held at the Thar Block-1 mine site to advance discussions on the supply of indigenous Thar coal for the 660 MW Jamshoro Power Project. The meeting was attended by Chairman of K-Electric Limited (KE) Shaheryar Arshad Chishty, Managing Director of the Thar Coal Energy Board (TCEB) Tariq Ali Shah, Chief Executive Officer of Sino Sindh Resources Limited (SSRL)..... [more >>](#)

Power division pins blame for circular debt on 'Q Block'

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: The power division on Tuesday blamed the Ministry of Finance for a Rs61 billion increase in power sector circular debt, which rose to Rs1.675 trillion by June 30 this year from Rs1.614tr a year earlier. "Due to the budget deduction of Rs98bn, the circular debt witnessed an increase of Rs61bn" during FY2025-26, the power division said in a statement. It did not release [more >>](#)

Energy Governance

Nepra allows Aerem Energy to set up hybrid project at Dhabeji

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has granted generation concurrence to Aerem Energy (Private) Limited (AEREPL) for setting up a 269MW hybrid renewable energy project at Dhabeji in District Thatta, Sindh, marking a key milestone in the country's transition towards cleaner energy sources. According to an official determination issued on July 17, 2026, th..... [more >>](#)

Ogra chairman post vacant for months as minister rejects bureaucrat for top job

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's key oil and gas regulator has been without a permanent chairman for months, with Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik saying the government should appoint an internationally recognised professional rather than a bureaucrat to lead the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). Speaking to a private news television channel, Malik said a search committee formed by Prime Mi..... [more >>](#)

Rs50m fine upheld; Nepra rejects HESCO's review motion

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-24

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has rejected the review motion filed by Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) and upheld its decision to impose a Rs50 million fine on the company for persistent violations of laws governing load shedding, particularly the controversial practice of outages based on Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses. In [more >>](#)

Senate panel expresses serious concerns over Nepra's unilateral salary hike, calls for accountability

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD - A Senate panel has expressed serious concerns over NEPRA's unilateral salary hike for its chairman and members, calling for accountability and directing to conduct performance audit of the regulator. A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, which was held under the chairmanship of Senator Rana Mahmood UI Hassan, raised the issue of the install..... [more >>](#)

Nepra grants SoLR licences to DESCO

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-30

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday granted Distribution and Supply of Last Resort (SoLR) licences to DHA Energy Supply Company (DESCO) for DHA City Karachi. Member (Development) Nepra, Engineer Maqsood Anwar Khan, formally handed over the licences to DESCO representatives. The company will provide electricity services to DHA City, which spans over..... [more >>](#)

PM's committee reviews petroleum pricing

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-31

ISLAMABAD: Fifth meeting of the Committee constituted by the Prime Minister to review the petroleum pricing mechanism was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik. The sub-committees constituted by the main committee presented their findings and recommendations on various aspects of the petroleum pricing mechanism. KPMG also presented its rep..... [more >>](#)

Energy Investment, Innovation, and Automation

Why is diesel so expensive in Pakistan?

Source: Dr Farrukh Saleem, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-22

Petrol powers cars. Diesel powers Pakistan -- trucks, buses, coaches, minibuses, railway locomotives, ships, cargo vessels, tractors, tube-wells, threshers, combined harvesters, water pumps, generators, construction equipment, cranes, mining machinery, fishing boats and trawlers. Diesel goes into the tractor that grows the wheat. Into the thresher that harvests it. Into the truck that carries it [more >>](#)

Oil and Gas Sector Policies and Markets

Govt hikes petrol by Rs6.39, HSD by Rs7.83 per litre for July 23

Source: Web Desk, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-22

The federal government on Wednesday increased the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs6.39 and Rs7.83 per litre, respectively, for July 23. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Petroleum, the price of petrol has been fixed at Rs327.12 per litre, while HSD will now cost Rs375.04 per litre. The latest revision came hours after the government and the All Pakistan Petr..... [more >>](#)

JI to block KKH over rising fuel costs

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-23

ABBOTTABAD: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Hazara has announced a peaceful protest and blockade of the Karakoram Highway (KKH) on August 7 across Hazara Division against the recent increase in petroleum prices and rising inflation. The announcement was made by JI Hazara Ameer Abdul Razzaq Abbasi in line with the nationwide protest call given by Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan chief Hafiz Naeemur Rehman. Speakin..... [more >>](#)

Full price, half Life

Source: Mansoor Ahmad, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-22

LAHORE: In Pakistan, adulteration has quietly shifted from an illicit trade into an accepted norm. While public outrage rightfully centres on compromised food items and agricultural inputs, a parallel crisis unfurls on our roads and industrial corridors. The systemic adulteration of petroleum, diesel and motor oils. Just as contaminated food acts as a slow poison to the human body, substandard lu..... [more >>](#)

Hormuz closure, Houthi ban prompt Pakistan to diversify crude oil imports

Source: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-22

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has started exploring alternative sources of crude oil imports beyond the Gulf region after the reported closure of Strait of Hormuz and the Houthis' announcement banning Saudi oil shipments through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait from the Red Sea port of Yanbu, prompting concerns over the country's energy security. At an emergency meeting with chief executive officers (C..... [more >>](#)

Mideast war escalation threatens recovery in global oil refining

Source: Siyi Liu, Trixie Yap, Nicole Jao and Seher Dareen, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-23

The escalating US-Iran war threatens Asian oil refiners' plans to ramp up output in August, which could keep global fuel stocks tight and bolster prices for longer unless China fills the gap. Asian refiners, counting on steadier oil supply, had been expected to lead a recovery in global fuel production this quarter, but attacks between the US and Iran have again throttled Gulf crude exp..... [more >>](#)

Fuelling inflation

Source: [Shahid Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-26

Ghulam Hussain has been running a petrol station on the outskirts of Karachi for eleven years. He remembers the day his phone kept ringing. Brokers, drivers, even a school teacher wanted to know if they should fill their fuel tanks before prices shot up again. That was back in March. Four months in, the situation hasn't improved much. Nearly fi..... [more >>](#)

Essential kitchen items; Continued increases in fuel prices lead to further rise in prices

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-26

ISLAMABAD: Continued increases in fuel prices have led to a further rise in the prices of essential kitchen items, particularly vegetables and fruits, a Business Recorder survey conducted here on Saturday revealed. According to traders and transporters, besides seasonal factors, the persistent upward trend in fuel prices has been a major contributor to the increase in the prices of household [more >>](#)

Aurangzeb discusses refinery upgrade plans with US Honeywell

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-22

KARACHI: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb met executives from Honeywell Technologies in Washington to discuss the modernisation and expansion of Pakistan's refining sector, a project the government says could help boost domestic fuel production and reduce reliance on petroleum imports. Aurangzeb held talks with a delegation led by Honeywell Vice President and General Manager Barry Glickm..... [more >>](#)

KUFPEC eyes cooperation in petroleum sector

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik met Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC) Vice President Tareq Ebrahim to discuss expanding cooperation in Pakistan's petroleum sector, according to an official statement issued on Tuesday. Malik described Kuwait as one of Pakistan's closest friends and reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening [more >>](#)

The next fuel shock

Source: [Mads Flarup Christensen](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-16

As hostilities between the United States and Iran reignite, global attention has shifted again to the immediate risks of the conflict. Across the Middle East, families have endured fear, uncertainty and violence. Communities have faced disruption, displacement and the destruction that war brings. Protecting lives must remain the immediate priority. Yet, whatever happens in the coming days and we..... [more >>](#)

Oil industry sounds alarm over petrol shortages, seeks govt's immediate intervention

Source: [Khalid Mustafa & Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-16

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's oil industry has warned the government of an imminent risk of localised petrol shortages, saying critically low inventories, delayed customs clearance of imported fuel, rising demand and severe liquidity constraints could disrupt Motor Spirit (MS) supplies unless immediate intervention is made. In a letter marked 'Most Urgent' and addressed to Min..... [more >>](#)

LPG industry warns of shortage risk, seeks Balochistan supply route restoration

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-16

LAHORE: Representatives of the LPG industry's organising committee have warned that immediate revision of Ogra's notified gas price and restoration of transportation routes in Balochistan are necessary to ensure adequate supplies as seasonal demand is expected to rise from mid-August. The committee cautioned that further delays could trigger an LPG shortage and push up prices across t..... [more >>](#)

Fuel supply chain under stress

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's fuel supply chain is again showing signs of stress as policy delays, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and low stocks have sparked fears of an oil shortage in the country. Industry officials warn that a combination of critically low petrol stocks, delayed imports, rising international oil prices and unresolved financial issues could push the country towards another su..... [more >>](#)

\$6.7b oil facility sought from Saudi

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-16

Pakistan has sought a \$6.7 billion concessional oil financing facility from Saudi Arabia for a period of 15 years, aimed at ensuring energy security amid heightened Middle East conflict that may keep global prices high and put additional stress on the country's foreign exchange reserves. A spokeswoman of the Ministry of Economic Affairs confirmed to The Express Tribune that the matter of Saud..... [more >>](#)

DPM reviews oil, gas production

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-16

DPM/FM Ishaq Dar on Wednesday reaffirmed that increasing domestic oil and gas production remained a key priority of the government's energy security agenda and assured full support to provide a secure and enabling environment for the sector. The DPM/FM chaired a meeting of the Committee on the Exploration and Production (E&P) sector. The committee reviewed progress on key initiatives and..... [more >>](#)

LPG industry warns of imminent winter shortage crisis

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-16

ISLAMABAD - The All Pakistan LPG Industry Organising Committee has warned that immediate correction of OGRA's notified gas price and restoration of transportation through Balochistan are urgently needed to ensure adequate supply when seasonal demand picks up from mid-August. The committee cautioned that any further delay could plunge the country into a severe LPG shortage and price spiral. [more >>](#)

Govt to review petroleum prices on daily basis

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD: Under pressure to explain rising fuel costs as global oil prices surge, the government on Friday announced a new transparency measure under which the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) will review petroleum prices daily and publish pricing data on its website to support weekly fuel price calculations. Speaking at a press conference alongside Information Minister Ataullah Tarar..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price surges by Rs5.44, HSD's by Rs31.05

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Division on Friday announced new fuel prices effective from July 18 to July 20, highlighted by a sharp hike in high speed diesel (HSD) and a slight increase in petrol. The price of HSD jumped by Rs 31.05 per litre, rising from Rs 323.30 to Rs 354.35. Whereas, petrol prices increased by Rs 5.44 per litre, bringing the new rate to Rs 316.15 per litre. Federal Minister [more >>](#)

400 households in Karachi; SSGC disconnects illegal gas network

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has disconnected an illegal gas network supplying natural gas to around 400 households during an anti-gas theft operation in Karachi, the company said on Friday. According to a statement, the raid was carried out by SSGC's Counter Gas Theft Operations (CGTO) team in coordination with the Customer Relations Department (CRD) Theft Section, Distribu..... [more >>](#)

Govt defends its daily fuel pricing decision

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-19

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik on Saturday held a meeting with key petroleum sector stakeholders on the government's transition from weekly to daily petroleum pricing, saying the reform would promote transparency, strengthen competition and ensure fair, market-based prices for consumers. Among others, the meeting was attended by representatives of the Oil an..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to exempt furnace oil from petroleum, carbon levies

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-17

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) has urged the government to exempt furnace oil from petroleum and carbon levies, so its use in power generation and industry could be promoted instead of importing costly LNG. The exemption was sought by the OCAC in the meeting of the National Coordination and Management Council (NCMC) held here Thursday. The NCMC reviewed the ava..... [more >>](#)

Govt alerted about possible hoarding of POL products

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-17

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) and the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) on Thursday alerted the government to possible hoarding of petroleum products across parts of the country, amid expectations of a potential increase in prices. The issue came under detailed discussion at a meeting of the National Coordination and Management Council (NCMC) on Thursday to conduc..... [more >>](#)

PPDA concerned over possibility of petrol shortage

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-17

KARACHI: Chief Advisor of the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA), Malik Khuda Bakhsh, has expressed serious concern over the possibility of a petrol shortage in the country and urged the federal government to take immediate emergency measures. He warned that any disruption in petrol supplies could create serious difficulties not only for the public but also for the national economy..... [more >>](#)

Fuel supply concerns rise as petrol cover drops to 14 days

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-17

ISLAMABAD: Amid a rising price trend following renewed US-Iran attacks, Pakistan's oil supply chain players appeared nervous as petrol stocks declined to a 14-day cover on Thursday, prompting the government to urgently resolve procedural issues and activate enforcement mechanisms to discourage hoarding and profiteering in the market. Informed sources said the government may have to return t..... [more >>](#)

HSD price may surge by Rs40 per litre, petrol Rs10

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-17

ISLAMABAD: High-speed diesel (HSD) prices are likely to witness a sharp increase of up to Rs40 per litre from July 18 at 12.10am, while petrol may become costlier by around Rs10 per litre in the upcoming fortnightly review, driven by a spike in international oil prices following the renewed conflict involving Iran and the US. According to preliminary estimates based on the first four days of Plat..... [more >>](#)

Who decides what you pay at the pump?

Source: [Dr Farrukh Saleem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-17

Every minister, adviser and spokesperson will tell you the same thing: Pakistan's petrol price is based on a rolling Platts/Oilgram average -- an objective international benchmark. Transparent. Scientific. Beyond manipulation. Not true. Pakistan's petrol pricing formula has a secret. Ministers won't mention it. Spokespersons may not know it. And Ogra's weekly notifications..... [more >>](#)

Escalation fears mount as US, Iran target infrastructure: Govt switches to daily fuel pricing mechanism amid oil market volatility

Source: [Khalid Mustafa & Ag Agencies & News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD/DUBAI: In a landmark move aimed at overhauling Pakistan's petroleum pricing regime, the federal government has decided to implement a daily fuel pricing mechanism with an immediate effect, paving the way for the eventual complete deregulation of petroleum products in the country. Under the new mechanism, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) will determine the prices of moto..... [more >>](#)

Fuel prices will change daily as disruptions loom

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD: As renewed hostilities flared in the Middle East, the government on Friday announced plans to revise fuel prices on a daily basis, rather than the weekly system that has been in vogue in recent months. In the latest notification issued at midnight on Friday, the government raised the price of high-speed diesel by Rs31.05, taking it to Rs354.30 per litre, while petrol rates were hiked b..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan turns to spot LNG market again as Qatar supply disruptions continue

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan sought a fifth spot LNG cargo for July amid rising electricity demand, Qatar's force majeure declaration, and renewed US-Iran tensions threatening LNG supplies through the Strait of Hormuz. State-owned Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) on Friday floated a tender to import one spot LNG cargo for delivery on July 27-28, 2026, as soaring temperatures and a widening electricity sho..... [more >>](#)

400 households in Karachi; SSGC disconnects illegal gas network

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has disconnected an illegal gas network supplying natural gas to around 400 households during an anti-gas theft operation in Karachi, the company said on Friday. According to a statement, the raid was carried out by SSGC's Counter Gas Theft Operations (CGTO) team in coordination with the Customer Relations Department (CRD) Theft Section, Distribu..... [more >>](#)

Traders, industrialists oppose daily fuel price mechanism

Source: [Rizwan Bhatti](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

KARACHI: Traders and industrialists have strongly opposed the government's plan to fix fuel prices on a daily basis, warning that the move would create uncertainty for businesses, disrupt industrial operations, and may trigger chaos at petrol pumps. Business leaders said the proposed mechanism would make it difficult for industries to determine production costs and pricing, while also r..... [more >>](#)

OCAC welcomes decision

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-19

ISLAMABAD: The Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) has welcomed the government's decision to introduce daily pricing of petroleum products, stating that, in the long run, consumers will benefit from greater choice, improved service standards, and market-driven pricing in a competitive environment. In a statement on Saturday, OCAC said its members appreciated the move toward daily pric..... [more >>](#)

Why Pakistani oil and gas projects fail

Source: [Shahbaz Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has recently made a number of hydrocarbon discoveries, which need rapid and economical development. This led me to study some associated project execution practices currently in vogue and share suggestions which may help. Although a project always has two major parties – the owner and the contractor – it is my considered belief that a project's success essenti..... [more >>](#)

Jet fuel price raised by Rs40.35 per litre Hike takes fuel price to Rs291.55 per litre; airfares likely to increase

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-19

KARACHI: The government has increased the price of jet fuel used by commercial aircraft by Rs40.35 per litre, pushing up operating costs for airlines and raising the likelihood of an increase in airfares. According to sources, the latest increase has taken the price of jet fuel to Rs291.55 per litre. The sources said the latest revision comes just two weeks after an earlier increase, bringing th..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan needs a new Petrol Model

Source: [Dr Farrukh Saleem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-20

The Petroleum Minister has announced daily price fixing. Good intention. Wrong design. Wrong design because daily volatility is daily inflation. The taxi driver. The bus operator. The school van driver. None of them can price their services if petrol changes every morning. That is institutionalised inflation. Wrong design because daily calculation without a buffer means daily pass-through. Pakist..... [more >>](#)

Govt decreases petrol price by Rs0.35, increases diesel by Rs5.71 per litre

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-20

The government on Monday decreased the petrol price by Rs0.35 and increased the price of high-speed diesel by Rs5.71 per litre, to pass on the impact of fluctuating global prices following renewed regional hostilities in the Persian Gulf. Following the changes, the price of petrol stands at Rs315.80 per litre and that of HSD at Rs360.06. The Petroleum Division's press release notifying..... [more >>](#)

Govt weighs activating fuel saving plans

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-20

ISLAMABAD: The government may shift back to fuel conservation and austerity measures as early as this week or next, as renewed hostilities in the Middle East raise pressure on oil prices and foreign exchange reserves. At the same time, prices of the two major petroleum products — petrol and high-speed diesel — will be revised only on working days, even though the move has been portr..... [more >>](#)

Annual oil import bill surged to \$16.86b in FY2025-26

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-20

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's annual oil import bill surged to \$16.86 billion in FY2025-26, surpassing International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates by \$1.58 billion, driven by soaring global oil prices amid US-Iran tensions. The increase in Pakistan's oil import bill is attributed to high global oil prices, which have massively surged during the last four months (March to June) of the FY2025-..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price cut by Re0.35, HSD's hiked by Rs5.71

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Monday slashed petrol price by 35 paise per litre, taking the new retail price to Rs315.80 per litre while high-speed diesel (HSD) jumped by Rs5.71 per litre, pushing the new rate to Rs360.06 per litre. The regulator updates petroleum products prices for July 21, 2026 on its website. According to the Ministry of Energy's Petrole..... [more >>](#)

The gas market Pakistan keeps refusing to build

Source: [Ghias Piracha](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

Pakistan's gas crisis is often described as a shortage problem. It is not. The country has pipelines, LNG terminals, private-sector expertise, industrial demand and regulatory institutions. What it lacks is a functioning gas market.

Pakistan once possessed one of the most successful gas sectors in the developing world. Domestic production expanded steadily and indigenous gas powered ind..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan pays steep price for LNG as Mideast war disrupts supplies

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-22

Pakistan and Bangladesh were forced to buy some of their most expensive liquefied natural gas shipments in years as the Middle East conflict chokes supply, straining government finances and prompting both countries to rethink their reliance on the super-chilled fuel, according to Bloomberg. State-owned Pakistan LNG Ltd bought a shipment for late July at about \$21.88 per million British thermal un..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan State Oil to be sole diesel importer in FY27

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

ISLAMABAD: The government has imposed a complete ban on importing high-speed diesel (HSD) by private oil marketing companies (OMCs). Instead, only the state-owned Pakistan State Oil (PSO) will handle imports for the current fiscal year. This is part of the federal cabinet's decisions, which also capped petrol import quantities by private OMCs based on their past sales. The decisions are pre..... [more >>](#)

Dealers seek 8% margin amid daily fuel pricing

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik held a meeting with a delegation of the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA), led by Chief Adviser Malik Khuda Baksh, to discuss petroleum pricing reforms, deregulation, and matters concerning petroleum dealers. The PPDA delegation appreciated the government's effective management of petroleum product supplies during the ch..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan buys LNG cargo at \$21.88/mmBtu, highest price since March

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-21

PLL received only one bid for the tender, submitted by TotalEnergies Gas and Power Limited. The bid, priced at \$21.88 per MMBtu, was found to be technically and commercially compliant and was subsequently accepted. On July 17, 2026, PLL had invited bids from international LNG suppliers for one spot cargo of 140,000 cubic metres (m³) for delivery during the July 27–28 window. The procur..... [more >>](#)

Ogra allows three refineries to export 160,000 tonnes of furnace oil

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-21

KARACHI: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has allowed Pakistan's three major oil refineries to export a combined 160,000 metric tonnes (MT) of furnace oil during the current month after receiving in-principle approval from the National Committee on Management of Crises (NCMC). According to separate letters issued by Ogra, the regulator has permitted Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL)..... [more >>](#)

Diesel, petrol rates up by Rs21, Rs11 since daily pricing regime introduced

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-23

ISLAMABAD: A week-old experiment in daily fuel pricing has delivered a rapid-fire blow to Pakistani consumers, pushing diesel prices up by nearly Rs21 per litre and petrol by more than Rs11 in just three days, raising fresh doubts about whether the new system protects the public or simply exposes it to sharper, faster shocks. The government scrapped its weekly price review on July 20 in favor of [more >>](#)

PSO receivables hit Rs908.7bn as circular debt crisis deepens

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) is grappling with mounting liquidity pressures as its total receivables have swelled to Rs908.709 billion. According to the company's daily receivables and payables position as of July 20, 2026, more than half of the outstanding amount is owed by Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), which has yet to pay Rs535 billion against supplies of re-gasified..... [more >>](#)

Petrol pump owners 'split' over strike after govt talks

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-23

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday succeeded in dividing the All Pakistan Petroleum Pump Owners Association (APPPOA) and persuading one group to postpone its strike call for two weeks with a promise to resolve its genuine issues through mutual consultations. On the other hand, the chairman and vice chairman of the same association insisted that the talks had failed and that they would go ah..... [more >>](#)

Twin fuel price hikes send consumers reeling

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-23

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday increased the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs6.39 and Rs7.83 per litre, respectively, for July 23. The latest revision came hours after the government and the All Pakistan Petrol Pump Owners Association reached an agreement to postpone the association's planned nationwide shutdown for two weeks following successful negotiations with P..... [more >>](#)

Fuel supply risks return

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-23

The petroleum sector is back in the limelight. The government is shifting to daily pricing at a time when international petroleum-product prices are rising sharply. Dealers are upset because the new mechanism will reduce the inventory gains, they previously earned from price increases. Another concern is the decline in commercial stocks, which have fallen to around two-thirds—or less&md..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan State Oil

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-23

Pakistan State Oil (PSX: PSO) is Pakistan's largest oil marketing company by market share and operates across the full range of petroleum products, including motor gasoline, high-speed diesel, furnace oil, jet fuel, kerosene, LPG, lubricants, and petrochemicals. The company runs the country's largest fuel distribution network and remains a key importer of Mogas, HSD, JP-1, and furnace [more >>](#)

Oil and stability

Source: [Dr Ahsan Abbas](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-24

There are many interesting terminologies in the discipline of economics, but few are as explanatory as 'cartel'. The logic of cartels is nothing more than smoke-filled rooms, with an organised suppression of competition for private gain; this is market logic taken into private hands. In classical economic theory, formal agreement among competing firms or sovereign states is required t..... [more >>](#)

The petrol bomb is dead

Source: [Usama Qureshi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-24

There's a peculiar ritual that used to play out every week in Pakistan. A notification would drop late on Friday night, television screens would be awash in a single phrase: 'petrol bomb'. Anchors would shout it, tickers would flash it and for a news cycle or two, the entire national conversation would collapse into outrage over a number nobody had time to actually understand. [more >>](#)

Petrol price raised by Rs4.40, diesel by Rs3.62 per litre

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-07-24

ISLAMABAD: The government raised fuel prices again Thursday, pushing petrol up by Rs4.40 and high-speed diesel up by Rs3.62 per litre, in a move likely to add fresh pressure on transport costs and household budgets nationwide. The Ministry of Energy's Petroleum Division announced the increase in a press release, saying the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) revised ex-depot prices unde..... [more >>](#)

Govt proposes to revive \$6bn refinery upgrade programme

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-07-24

KARACHI: The government is seeking to revive Pakistan's stalled refinery upgrade programme by proposing amendments to the Brownfield Refining Policy 2023, extending the incentive period to seven years and introducing investor-protection measures to unlock nearly \$6 billion in investment for the country's five existing refineries. The Petroleum Division submitted the proposed amendment..... [more >>](#)

Split among fuel dealers blunts impact of pump 'shutdown'

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-07-24

LAHORE: A split among petroleum dealers blunted the impact of Thursday's nationwide shutdown call, with petrol pumps remaining open in most urban and semi-urban areas across the country. However, late on Thursday night, the All Pakistan Petroleum Pump Owners Association (APPPOA) called off the shutdown for 15 days. In a video message, APPPOA Vice Chairman Noman Butt said the government..... [more >>](#)

Oil price tops \$100 as supply disruption worsens

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-07-24

NEW YORK: Oil prices topped \$100 on Thursday, their highest levels in nearly two months, after Yemen's Houthis said they had attacked two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea, causing further global supply disruptions following a near-halt in trade through the Strait of Hormuz. Brent futures rose \$6.59, or 7 per cent, to \$100.66 a barrel at 12:58pm ET (1658 GMT), exceeding \$100 for the first [more >>](#)

Daily fuel pricing

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-07-25

THE government's move to daily petroleum price adjustments should make fuel pricing more transparent and more closely aligned with global market and exchange rate trends. Under the new system, Ogra will set prices daily, using Platts benchmark rates, and disclose all price components to improve transparency. The mechanism ensures that global price changes are passed on to consumers promptly,..... [more >>](#)

Panel seeks 50% gas share for provinces

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-07-25

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Functional Committee on Devolution on Friday directed the federal government to ensure that provinces receive a 50% share of revenue generated from oil and gas produced within their territories in accordance with the 18th Constitutional Amendment. The committee, chaired by Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro, was attended by Senators Poonjo Bheel and Jan Muhammad Baloch. Reviewin..... [more >>](#)

Business forum urges PM to review petroleum pricing mechanism

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-07-25

The Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) has appealed to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to reassess the country's daily petroleum pricing system, saying the current mechanism is placing additional financial pressure on businesses and consumers. In a letter to the prime minister, PBF President Khawaja Mehboob ur Rehman argued that frequent fuel price revisions have created uncertainty in the market [more >>](#)

No change in petrol, diesel prices today, tomorrowSource: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will keep petrol and high-speed diesel prices unchanged for July 26 and 27, the Petroleum Division said Saturday, extending the latest fuel rates as international Platts prices are not published over the weekend. Under the notification, petrol, or motor spirit, will remain at Rs335.18 per litre, while high-speed diesel will continue to cost Rs383.46 per litre. The decision me..... [more >>](#)

Govt keeps petrol, diesel prices unchanged for two daysSource: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-26

The government on Saturday kept the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel unchanged for July 26 and 27 due to the non-publication of "Platts prices on weekends". A day earlier, the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) were increased by Rs3.66 and Rs4.80 per litre, respectively. The current price of petrol stands at Rs335.18 per litre, while HSD is priced at Rs383.46 per [more >>](#)

Gas, power sector dues strain energy supply chainSource: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-26

KARACHI: Unsettled receivables across gas and power sectors continue to severely strain the operational liquidity of the country's main energy supplier, prompting fresh warnings about the stability of the national energy supply chain. Independent industry data shows that Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) carries the largest burden of overdue liabilities, owing Rs536 billion as of J..... [more >>](#)

Govt keeps prices of petrol, high-speed diesel unchangedSource: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-26

ISLAMABAD - The government kept the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) unchanged for July 26 and 27, maintaining them at Rs335.18 and Rs383.46 per litre, respectively. "In continuation of the press release issued on July 24, 2026, it is clarified that the following ex-depot prices of petroleum products for July 25, 2026, shall remain unchanged for July 26 and 27, 2026, due to non-p..... [more >>](#)

Green alternatives to oil dependenceSource: [Shamsul Islam Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-27

Pakistan's trade deficit surged to \$39.47 billion in FY26, the highest in four years, highlighting the country's deep structural dependence on imported energy. The petroleum group import bill alone reached \$16.86bn, up from \$15.94bn a year earlier, while crude oil imports jumped 32.1 per cent to \$7.17bn. These figures underscore the urgent need to shift from imported fossil fuels to af..... [more >>](#)

Govt to present recommendations in week to resolve issues of oil tanker associationSource: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-27

The federal government and the Oil Tankers Contractors Association (OTCA) on Monday agreed to form a high-level committee to address issues facing tanker owners. According to a statement issued by the Petroleum Division, the breakthrough came after a successful meeting between the Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik and the OTCA delegation, led by its president, Abidullah Afridi. "Agre..... [more >>](#)

Ogra recommends up to Rs133.84 per MMBTU cut in prescribed gas pricesSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-27

ISLAMABAD - The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has recommended a reduction of up to Rs133.84 per MMBTU in the prescribed prices of gas for both the Sui companies effective July 1, 2026. In its determination on the Estimated Revenue Requirement of the Sui companies, OGRA has allowed a reduction of Rs133.84 per Million British Thermal Units (MMBTU) (or 7.32 percent) for the Sui Northern Ga..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz orders increase in country's strategic petroleum reserves

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-28

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday ordered authorities to increase the country's strategic petroleum reserves, terming refinery upgradation "an important need of the time". The premier made the remarks while chairing a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, where the proposed amendments to the Pakistan Oil Refining Policy, 2023, were app..... [more >>](#)

Diesel price up by Rs3.37, petrol cut by Re1

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-28

ISLAMABAD: The government raised diesel prices again while offering motorists only a token cut in petrol, according to a notification issued Monday by the Ministry of Energy's Petroleum Division. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) revised ex-depot prices for petroleum products effective July 28, 2026, based on the federal government's updated pricing mechanism. The new rates [more >>](#)

Govt forms committee to resolve oil tanker contractors' issues as fuel prices may ease

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-28

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik has formed a high-level committee to address oil tanker contractors' concerns, directing it to submit recommendations within a week as global oil prices trend lower and shipping through the Bab el-Mandeb resumes. The committee, headed by the Special Secretary Petroleum, includes the Director General (Oil), representatives of the Oil and Gas Re..... [more >>](#)

Govt finally revamps oil refining policy; what does it mean?

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-28

ISLAMABAD: After six years of deadlock, the government on Tuesday approved the Brownfield Refining Policy to modernise the country's petroleum refineries, with an estimated investment of about \$6bn, to improve product quality and increase production. The Brownfield Refining Policy is a regulatory framework aimed at upgrading existing oil refineries, modernising their operations and improv..... [more >>](#)

Cabinet approves amendments to Oil Refining Policy for Euro-V fuel rollout

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-28

The Cabinet Committee on Energy on Tuesday approved amendments to the Pakistan Oil Refining Policy 2023 that will enable the modernisation of Pakistan's existing oil refineries to produce Euro-V compliant petrol and diesel, while reducing the production of furnace oil and other low-value petroleum products, according to a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Prime Mi..... [more >>](#)

60-day oil stocks planned to avert crisis

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-28

ISLAMABAD: The National Coordination and Management Council (NCMC) has given the directive to expedite work on building strategic crude oil reserves by inviting oil-producing countries to meet consumption needs for 60 days and address Pakistan's energy-security concerns. The directive comes in the backdrop of US-Iran war that has triggered fears of a looming oil crisis. Earlier too, the gove..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum minister sees drop in fuel prices in coming days

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-28

ISLAMABAD - Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik Monday signaled drop in local Petroleum products prices in coming days due to falling international crude, petrol, and HSD rates, adding that the supply may also improve as Pakistan's stuck oil cargoes at Bab-al-Mandeb have come out safely. While talking to media following a meeting with the Oil Tankers Contractors Association (OTCA), the Mini..... [more >>](#)

PM directs increase in strategic petroleum reserves

Source: Khalid Mustafa & Muhammad Anis & Ag App, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed an increase in the country's strategic reserves of petroleum products to bolster energy security and ensure uninterrupted supply in case of any disruption. The directive came during a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) on Tuesday, which the prime minister chaired and which approved the long-awaited amended Brownfield Refin..... [more >>](#)

Govt hikes petrol, diesel prices despite expectations of relief

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: The government has raised the prices of both petrol and high-speed diesel, dashing widespread expectations of cheaper petroleum products amid a sharp decline in international crude oil prices. According to a notification issued by the Petroleum Division on Tuesday, the ex-depot price of high-speed diesel (HSD) has been increased by Rs1.55 per litre to Rs388.38 from Rs386.83, while petr..... [more >>](#)

Governing gas

Source: Ghiyas A Paracha, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-29

Pakistan's gas crisis is often described as a shortage problem. It is not. The country has pipelines, LNG terminals, private-sector expertise, industrial demand and regulatory institutions. What it lacks is a functioning gas market. Pakistan once possessed one of the most successful gas sectors in the developing world. Domestic production expanded steadily and indigenous gas powered industr..... [more >>](#)

Rates steady

Source: Editorial, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-29

With the Middle East conflict still alternating between pauses and rounds of strikes and energy prices still volatile, the SBP held its benchmark interest rate at 11.5 per cent on Monday. The hold was in line with expectations among most economists and market players, with oil temporarily crossing \$100 per barrel last week and all the implications for inflation. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)..... [more >>](#)

What does it mean?

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

THE Brownfield Refining Policy is not about setting up new refineries from scratch. It is about upgrading the country's existing refineries so they can produce cleaner and higher-value fuels. At present, the country's refineries produce a large share of furnace oil, a low-value product whose demand has declined over the years. The new policy aims to shift refinery output towards petro..... [more >>](#)

Refinery upgrade policy approved after six-year deadlock

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: After six years of deadlock, the government on Tuesday approved a revamped Brownfield Refining Policy to modernise the country's existing petroleum refineries, paving the way for an estimated investment of about \$6 billion to improve fuel quality, increase petrol and diesel output and reduce furnace oil production. The policy was approved by the Cabinet Committee o..... [more >>](#)

Balochistan cabinet approves \$14bn Gwadar gas terminal

Source: Mohammad Zafar Baloch, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-30

QUETTA: The Balochistan cabinet has approved the establishment of a \$14 billion Tri-State Gas Terminal in Gwadar with investment from Turkmenistan and directed the Senior Member Board of Revenue to ensure that the province's rights are fully protected in the project. Addressing a press conference after the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Provincial Ministers Mir..... [more >>](#)

Crude tanker bound for Pakistan transits Bab el-Mandeb

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-30

SINGAPORE: Thirty-nine commodity ships passed through the Bab el-Mandeb strait on Tuesday, the highest number since July 19, while five transited on Wednesday, preliminary shipping data showed, with only a few transiting through the Strait of Hormuz according to Arab News. Two of the five ships exiting the Bab el-Mandeb on July 29 were carrying crude oil, including a very large crude carrier (VLC)..... [more >>](#)

Govt announces Rs1.09 increase in petrol, Rs2.42 in diesel price for July 31

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-30

The federal government on Thursday increased the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs1.09 and Rs2.42 per litre, respectively, for July 31. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Petroleum, the price of petrol has been fixed at Rs336.15 per litre, while HSD will now cost Rs393.04 per litre. The latest revision comes a day after the government reduced the price o..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum minister defends daily fuel pricing as lawmakers question mechanism

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-30

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik on Thursday defended the government's daily fuel pricing mechanism, saying it had ended the practice of oil companies restricting petrol supplies in anticipation of price revisions under the previous system. The federal government on July 17 announced that petroleum product prices would now be reviewed and notified on a daily basis, replaci..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan moves closer to phased oil sector deregulation

Source: [Israr Khan & Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-31

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has moved closer to phased deregulation of its petroleum sector as a government committee reviewed a roadmap for pricing reforms, greater competition and market transparency, with officials considering daily pricing, strategic reserves and a price stabilisation fund to reduce volatility. The Petroleum Pricing Committee, headed by Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Mali..... [more >>](#)

No fuel levy cut without IMF-approved revenue plan: minister

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-31

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's efforts to reduce the petroleum levy are constrained by the International Monetary Fund, with Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik saying the lender is unlikely to approve any cut unless the government replaces the lost revenue through an alternative source. The levy currently charged on petrol and diesel is already lower than the level imposed during wartime, Malik to..... [more >>](#)

PPL announces fourth consecutive gas discovery in Shah Bandar block

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-31

KARACHI: Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has announced a gas and condensate discovery at its exploratory well Rahi X-1 in the Shah Bandar Block, located in Sujawal, Sindh. The discovery marks the fourth consecutive hydrocarbon find in the Shah Bandar Block by PPL, the operator with a 63 per cent working interest (WI). The joint venture partners are Mari Energies Limited with a 32 per cent WI, wh..... [more >>](#)

'Fuel price hikes necessary for stability'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-31

ISLAMABAD: Addressing concerns over petroleum prices, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal said adjustments in petroleum product prices are directly linked to fluctuations in international oil markets and are necessary to maintain macroeconomic balance and fiscal discipline. Speaking at a media briefing to launch the Ministry of Planning's Monthly Development Update for July, Iqbal said Pakistan ha..... [more >>](#)

PPL makes 4th hydrocarbon find in Shah Bandar

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KARACHI: Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL), the operator of Shah Bandar exploration licence, has made a gas and condensate discovery at exploratory well Rahi X-1, located in Sujawal district of Sindh province. "This is the fourth consecutive discovery at the Shah Bandar Block by PPL as an operator with 63% working interest along with its joint-venture partners Mari Energies having 32% workin..... [more >>](#)

Ali Pervaiz hints at reintroducing POL targeted subsidies if US-Iran war persists

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-31

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik has hinted at reintroducing POL targeted subsidies if the US-Iran war persists. He expressed these views while speaking to the media after the Senate Petroleum Committee meeting. In reply to a query on when will petroleum product prices come down, Ali Pervaiz replied: "The situation in the region is before you." "A few [more >>](#)

Govt cuts petrol price by 12 paisas, high-speed diesel by 66 paisas for the next three days

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-31

The government on Friday reduced the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by 12 paisas and 66 paisas per litre, respectively. Following the revision, petrol will retail at Rs336.03 per litre, while HSD will cost Rs392.38 per litre. The government continues to levy Rs110 per litre in taxes and duties on petrol and Rs96 per litre on diesel. The Petroleum Division's notification s..... [more >>](#)

Buyers to press Qatar, UAE for cheaper, more flexible LNG deals after Hormuz shock

Source: [Francesca Landini](#), [Marwa Rashad](#), [Emily Chow](#) and [Nidhi Verma](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-24

Asian and European buyers of liquefied natural gas (LNG) plan to ask for lower prices and additional supply guarantees from Qatar and the United Arab Emirates as the US-Iran war raises insurance costs on those deliveries, buyers, traders and industry executives told Reuters. The war is reshaping the global energy industry, stripping Gulf producers of their reputation as the world's most reli..... [more >>](#)

Daily fuel pricing mechanism reviewed; Senate panel rejects appointment of Ogra interim chairman

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-31

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum has rejected the appointment of an interim chairman for the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) and raised concerns over the government's move to fix fuel prices daily. The committee, which met here on Thursday with Senator Umar Farooq in the chair, called for the appointment of a permanent OGRA chairman and a reversion to a fort..... [more >>](#)

Balochistan cabinet clears Gwadar gas terminal

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Renewable and Clean Energy Technologies

IHC Chief Justice to inaugurate solar power project at Islamabad District Courts today

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

ISLAMABAD - Chief Justice of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) is set to inaugurate a 709-kilowatt solar power system at the Islamabad District Judicial Complex today (Tuesday), marking a significant step towards reducing the judiciary's energy costs and promoting the use of renewable energy. The PKR 90 million solarisation project, funded by the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan through [more >>](#)

Murad reviews 'solar home system' project

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah directed the Energy Department to further accelerate the distribution and installation of Solar Home System (SHS) kits across the province, reaffirming his government's commitment to providing clean, affordable and sustainable energy to low-income households. Presiding over a review meeting at the CM House on Friday on the progress of th..... [more >>](#)

Net-metering regime; Solar generation surges in FY26: Advisor

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's rapid expansion in solar net-metering capacity — growing nearly 37-fold in six years to around 7,000 MW by June 2026 — has triggered a major policy shift from net-metering to net-billing, as authorities grapple with mounting technical and financial pressures in the power sector. At a SAARC webinar, Energy Advisor to the Power Division, Engr Syed Faizan [more >>](#)

CM tells energy dept to expedite implementation of solar home system project

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-18

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has directed the provincial energy department to accelerate the distribution and installation of solar home system (SHS) kits across the province, saying that it will reaffirm his government's commitment to providing clean, affordable and sustainable energy to low-income households. Presiding over a review meeting at the CM House on Friday on the pr..... [more >>](#)

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Karachi's DHA City becomes first private entity to light up its own housing project

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-25

ISLAMABAD: In a first, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday awarded DHA City, located on M-9 motorway, two parallel licences for electricity distribution and supplier of last resort (SoLR) for a period of 21 years. This is the first of its kind move under which a privately owned entity — DHA Energy Supply Company (Desco) — got licences to have both respon..... [more >>](#)

Study says including KE's 640MW renewable projects may cut power costs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-30

KARACHI: A scenario-based assessment has found that including K-Electric's (KE) 640-megawatt (MW) renewable energy projects in the national generation expansion plan could significantly reduce electricity costs, enhance energy

security and lower dependence on the National Grid Company (NGC). According to a new study 'Successful Renewable Auctions, Uncertain Outcomes: A Techno-Economic..... [more >>](#)

CM aide seeks plan for solarising govt institutions in KP

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-31

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Energy and Power Nazir Ahmad Abbasi on Thursday directed officials to prepare a comprehensive plan for the phased solarisation of government schools, colleges and mosques across the province to reduce electricity costs and promote clean energy. The directive came during a meeting at the Energy and Power Department, attended by the department's secre..... [more >>](#)

Seminar urges affordable solar for vulnerable households

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-31

KARACHI: Speakers at a seminar on Pakistan's energy security call for affordable solar power for heat-stressed and economically vulnerable households. The seminar, titled 'Pakistan's Energy Security: The Reality for Working People', was jointly organised by The Knowledge Forum (TKF) and the Karachi Union of Journalists (KUJ) at the Karachi Press Club. Dr Bengali, former a..... [more >>](#)

KE's 640MW renewable projects excluded from draft IGCEP base case

Source: [Muhammad Saqib](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-07-31

KARACHI: K-Electric's (KE) 640-megawatt (MW) renewable energy portfolio, despite securing regulatory approvals and competitive tariffs through transparent auctions, has been excluded from the base case of the draft Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2025, raising concerns over higher electricity costs, energy security and investor confidence, according to a study released [more >>](#)

Power division pins blame for circular debt on 'Q Block'

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: The power division on Tuesday blamed the Ministry of Finance for a Rs61 billion increase in power sector circular debt, which rose to Rs1.675 trillion by June 30 this year from Rs1.614tr a year earlier. "Due to the budget deduction of Rs98bn, the circular debt witnessed an increase of Rs61bn" during FY2025-26, the power division said in a statement. It did not release [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagements

Launch of Sustainable Policy Economic Bulletin

PM's coordinator for deep structural reforms to streamline economy

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-07-23

ISLAMABAD, Jul 23 (APP): Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Commerce Rana Ihsaan Afzal on Thursday stressed the need for deep structural reforms to put Pakistan's economy on the path of sustainable growth. He was speaking at the relaunch of Sustainable Policy Economic Bulletin: Budgeting the Unbudgeted here at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Thursday, said a press releas..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-07-24

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پائیدار معاشی ترقی کیلئے بنیادی اصلاحات کرنا ہوں گی، رانا احسان افضل

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily BBC Report](#), 2026-07-24

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Collaboration

UNFPA, SDPI Urge Data-driven Reporting on Population Issues in KP

Source: [AFP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-07-16

PESHAWAR, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 16th Jul, 2026) The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), on Thursday convened a meeting of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Media Coalition on Reproductive Health and Family Planning to promote evidence-based reporting on population, health and development issues. The meeting, su..... [more >>](#)

UNFPA, SDPI Highlight Population Challenges For Sustainable Development In KP

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Green Post](#), 2026-07-16

PESHAWAR (16 July 2026): Journalists, policy experts and officials from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) unveiled fresh data on youth, population, family planning and child marriage for reporting on issues pertaining to population here on Thursday. The data was released at a session, titled: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Media Coalition Meeting on Reproductive Health and Family Planning, ho..... [more >>](#)

UN Population Fund, SDPI hold media session on population, health reporting

Source: [Radio Pakistan](#), [Radio Pakistan](#), 2026-07-17

The United Nations Population Fund held an interactive session with media in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute to build a sustained data bank for evidence-based reporting on population, health and development. During the session, fresh data on youth, population, family planning and child marriage was unveiled. Addressing the session, Program Specialist UNFPA-KP Dr S..... [more >>](#)

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Consultative Discussion

Pakistan's air quality is 15 times high than the safe limit

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UNEP, SDPI Highlight Alarming Air Pollution Levels Ahead of National Environment Report

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ISLAMABAD (20 July 2026): Pakistan's recently recorded air quality is 15 times higher than the safe limit in some areas, which is a big danger to human health, reveals an unpublished National State of Environment Report (NSOER) to be launched soon. At a consultation session, held jointly by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Air Pollution Reaches 15 Times Safe Limit in Some Areas, New Environment Report Warns

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ISLAMABAD: Air pollution in some parts of Pakistan has reached 15 times the internationally accepted safe limit, posing a serious threat to public health, according to the findings of the upcoming National State of Environment Report (NSOER) presented during a consultation session in Islamabad. The consultation was jointly organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Susta..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's air pollution reaches 15 times above safe limit, report reveals

Source: [Hamza Shahnawaz](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2026-07-20

National State of Environment Report highlights worsening air quality, health risks and urgent need for stronger climate action Pakistan's air quality has reached dangerous levels, with PM2.5 concentrations recorded up to 15 times higher than the safe limit in some areas, according to findings from an unpublished National State of Environment Report (NSOER) set to be launched soon. The..... [more >>](#)

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اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) اقوام متحدہ کے ماحولیاتی پروگرام (UNEP) پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی (SDPI) اور وزارت موسمیاتی تبدیلی (MoCC) کے اشتراک سے منعقدہ ایک مشاورتی اجلاس میں پاکستان کی ماحولیاتی صورتحال سے متعلق تشویشناک حقائق [more >>](#)..... □

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نوجوانوں کیلئے قومی ماحولیاتی صورتحال رپورٹ کا ایڈیشن تیار کرنے کا اعلانSource: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-07-21

اسلام آباد (خبر نگار) وزارت موسمیاتی تبدیلی، اقوام متحدہ کے ماحولیاتی پروگرام اور پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی کے اشتراک سے مشاورتی اجلاس میں پاکستان کی ماحولیاتی صورتحال سے متعلق تشویشناک حقائق سامنے آئے ہیں۔ اس موقع [more >>](#)..... □

Environment report highlights severe air pollution, policy gapsSource: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-22

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SDPI Researchers Articles**زندگی سامنے پڑی ہے ابھی!**Source: [Sahar Basharat](#), [The Destination](#), 2026-07-16

خودکشی ایک ایسا انتہائی اور المناک اقدام ہے جو عموماً شدید ذہنی دباؤ، نفسیاتی بیماری یا گہرے جذباتی بحران کا نتیجہ ہوتا ہے۔ یہ محض ایک لمحاتی فیصلہ نہیں بلکہ اکثر طویل عرصے تک جاری رہنے والی ذہنی اذیت، احساس بے بسی اور [more >>](#)..... □

Geographic shieldSource: [Naseer Memon](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-18

PAKISTAN'S stance on India's unilateral suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty is rooted in its legal rights concerning the Indus basin's western rivers under the treaty. Walking away from the treaty is a breach of obligation by India. Moreover, the threat to stop flows to the lower riparian is a human rights violation. Anxiety and warning of reciprocal action were only to be expected..... [more >>](#)

The Invisible Heroes of Our Streets: The Life of a Gig WorkerSource: [Rana Irfan Rafi](#), [LEAD Pakistan](#), 2026-07-20

If u step out into the road in any major city in Pakistan, you will find a familiar scene there are hundreds of bike riders everywhere. Some carrying thermal bags for foods, other waiting for ride booking through apps like indrive, bykea or yango etc, and some of them just looking passengers. Whether people need to go somewhere or send a package, or order dinner these workers are available 24/7. we often [more >>](#)

Who pays the cost of silence?Source: [Sahar Basharat](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

When silence overpowers human emotions, society turns inhuman and violent. Power imbalances intentionally hit gender norms, so violence becomes part of routine life. In such a society, where system supports gender-based

violence, victims are always pushed towards the wrong side of the law, blamed and ultimately silenced. In Pakistan, there is a sharp rise in gender-based violence for the last..... [more >>](#)

Beyond cashless headlines

Source: [Dr Irfan Ahmad Chatha](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-21

Pakistan's transition towards a cashless economy has gained fresh policy attention, as evidenced by a recent high-level government meeting on digital payments. The latest figures offer good reason for optimism: active QR merchants have reportedly increased threefold over the past year to more than two million, mobile banking application users have risen from 95 million to 137 million, and P..... [more >>](#)

The invisible frontline!

Source: [Aimen Malik](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2026-07-23

PAKISTAN'S digital transformation is creating new opportunities for women, but it is also exposing them to new forms of harm. Cyber harassment, stalking, impersonation, blackmail and deepfake abuse are no longer isolated incidents on the margins of the internet. They are now shaping who feels safe speaking, working, campaigning, learning and participating in public life. That makes cyber vio..... [more >>](#)

Climate governance whiplash

Source: [Zainab Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-25

Pakistan has entered a phase of climate governance whiplash where extreme heat, intense rainfall, prolonged droughts, glacier instability and water insecurity are no longer isolated environmental challenges but interconnected threats shaping the country's economy, food security, public health and national stability. Climate governance whiplash is Pakistan's struggle between knowing an..... [more >>](#)

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UN elections and institutional effectiveness

Source: [Sadiah Ishrat Satti](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-26

For eight decades, the United Nations has been the world's arbiter of human rights and equality, yet its own highest office remains an unbroken glass ceiling. Since 1945, nine secretaries-general have led the organisation; every single one has been a man. As the institution approaches its 80th anniversary, the 2026 selection process is no longer..... [more >>](#)

Tax more or grow more?

Source: [Muhammad Waseem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-07-27

The federal budget stands at around Rs18.77 trillion, and the government is targeting economic growth of around 4.1 per cent, while inflation is expected to remain in single digits. The story of the development side is different; the Public Sector Development Programme places the national development outlay at Rs3.675 trillion, including Rs1 trillion for the federal PSDP, Rs2.44 trillion for prov..... [more >>](#)

In the crossfire of the ceasefire

Source: Arfa Ijaz & Sarim Zia, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-28

While the missiles fly in the Middle East, the most immediate shockwaves are being felt in regional capitals, as well as in the sprawling markets and boardrooms of Pakistan. The recent collapse of the US-Iran ceasefire MoU, a landmark interim agreement known as the Islamabad Memorandum, brokered by Pakistan itself to temporarily halt the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, has thrust global geopolitics..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan can turn its solar boom into industrial growth by learning from China's model-INP

Source: Muhammad Zulqarnain, [Independent News Pakistan](#), 2026-07-19

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Rethinking trade policy

Source: Ishrat Husain, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-21

The preparation of the Strategic Trade Policy (STP) for 2026-31 is an opportunity not merely to set fresh export targets but also rethink our export strategy in the light of lessons of the past decade. Any new policy's credibility depends on fixing structural weaknesses that have repeatedly undermined implementation. First, policies alone don't produce results. Pakistan has prepared..... [more >>](#)

Food rethink

Source: Dr Babar Shahbaz, [The News, International](#), 2026-07-25

Pakistan's food system is facing a serious paradox. Our farmers produce more food than ever before, yet food insecurity, malnutrition and hunger are highest in the region. Millions of Pakistanis still cannot afford the healthy and nutritious diets they need to live productive lives. Our food policies have largely focused on increasing agricultural production and ensuring the availability of..... [more >>](#)

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Lack of access to cooling to amplify heat deaths in Pakistan

Source: Zaki Abbas, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-29

ISLAMABAD: As extreme heat events become more frequent, most poor countries lack the resources to power the cooling systems needed to adapt to rising temperatures, resulting in 10 times more deaths compared to their wealthier counterparts. According to a new study by the Climate Impact Lab, headquartered at the University of Chicago, climate-driven temperature changes are on track to cause about..... [more >>](#)

'Pakistan's energy challenges cannot be addressed through isolated interventions'

Source: BR Web Desk, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-07-31

Pakistan's energy challenges cannot be resolved through isolated policy measures, as sustainable reform requires simultaneous efforts to improve grid reliability, lower electricity costs, and accelerate renewable energy deployment

alongside initiatives to bring industries back to the national grid, two research reports highlighted. The Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PR..... [more >>](#)

Webinar News

موسمیاتی تبدیلی: شدید گرمی، سیلاب، گلیشیائی جھیلوں کے پھٹنے، خشک سالی کے خطرات

Source: Tanveer Hashmi, [Daily Jang](#), 2026-07-28

اسلام آباد (تنویر ہاشمی) پاکستان موسمیاتی تبدیلی سے شدید گرمی کی لہریں، غیر معمولی مون سون، اچانک سیلاب، گلیشیائی جھیلوں کے پھٹنے اور خشک سالی جیسے خطرات بیک وقت سامنے آ رہے ہیں، ماہرین موسمیات نے کہا ہے کہ مون سون سے وا [more >>](#)..... □

موسمیاتی چیلنجز سے نمٹنے کے لئے ہنگامی منصوبہ بندی ناگزیر ہے

Source: Staff Reporter, [Daily Dunya](#), 2026-07-28

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آفات سے نمٹنے کے لئے ہنگامی رد عمل نہیں بلکہ پیشگی منصوبہ بندی کی ضرورت ہے، ماہرین

Source: APP, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-07-27

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Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-07-27

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Need to shift from reactive to anticipatory action stressed to ensure climate resilienceSource: [Web Desk](#), [The Green Post](#), 2026-07-28

ISLAMABAD (28 July 2026): Pakistan must abandon its firefighting approach to disasters and instead invest in anticipatory action, early warning systems, and climate-resilient land use to ensure beefed up climate resilience of the nation. This was the crux of the discussion at a webinar, titled: "Climate Extremes in Pakistan: Heatwaves, Monsoon Variability and Compound Risks", organized..... [more >>](#)

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Workshop News

Media urged to give dedicated airtime and more space to issues like population, reproductive health, GBVSource: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-07-28

LAHORE, July 28 (SABAH): Experts have urged the mainstream media to give more space and dedicated airtime to the issues like population, reproductive health, youths inclusion, child marriages and gender-based violence. Over two dozen journalists, bureau chiefs and digital editors from leading news organizations gathered here at the fourth meeting of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Medi..... [more >>](#)

Media Urged to Prioritize Population, Reproductive Health & GBV ReportingSource: [Jeevey Pakistan](#), [Jeevey Pakistan](#), 2026-07-28

Media experts have called on mainstream news organizations to allocate dedicated airtime and greater editorial space to population, reproductive health, gender-based violence (GBV), youth inclusion, child marriage, and other key development issues. The appeal was made during the fourth UNFPA Media Coalition meeting, organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) with support from..... [more >>](#)

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