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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

Iesco fines power thieves Rs609m, recovers over Rs7bn from defaulters

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-04

Islamabad: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) has imposed more than Rs609.1 million in penalties on 7,073 electricity thieves and recovered over Rs7 billion in outstanding dues from more than 232,000 defaulting consumers since launching its anti-power theft campaign in September 2023, the utility said on Monday. Iesco Chief Executive Engineer Chaudhry Khalid Mahmood said the crackdown,..... [more >>](#)

KP energy secretary orders crackdown on corrupt officials

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-07

Peshawar - Secretary for Energy and Power Nisar Ahmed has directed all subordinate institutions of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Energy Department to compile verified lists of corrupt, disreputable, underperforming and integrity-compromised officers as part of a wider drive to strengthen good governance, transparency and accountability. Chairing a special review meeting at the Energy Department, Mr Ahme..... [more >>](#)

Questions raised over Sepco's Rs14.21b unrecovered power cost claim

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-15

ISLAMABAD - Raising serious questions about SEPCO's claim of Rs14.21 billion in unrecovered dues, the representatives of the Industries called on the Power Division to independently verify the invoicing history of Dadu Energy and Shikarpur Power Plants against actual dispatch and generation data. Arif Balwani, a Karachi based Industrialist and Energy expert in a letter to NEPRA, Power Divis..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for stronger policy, financing to drive electric mobility

Source: [Afshan S. Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-03

Islamabad: A national conference on accelerating Pakistan's transition to electric vehicles (EVs) concluded at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), with experts calling for stronger policy coordination, investment, infrastructure development and industry collaboration to support sustainable mobility. Titled "Driving the EV Transition: Synergising Policy, Grid and Gre..... [more >>](#)

Faisalabad launches e-bike battery swapping pilot

Source: [Khawar Randhawa](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

FAISALABAD: Faisalabad has launched its first public-sector electric bike battery swapping station as part of efforts to promote cleaner and more sustainable urban transport, officials said. The pilot project was inaugurated by Commissioner Faisalabad Dr Imran Hamid Sheikh. The ceremony was attended by General Manager of E-Swapping Company Eugene Qi, E-Swapping Infrastructure In-charge Muhammad..... [more >>](#)

Awareness session held on e-vehicles sector

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-03

ISLAMABAD: The Energy Conservation Fund of the National Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (NEECA), under the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), organised an interactive stakeholder awareness session on the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) and Battery Swapping Stations (BSS) Regulations, 2024. The session focused on the regulatory framework, registration process, [more >>](#)

Enhanced evening discharge rates; Advisor proposes introduction of ToU net metering/billing

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-01

ISLAMABAD: Power Division Advisor Syed Faizan Ali has proposed the introduction of Time-of-Use (ToU) net metering/net billing with enhanced evening discharge rates of Rs 18–22 per kWh (from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm) to incentivise Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and reduce peak-hour procurement costs for system operators. Pakistan's evening peak demand has now crossed 26,000 MW annual..... [more >>](#)

Illegal disconnections

Source: [Ahsan Raza](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-02

The month of July in Lahore brings sweltering heat, stifling humidity and an unrelenting wave of power outages. Beyond weather-induced load-shedding, the consumers now face a sharper, more immediate anxiety: watching their home suddenly go dark while neighbouring houses remain illuminated — a sign that their power meter has been abruptly disconn..... [more >>](#)

KE wins Gold Stevie® Award for Great Employers 2026, becomes only Pakistani organisation recognised globally

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-01

Karachi - K-Electric (KE) has won the Gold Stevie® Award at the 11th Annual Stevie® Awards for Great Employers, with the company's Chief People Officer, Muhammad Rizwan Dalia, receiving an honour in the HR Individual – Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Leader of the Year category. The achievement was KE's first participation in the Stevie® Awards for Great Empl..... [more >>](#)

Tarbela hydropower project extensions; WB reaffirms 'satisfactory' progress

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-02

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank has reaffirmed satisfactory progress on Pakistan's Tarbela Fourth Extension Hydropower Project, while confirming that an additional USD 300 million approved in June 2026 will help bridge cost overruns and keep the strategically important 1,530-megawatt Tarbela Fifth Extension Hydropower Project (T5HP) on track for electricity generation from mid-2027, significantly [more >>](#)

April-June 26; Discos seek positive adjustment to recover Rs23bn from consumers

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-02

ISLAMABAD: Power Distribution Companies (Discos) have sought a positive adjustment of up to Rs 1 per unit to recover over Rs 23.031 billion from consumers of both Discos and K-Electric (KE) for the second quarter (April–June 2026) under the Quarterly Tariff Adjustment (QTA) mechanism. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is scheduled to hold a public hearing on Augus..... [more >>](#)

Power crisis

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-03

A wave of worrying reports about the power sector have come in over the past week. First there was the news that the power sector circular debt rose to Rs1.671 trillion by the end of FY2025-26, up from Rs1.614 trillion a year earlier, a setback to the government's aim of achieving zero growth in circular debt by the end of FY26. The increase came despite the government securing Rs1.275 trill..... [more >>](#)

Energy insecurity and crisis diplomacy

Source: [Amina Sardar](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-03

When discussing Pakistan's foreign policy, analysts often focus on security alliances, religious affinities, or great-power politics. Yet one of the most influential drivers of Islamabad's diplomatic behaviour receives far less attention: energy insecurity. The recent Iran crisis has shown that Pakistan's foreign policy is shaped not only by strategic and political considerations but [more >>](#)

Inconsistencies in Rs332bn grid revenue flagged

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-03

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority member (tariff and finance) has questioned regulatory and accounting inconsistencies of the national grid's recently-cleared revenue requirement of Rs332 billion, citing what she described as the 'mirror image' of receivables and non-transferred assets. Nepra member Amina Ahmed pointed out the financial inconsist..... [more >>](#)

CPPA-G seeks Nepra's nod to collect additional Re1 per unit from consumers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-03

ISLAMABAD - The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought NEPRA's nod to charge an additional Re1 per unit from the electricity consumers, mainly due to Rs57.721 billion jump in capacity charges, impact of T&D losses on monthly FCA and variable O&M in the 2nd quarter of CY2026. The consumers of Discos and K-Electric have been deprived of the saving of over Rs35 [more >>](#)

Govt urged to abolish petroleum levy

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-03

LAHORE - The Pak International Business Forum (PIBF) has announced its full support for the nationwide protest call given by Jamaat-e-Islami on August 7 against the petroleum levy, urging the federal government to abolish the levy and end the frequent revisions in petroleum prices, which it said were hurting businesses and the general public. PIBF Central President Dr Mushtaq Mangat said the petro..... [more >>](#)

PD says GEPCO crosses into single-digit line losses

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division said on Monday that the Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) closed Financial Year 2025–26 with line losses of 9.80 percent, down from 10.43 percent a year earlier, bringing the company's losses into single digits. The improvement was matched by a recovery rate of more than 100 percent, a zero share in the national Circular Debt, and full, timely..... [more >>](#)

IESCO recovers over Rs7bn from defaulters

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD: Under the vision, directives, and full support of the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division), Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, the Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has been continuously conducting a successful crackdown against electricity theft and defaulting consumers throughout the IESCO region. Chief Executive IESCO, Engineer Ch..... [more >>](#)

GEPCO line losses drop to 9.8% Rs5.2b savings, zero circular debt as reforms take hold

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD: Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) reduced its line losses to 9.80% in FY2025-26, down from 10.43% a year earlier, marking the first time the company has brought losses into single digits, according to a statement on Monday. The improvement was accompanied by a recovery rate exceeding 100%, zero contribution to the national circular debt, and full, timely payments to the Centra..... [more >>](#)

Commitments to IMF blocking cut in electricity costs: minister

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's efforts to reshape its power market and cut electricity costs are being constrained by commitments under its International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme, Power Minister Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan

Leghari said, limiting the government's ability to introduce a flexible, market-based tariff system that could spur battery storage and accelerate the shift towards cleaner [more >>](#)

Wapda to finish K-IV Project by June 2027

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-06

ISLAMABAD - WAPDA will finish K-IV Project by June 2027, but Karachiites may not see water supply before 2028-end due to Sindh government's delay in city water supply distribution work. A parliamentary panel was told that K-IV Project (WAPDA's part) will be done by June 2027, but provincial government's water distribution work might continue till December 2028 or April 2029. [more >>](#)

Balakot Hydropower's tariff 28pc lower than CPEC's Suki Kinari HPP, 25pc less than Patrind HPP: KP govt

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD - The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has claimed that the Balakot Hydropower, a provincial project, has 28 percent less tariff than China Pakistan Economic Corridor's (CPEC's) Suki Kinari HPP and 25 percent lower than Patrind HPP. Through better management, the cost of Balakot HPP has been reduced by almost half or \$603 million, official of Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Or..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers to pay 75 paisa per unit FCA in August bills

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday notified an additional burden of Rs9.8 billion on electricity consumers for the August billing period due to a fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of 75 paisa per unit. The net average fuel cost in August would be around 41 paisa per unit higher than in July, when the FCA stood at Rs0.34 per unit. In its notification, Nepra..... [more >>](#)

Nepra raises electricity tariff by Re0.75 per unit nationwide

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has allowed Power distribution companies to collect additional Re 0.75 per unit from Pakistan's electricity consumers in August bills on account of Fuel Charges Adjustments. In its decision in the matter of Fuel Charges Adjustment for the month of June, 2026 for Ex-Wapda Discos, NEPRA said it had decided that the positive F..... [more >>](#)

previous next news Nepra scraps requirement for license for small-scale prosumers using up to 25 kW

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-07

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has scrapped the requirement for license from regulator for small-scale prosumers (solar net-metering consumers) using up to 25 kilowatt, allowing DISCOs to directly approve grid-connected solar systems. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority amended the Solar Regulations 2026 and issued a notification authorizing the relevant [more >>](#)

Regulations amended; Small-scale prosumers exempted from Nepra's approval

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-07

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has amended its Prosumer Regulations, 2026, to simplify the approval process for small-scale solar systems, making it easier for consumers to install rooftop solar facilities of up to 25 kilowatts (kW). According to S.R.O. 1320(I)/2026 issued on Thursday, Nepra has introduced changes aimed at streamlining procedures related t..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers to pay Rs0.75/unit extra in August

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved a fuel charges adjustment (FCA) of Rs0.7503 per unit for electricity consumed in June 2026, allowing power distribution companies to recover an additional Rs9.8 billion from consumers through August electricity bills. The increase will apply to consumers of K-Electric and all ex-Wapda distribution companies (XWDISCOs)..... [more >>](#)

Fuel cost in power bills raised by 75 paise per unit

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday approved an additional financial burden of about Rs9.8 billion on electricity consumers by allowing a fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of 75.03 paise per unit in August electricity bills. The net impact on consumers in August, however, will be an increase of around 41 paise per unit, as the new FCA of 75.03 paise pe..... [more >>](#)

August power bills; Nepra increases FCA to generate additional Rs9.8bn

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved a positive adjustment of Re0.75 per unit in the Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) for Discos and K-Electric (KE) to recover an additional Rs9.8 billion from consumers for June 2026. The regulator conducted a public hearing on July 29, 2026. The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) had sought a higher p..... [more >>](#)

Adiala Road residents facing power outages

Source: [Khalid Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-09

Eight to ten hours of loadshedding has become a daily routine for residents of Adiala Road, who are facing severe hardships amid the ongoing suffocation harsh weather. Electricity is reportedly being switched off for almost an hour after every hour, leaving residents frustrated and helpless, thanks Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) for this poor performance. The prolonged power outages ha..... [more >>](#)

A way around our rising oil import bill

Source: [Zarak Mahmood Babar](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-09

Pakistan's oil import bill hit \$16.86 billion in 2025-26, exceeding International Monetary Fund's estimates by \$1.58 billion as global prices surged. Nearly 80 percent of the country's crude oil passes through the Strait of Hormuz — a chokepoint that has been repeatedly threatened. Under normal conditions, Pakistan holds only 1..... [more >>](#)

102MW Gulpur Hydropower Project; Nepra approves 30-year tariff of 9.3843 cents/kWh

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-10

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved a levelised tariff of US cents 9.3843 per kWh for a period of 30 years for the 102 MW run-of-the-river Gulpur Hydropower Project, being established by M/s Mira Power Limited (MPL). According to NEPRA's determination, the generation tariff will be Rs 17.3751 per kWh for the first 12 years and Rs 8.2686 per kWh fo..... [more >>](#)

CCoP to approve SoA for first batch of Discos

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCoP), headed by Deputy Prime Minister/ Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar, will meet on Tuesday (today) to approve the restructuring plan and Scheme of Arrangement (SoA) for the first batch of power distribution companies (Discos), including Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO), Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) and Islamabad Electr..... [more >>](#)

KE's BQPS-III; Nepra orders independent performance audit

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has ordered third-party performance tests of K-Electric (KE) Bin Qasim Power Station-III (BQPS-III), a 900 MW combined cycle power plant, aimed at assessing its capacity and heat rate benchmarks. According to a notification issued on August 6, 2026, the authority published its earlier decision dated July 6, 2026, in exercise o..... [more >>](#)

A new energy economy

Source: Mashhood Urfi, [The News, International](#), 2026-08-12

Pakistan's energy transition has long been constrained by an uncomfortable reality: the country needs reliable electricity around the clock, yet its dependence on imported fossil fuels exposes the economy to volatile global markets. While solar and wind have become increasingly competitive, their intermittent nature requires complementary technologies that can deliver stable power. The co..... [more >>](#)

Consumers of Discos & KE; Govt seeks to recover Rs34bn for Q2FY26

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-13

ISLAMABAD: The government has sought recovery of around Rs34 billion, or Rs1.34 per unit, from consumers of Discos and K-Electric for the second quarter (April-June) of 2026, citing lower electricity consumption and a resultant increase in capacity charges, while industrial consumers have urged National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to defer the proposed increase. Initially, Dis..... [more >>](#)

Diamer-Basha Dam project area; WAPDA releases Rs972.5m for uplift schemes

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-13

LAHORE: The Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) has released Rs 972.5 million for development schemes in the Diamer Basha Dam project area. According to a spokesperson here on Wednesday, the cheque was presented to the district administration at a ceremony held in the office of the Commissioner Diamer-Astore Division. The Commissioner Diamer-Astore Division, GM/Project Director..... [more >>](#)

Power shock for consumers as bills set to rise by upto Rs 4 per unit

Source: Fawad Yousafzai, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-13

ISLAMABAD - The electricity cost will increase by up to Rs 4 per unit (including GST) from September to November, as XWDiscos sought NEPRA nod for recovery of an additional Rs 34 billion from consumers on account of 2nd Quarterly Tariff Adjustments for CY 2026. Despite the current government revises agreements with Independent Power Plants (IPPs), Capacity payments still continue to haunt the elec..... [more >>](#)

Sahiwal coal plant disrupts livelihoods, water supply and mobility: report

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

KARACHI: A research report has documented disruptions to livelihoods, irrigation, drinking water supplies and local mobility in villages hosting the Sahiwal Coal Power Plant, with researchers calling for greater transparency and stronger consideration of affected communities in energy project planning. The findings were presented by Pind Sudhaar Services (PSS), a member of the Citizens'..... [more >>](#)

'Innovation hub' launched to tackle power sector

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Energy (Power Division) has officially launched Pakistan's first National Power Sector Innovation Program, with Innovation Hub serving as the program's dedicated digital platform. The National Power Sector Innovation Programme marks a significant step towards establishing a national institutional framework for innovation in Pakistan's power sector. Thro..... [more >>](#)

Consumers protest Rs34bn tariff burden

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-13

ISLAMABAD: Consumer representatives on Wednesday protested against a proposed additional quarterly tariff burden of Rs34 billion by power companies, driven by higher capacity charges arising from loadshedding, lower sales and solar penetration, resulting in an estimated tariff impact of around Rs1.35 per unit for three months. This led industrial consumers at a public hearing called by the..... [more >>](#)

Four Central Asian states report simultaneous power blackouts

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-15

ALMATY: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan all reported blackouts on Friday, which Kazakhstan's energy ministry said had been caused by a "sudden change in the power flow" from the Central Asian grid. The energy ministries of all four countries, whose grids are interconnected, confirmed outages. They said work was under way to restore power. Reuters repor..... [more >>](#)

Steel melters to pay ST on basis of electricity consumed

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-02

ISLAMABAD: The steel melters, re-rollers and composite units of steel melting and re-rolling mills will pay sales tax on the basis of electricity consumed per unit effective July 1, 2026. According to S.R.O. 1245(1)/2026 issued by the FBR, in exercise of the powers conferred by the provisos to subsection (2) of section 6 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has presc..... [more >>](#)

Govt to charge Rs5 per unit sales tax on electricity for 99 steel mills

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD - The federal government has imposed Rs5 per unit sales tax on electricity bills on iron and steel manufacturers in a bid to document the sector and curb leakages in scrap imports. The FBR through a notification has directed all the power distribution companies (DISCOs) that sales tax at Rs5/unit will be collected through monthly electricity bills issued by respective DISCOs from 99 regi..... [more >>](#)

PRIED calls for coordinated energy reforms to tackle circular debt

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-01

KARACHI: The energy sector is at a critical juncture as the Pakistan government seeks to address persistent circular debt, rising energy costs, concerns over industrial competitiveness, and growing energy security and climate challenges. Against this backdrop, the Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED) has launched two energy monitors examining key aspects of Pakistan's..... [more >>](#)

Energy Governance

Govt appoints Ghulamullah Shaikh as Nepra Member (Law) from Sindh

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-14

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has appointed Ghulamullah Shaikh from Sindh as Member (Law) of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) for a period of three years. Shaikh brings around 20 years of experience in the legal field. The position of Member (Law), representing Sindh, had remained vacant since the retirement of Rafique Ahmed Shaikh on December 5, 2025. Rafique Ahmed S..... [more >>](#)

300MW Balakot Hydropower Project; PEDO faces opposition due to high cost

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD: The 300MW Ballakot Hydropower Project of the Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organisation (PEDO) continues to face serious opposition, with both public sector entities under the Power Division and private

stakeholders reluctant to support it due to its high cost and proposed take-or-pay mode. This emerged during a public hearing held by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority..... [more >>](#)

The power sector's unfinished business

Source: Editorial, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-05

The latest debate surrounding Pakistan's power sector offers a useful reminder that reform is seldom a linear process. Within days, the Power Division defended its reform agenda by highlighting a sharp reduction in distribution company losses over the past two years, even as it acknowledged a Rs61 billion increase in circular debt during FY26. At the same time, Nepra, the power regulator, qu..... [more >>](#)

Net-hydel profits

Source: Asad Ul Mulk, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

CONSECRATED in the Constitution of Pakistan is the edict decreeing payment of 'net-hydel profits' to the provinces according to a formula as simple as 'Newton's first law of motion'. Disdainfully, the constitutional decree is diffused in two ways; firstly, by grounding the computation of 'net-hydel profits' in a flawed legal theory, and secondly, by impeding..... [more >>](#)

Energy Investment, Innovation, and Automation

The shape of the future grid

Source: Shahid M. Sattar, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-05

For more than a century, electricity systems have been built around a simple proposition: a handful of large power stations generate electricity, transmission networks carry it across the country and consumers passively receive it. That architecture powered industrialisation, but it belongs to another era. The next revolution in electricity will not be driven by larger power stations; it will be d..... [more >>](#)

Before AI hits the grid

Source: Mahwish Khan, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

PAKISTAN'S announcement that it would allocate 2,000 megawatts of electricity for Bitcoin mining and AI data centres has triggered a predictable debate: can the country afford to supply that much power? It is an important question, but not the most useful one. Bitcoin mining, AI training and real-time digital services do not exactly place identical demands on the electricity system. Pakis..... [more >>](#)

Distribution Investment Plan; Nepra approves Rs21.436bn for SEPCO

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-09

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved a Distribution Investment Plan (DIP) of Rs21.436 billion along with provisional Transmission and Distribution (T&D) loss targets for Sukkur Electric Power Company Limited (SEPCO) for its transmission and distribution business. The approval covers the Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) control period of five years, from FY 20..... [more >>](#)

Oil and Gas Sector Policies and Markets

Pakistan's oil security gap laid bare

Source: Muhammad Ilyas, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-03

LAHORE: Escalating tensions between Iran and the United States, coupled with uncertainty surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, have once again exposed Pakistan's vulnerability to external energy shocks, prompting renewed debate over the urgent need for a national strategic petroleum reserve. Although shipping through the Strait of Hormuz has not been completely disrupted, concerns over potential..... [more >>](#)

RLNG prices surge over one-third as Qatar supply shock persists

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-01

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Friday raised re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) prices by over a one-third for July 2026, squeezing millions of consumers already grappling with inflation. The increase was triggered by just five LNG cargoes, the third-lowest monthly haul since Pakistan started importing this super-cool fuel. Customers of Sui Southern Gas Company i..... [more >>](#)

Rethinking furnace oil

Source: [Adil Khattak](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-01

The continuing tensions in the Middle East and the disruption to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz have once again exposed Pakistan's vulnerability to external energy shocks. The situation is a timely reminder that a country heavily dependent on imported fuels cannot afford to overlook opportunities to strengthen its own energy resilience. At a time when Pakistan continues to grapple wi..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz calls for Ogra overhaul to curb fuel hoarding

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-01

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday directed the authorities to develop a comprehensive fuel movement monitoring system across the country on the pattern of the Federal Board of Revenue's (FBR) modern tracking system, as he reviewed reforms and institutional capacity enhancement of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). Chairing a high-level meeting, the prime ministe..... [more >>](#)

RLNG prices rocket to highest level in a decade

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-01

ISLAMABAD: In a major price shock, Ogra on Friday notified a record 32pc increase in regasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) prices for August, fixing the rate at \$25.83 per mmBtu for Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and \$25.09 per mmBtu for Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL), while denying consumers about Rs50bn in savings from lower natural gas rates. This translates into a..... [more >>](#)

Ogra hikes LPG, RLNG rates

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-01

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) Friday hiked the rates of both Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG). The Ogra announced a sharp increase in Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) prices for July, effective from July 1, 2026. The price hike ranges between USD5.76 and USD6.45 per MMBtu. The new rates reflect a substantial [more >>](#)

Petroleum refining dividend repatriation rebounds in FY25, FY26

Source: [Shahid Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-02

KARACHI: Pakistan's petroleum refining sector has repatriated over \$500 million in dividends to foreign shareholders over the past decade, with the bulk of the outflows traced to a single corporate group, according to data compiled by AKD Research using State Bank of Pakistan figures. Dividend repatriation from the refining sector totalled \$500.4 million between FY17 and FY26, the AKD Resea..... [more >>](#)

SSGC assures citizens there is no gas leak, says odourisation plant testing led to complaints

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-02

The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) said on Sunday that complaints of a suspected gas leak near Karachi's Abul Hasan Isphahani Road since the previous night were due to the testing of odourisation plants during the

commissioning of a new pipeline. While gas is often thought to have a distinctive smell, it is in fact odourless. Gas suppliers deliberately add odorants to the gas as a safety..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum imports up 5.76pc to \$16.86b in FY2025-26

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-02

ISLAMABAD - The imports of the overall petroleum group witnessed an increase of 5.76 percent during the fiscal year 2025-26 as compared to the previous year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. The total imports of the petroleum group during July-June (2025-26) stood at \$ 16,862.742 million against the imports of \$15,943.726 million during the same months of last year. Among petrole..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan raises RLNG prices by up to 34.6pc despite lower LNG Imports

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-01

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan increased re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) prices by up to 34.6 percent for July 2026, intensifying the energy affordability challenge for millions of electricity consumers, despite importing only five spot LNG cargoes following the disruption of Qatari supplies due to hostilities in the Middle East. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) announced the revised pr..... [more >>](#)

Govt increases LPG prices by 5.3pc for August

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-01

ISLAMABAD - The federal government on Friday increased liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) prices by 5.34 percent for August, increasing the cost of a standard household cylinder by Rs152 to Rs3,000. According the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) notification, the consumer price was fixed at Rs254.3 per kg, up from Rs241.43 in July. The price of an 11.8-kg household cylinder increased from Rs2,8..... [more >>](#)

Smarter policy needed

Source: [Khalil Hamza](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-03

The government's recent move to introduce a daily petroleum pricing mechanism, allowing prices to change according to international oil markets, is economically a positive step. It ensures that any increase or decrease in global oil prices is passed on to consumers without delay, making the pricing system more transparent and market-driven. The problem, however, is that global oil markets [more >>](#)

The hidden cost of a litre

Source: [Dr Abida Naurin](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-03

For millions of Pakistani households, the price of a litre of diesel is no longer just an energy statistic; it determines the price of wheat flour, vegetables, milk, poultry and almost every essential food item on the dining table. In a semi-industrialised economy, with agriculture contributing about one-quarter of GDP, more than one-third of the labour force employed in agriculture, and a high r..... [more >>](#)

OGDC partners with Canadian firm to deploy advanced flow assurance tech in heavy oil wells

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD - Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) has signed a contract with Canada's Synergetic Oil Tools Inc. to deploy advanced Passive Energy Tool technology aimed at enhancing production from Pakistan's heavy crude oil fields. The contract signing ceremony was held at OGDC Headquarters in Islamabad. Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Ambassador Tarik Ali Khan at..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL extends gas rationing schedule in Abbottabad

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-03

Abbottabad - Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) on Sunday extended the gas rationing schedule for domestic consumers in Abbottabad by another three days after maintenance work on the main gas transmission line could not be completed within the previously announced timeframe. According to SNGPL Abbottabad spokesperson Sajjad Ahmed Khan Swati, the ongoing maintenance and repair work on the [more >>](#)

Pakistan's refinery upgrade is a bet the world is already unwinding

Source: [Ali Khizar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-03

After two decades of deliberation, Pakistan has finally approved a policy to upgrade its refineries. The timing invites skepticism. The world is electrifying. The Middle East has a refining glut. Critics call the policy a decade too late. The government calls it strategic insurance against an increasingly unreliable supply chain for petroleum products. Both cannot be fully right. The idea has..... [more >>](#)

A policy for refineries at last

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

Finally, a brownfield refinery policy has been approved. It took six years and three governments to formulate one. The policy offers incentives to the five existing refineries to upgrade, modernize and/or expand. The objective is to enable them to produce environment-friendly Euro V-specification petroleum products and increase the share of value-added products by minimizing furnace oil (FO) prod..... [more >>](#)

Mari Energies allocates gas to private sector

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD: Mari Energies has finally allocated gas to Universal Gas Distribution Company (Pvt) Ltd from the Spinwam discovery in the Waziristan block of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa following a warm response from the private sector. Mari Energies is the operator of the Waziristan block having 55% working interest along with Oil and Gas Development Company and Orient Petroleum as joint-venture partners hav..... [more >>](#)

Govt reduces petrol price by Rs3.39, HSD by Rs4.07 for August 5

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

The federal government on Tuesday reduced the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs3.39 and Rs4.07 per litre, respectively, for August 5. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Petroleum, the price of petrol has been fixed at Rs328.56 per litre, while HSD will now cost Rs385.86 per litre. The latest revision comes a day after the government reduced petrol by Rs4.08 an..... [more >>](#)

SBP caps bank charges on digital sales of petroleum products to minimise burden on fuel stations

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD: Following demands from petroleum dealers, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has capped bank charges on sales of petroleum products through digital payment methods — including debit and credit cards and online transfers — to minimise the financial burden on fuel stations and promote digital inclusion. Under the decision, merchant discount rates (MDR) for card-based petroleu..... [more >>](#)

OMCs sales surge

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

KARACHI: Pakistan's Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) recorded sales of 1.5 million tonnes in July, up 23pc year-on-year and 20pc month-on-month, posting the highest YoY growth in last 15 months. The YoY increase was mainly attributable to reduced fuel smuggling amidst improved border controls and improving economic activity, Myesha Sohail of Toplevel Securities said. Petrol sales increased 19..... [more >>](#)

Mari makes first private gas saleSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD: In a first, Mari Energies on Monday announced the award of about 17.5 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) of natural gas to Universal Gas Distribution Company Ltd (UGDCL) from a new discovery in Waziristan for sale to its select customers. This is the first such award under the Petroleum Policy 2012 and subsequent decisions of the Council of Common Interests (CCI) and the Economic Coord..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price cut by Rs4.08, diesel Rs2.45Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Monday reduced the prices of both petrol and high-speed diesel, slashing the ex-depot price of petrol by Rs4.08 per litre and diesel by Rs2.45 per litre, with the revised rates taking effect for August 4. According to a Petroleum Division notification, the ex-depot price of Motor Spirit (petrol) has been reduced to Rs331.95 per litre from Rs336.03, while the p..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum sales in July rise 23pcSource: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-04

KARACHI: Petroleum product sales rebounded strongly in July 2026, rising 23 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to 1.51 million tonnes, driven by reduced fuel smuggling following improved border controls and stronger economic activity. According to market data, oil marketing companies (OMCs) also recorded a 20 per cent month-on-month (MoM) increase in sales during July. Excluding furnace oil (FO), petrol..... [more >>](#)

Refinery upliftment jumps 48pc on strong fuel demandSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-04

KARACHI: The refinery sector recorded a sharp increase in petroleum product upliftment during July 2026, with total industry volumes rising 47.7 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to 1.143 million tonnes from 774,000 tonnes in the same month last year, reflecting stronger demand for major petroleum products. According to refinery upliftment data, high-speed diesel (HSD) remained the largest contributor [more >>](#)

OGDC partners with Canadian firm to boost heavy oil productionSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD: Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) has signed a contract with Canada's Synergetic Oil Tools Inc to deploy advanced Passive Energy Tool technology aimed at enhancing production from Pakistan's heavy crude oil fields. The agreement was signed during a ceremony at the OGDC Headquarters in Islamabad, attended by Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan Ambassador [more >>](#)

World Bank backs Pakistan plan to break up Sui gas monopoliesSource: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD: The government is moving to dismantle the state-run structure of its natural gas sector, unveiling a World Bank-backed roadmap that would break up the country's two dominant gas utilities and open the market to private competition for the first time. Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik chaired a high-level meeting Tuesday with World Bank Country Director Bolormaa Amgaabazar [more >>](#)

Two gas utilities to become fiveSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD: The government is once again finalising plans to unbundle the country's two gas utilities into five smaller companies — one transmission company and four provincial distribution firms — on the pattern of the more than 15 ex-Wapda generation, transmission and distribution companies. The proposed gas sector reforms, including the unbundling of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price cut by Rs3.39, HSD's by Rs4.07

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) has announced a decrease in the ex-depot prices of petrol and High-Speed Diesel (HSD) for August 5, based on the recommendations from the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). Under the revised rates, petrol price has been reduced by Rs3.39 per litre from Rs331.95 to Rs328.56, while HSD saw a decrease of Rs4.07, moving from Rs389.93 to..... [more >>](#)

Govt increases petrol price by Rs4.45, slashes diesel by Rs2 per litre

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-06

ISLAMABAD - The Federal Government has jacked up the price of Petrol by Rs 4.45 per litre and slashed high-speed diesel by Rs 2 per litre, effective for one day. "Based on revised petroleum pricing mechanism, issued by Federal Government, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has revised the ex-depot prices of the petroleum products for 6th August, 2026 "said a press release issued b..... [more >>](#)

Fuel sales begin FY27 on a strong note

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-06

Pakistan's oil sales started FY27 on a strong footing. Petroleum product sales reached 1.51 million tons in July 2026, increasing by 23 percent year-on-year and 20 percent from June. More importantly, sales excluding furnace oil rose by 18 percent to 1.43 million tons—the highest July volume since 2021. Petrol sales increased by 19 percent year-on-year and 12 percent month-on-mont..... [more >>](#)

Prices of Petrol and High Speed Diesel slashed by Rs2.20 per litre and Rs1.50 per litre respectively

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

ISLAMABAD - The Federal Government has slashed the prices of Petrol and High Speed Diesel by Rs2.20 per litre and Rs1. 50 per litre, respectively, effective for the next three days (August 08 to 10). Based on revised petroleum pricing mechanism, issued by Federal Government, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has revised the ex-depot prices of the petroleum products from 8th August to 10th Au..... [more >>](#)

Govt finalising policy to supply gas to villages near fields

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

ISLAMABAD - A parliamentary panel was told by the federal government that policy guidelines for gasifying villages near gas-producing fields (within 5km) are being finalised. The Sub-Committee of the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum, convened by Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, met to review the implementation of the Prime Minister's directive dated 15th September, 2003 and the directions o..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price cut by Rs3.19, HSD's by Rs1.50

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-07

ISLAMABAD: In its last two fuel price reviews, the federal government revised the Petroleum Levy (PL) rate upward on petrol by Rs2.65 per litre, while keeping the price of high-speed diesel (HSD) unchanged. The Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) announced the decrease in the ex-depot prices of petrol and HSD, effective from August 7, based on the recommendations from the Oil and Gas Regu..... [more >>](#)

Govt set to introduce MYT framework for gas utilities

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-07

ISLAMABAD: The government is set to introduce a Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) framework for gas utilities, based on regulatory asset base (RAB) and weighted average cost of capital (WACC), alongside new methodologies for Transmission System Operator (TSO), Distribution System Operator (DSO), and Regulated Gas Sales (RGS) during the initial phase, well-informed sources in the Petroleum Division told Busi..... [more >>](#)

Digital monitoring deserves support

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-08-07

The government's decision to accelerate the digital transformation of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) deserves broad support. For far too long, regulation of Pakistan's downstream petroleum sector has relied on periodic inspections, manual reporting and enforcement actions that often came after market distortions had already occurred. A technology-driven monitoring system t..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum products; Govt to restore Rs80/litre PL

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

ISLAMABAD: The government is set to gradually restore the petroleum levy (PL) on petrol and diesel to the budgeted Rs80 per litre, arguing that any prolonged reduction despite falling global oil prices would create a revenue shortfall, widen the fiscal deficit, and jeopardise fiscal stability. This was confirmed by Adviser to the Finance Minister, Khurram Schehzad, here on Friday. The ad..... [more >>](#)

Rehman-8 ST-3 well; Govt declares Pab as tight gas reservoir

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

ISLAMABAD: The government has declared Pab reservoir in Rehman-8 ST-3 well as a tight gas reservoir, in accordance with the Clause 4 of the Tight Gas (Exploration & Production) Policy, 2011 on the recommendations of Petroleum Division, official sources told Business Recorder. Petroleum Division recently briefed the ECC that the enhancing indigenous gas production through exploitation of u..... [more >>](#)

Breaking up the gas utilities

Source: [Farhat Ali](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

Unbundling Gas Utilities could be repeating Wapda's costly mistake if the policymakers do not comprehend and learn from the consequences of breakup of Wapda some three decades back - which did not work out to be in national and public interest. In fact, it worked the other way round - resulting in unmanageable circular debt and unaffordable tariffs for the consumers. It is all about the..... [more >>](#)

Mari Energies reports highest-ever quarterly earnings

Source: [Muhammad Saqib](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-08-08

KARACHI: Mari Energies Limited (MARI) reported its highest-ever quarterly earnings in the fourth quarter of FY26, with net profit after tax (NPAT) almost doubling year-on-year, largely driven by a significant reversal in super tax following a Federal Constitutional Court ruling. The company posted NPAT of Rs37.46 billion for the quarter ended June 30, 2026, translating into earnings per share..... [more >>](#)

Fuel prices may come down if global oil rates remain stable

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-08-09

Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik on Sunday said consumers could receive "good news" on fuel prices if international oil prices remain stable over the next two days. Speaking at a press conference in Lahore, the minister said Pakistan imports around 90 per cent of its energy requirements, making domestic fuel prices highly sensitive to fluctuations in global oil marke..... [more >>](#)

Turkiye to soon begin offshore drilling operations in Pakistani waters: minister

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-10

LAHORE: Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik on Sunday confirmed that Turkish Petroleum would soon commence offshore drilling operations in Pakistan's territorial waters. Addressing a press conference in Lahore, the minister said the drilling operations would pave the way for significant foreign investment in the energy sector. Highlighting Pakistan's energy challenges, Malik said th..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan to open new gateway for global oil suppliers

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-08-10

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is opening a new gateway for international oil suppliers to bring petroleum products into the country, hold them in customs-bonded storage and sell them to local oil marketing companies and refineries—or re-export them—under a policy framework designed to attract foreign suppliers while strengthening the country's energy-security buffer. The Policy Guideline [more >>](#)

PD to sign, monitor refinery upgrade deals as Ogra steps back

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-08-10

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to shift responsibility for signing and monitoring brownfield refinery Upgrade Agreements (UAs) from Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) to Petroleum Division (PD). Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik has confirmed the agreements will now be signed with the ministry. The minister said Petroleum Secretary, who is spearheading preparation of a..... [more >>](#)

CORPORATE WINDOW: Petroleum pricing reform

Source: [Afia Malik](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-08-10

Pakistan has recently taken another step towards market-reflecting petroleum pricing, a process that started in 2002. Pakistan transitioned from weekly (earlier fortnightly) reviews to daily price adjustments managed by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). Retail prices for petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) are now determined using a formula tied to a rolling average of the past seven day..... [more >>](#)

Why didn't the oil markets go berserk?

Source: [Syed Rashid Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-08-10

The world lost more than 2.6 billion barrels of oil since the US-Israel war with Iran began late February, yet oil market prices have not gone berserk. Except for one occasion, it has stayed away from touching the three digit/barrel prices. Last week, the head of Saudi oil giant Aramco, Amin Nasser, warned that global inventories were running low despite emergency measures to cushion the blow. [more >>](#)

Pakistan plans oil storage scheme with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar: Minister

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-08-10

LAHORE - Pakistan is working on a commercial bonded oil-storage scheme with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar under which the three countries would store crude oil and petroleum products on Pakistani territory at their own cost, Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik said on Sunday. Addressing a press conference in Lahore, Malik said the proposed arrangement would strengthen Pakistan's energy se..... [more >>](#)

Energy security comes under govt focus

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-08-10

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik said that the government was committed to strengthening energy security, attracting investment, and ensuring transparency in the petroleum sector. Addressing a press conference here on Sunday, he said Pakistan's next major destination after achieving strategic and diplomatic successes was sustainable economic progress. Highli..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's flawed petroleum policy

Source: [Hafiz Naeem Ur Rahman](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-08-11

International crude oil prices have fallen significantly from the extraordinary highs witnessed during recent geopolitical conflicts. In a normal market, such a decline should have translated into lower petrol and diesel prices for consumers. Instead, millions of Pakistanis continue to pay exceptionally high prices because the reduction in international oil prices has been offset by repeated incr..... [more >>](#)

Govt holds fuel prices steady as Platts data goes darkSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-11

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani motorists and transporters will pay the same price at the pump through at least Aug. 11, after the government said Monday it could not update fuel prices because the international benchmark it relies on failed to publish rates. The Ministry of Energy's Petroleum Division said high-speed diesel will remain at 380.86 rupees per liter and petrol at 327.62 rupees per liter [more >>](#)

Qatar LNG cargo reaches Pakistan after Hormuz ordealSource: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-11

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday received a long-term Qatar LNG cargo after the vessel carrying the shipment was diverted back from the Strait of Hormuz on July 31. The LNG vessel Al Areesh berthed at the Pakistan GasPort Limited (PGPL) terminal at around 11:30am, carrying 141,550 cubic metres of LNG under Pakistan's government-to-government (GtG) agreement with Qatar, a senior official told T..... [more >>](#)

Goods, oil transporters strike continuesSource: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

ISLAMABAD/KARACHI: Talks between striking transporters and the government continued until late Monday night with both sides holding firm on their demands as the deadlock persisted, mainly over fuel pricing and taxes. The next round of negotiations will be held today. As oil tankers, edible oil tankers, trailers, goods transport trucks, etc. went off the road on Friday night ahead of the sche..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum dealers announce closure of pumps nationwide from Aug 15Source: [Ehtasham Mufti](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

KARACHI: Petroleum dealers in Pakistan on Tuesday announced a shutdown of petrol pumps nationwide from Aug 15 for an indefinite period, following a wheel-jam strike by goods transporters across the country. A day earlier, negotiations between the government and goods transporters failed to yield a breakthrough, with the All Pakistan Goods Transport Alliance announcing that the ongoing strike w..... [more >>](#)

Dubai crude surges 10pc, putting Pakistan's fuel prices to testSource: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-12

ISLAMABAD: Dubai crude, a key benchmark for Asian markets including Pakistan, jumped an extraordinary \$8.2 per barrel, or 10.2 per cent, to \$88.99 per barrel on Tuesday, according to market data available with The News. The sharp rise has heightened concerns for Pakistan because the pressure is coming from multiple directions. International gasoline and gasoil prices are also moving higher, while..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum dealers issue 72-hour ultimatumSource: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-12

KARACHI: Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) has issued a 72-hour ultimatum to the government over its failure to fulfil promises made by the petroleum minister to resolve their issues, especially the increase in margin to eight per cent on the retail sale price of petrol. The association warned that if the government failed to meet its demands within 72 hours, petrol pumps across [more >>](#)

Unbundling or Bundling Up?Source: [Haroon Rashid Siddiqi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-12

The difficulty lies not so much in developing new ideas as in escaping from old ones. - John Maynard Keynes Pakistan is once again engaged in an intense debate about creating new provinces or smaller administrative units to bring governance closer to the people and improve efficiency, transparency and accountability. The argument is simple: when an administrative structure becomes too large, smal..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price cut by Re0.94, HSD's hike by Re0.54

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-13

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has updated ex-depot fuel prices, offering minor relief to petrol consumers but slightly increase High Speed Diesel (HSD) rates. The price adjustment includes Rs 1 per litre increase in the petroleum levy (PL) applied to HSD, effective August 13. According to the notification of Petroleum Division, the price of HSD has been increased by 5..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price up by Re45, HSD's by Rs1.16

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has updated ex-depot prices of petrol and High Speed Diesel (HSD) by increasing slightly for August 14. According to the notification of Petroleum Division, the price of HSD has been increased by Rs1.16 per litre, shifting the ex-depot price from Rs382.79 per litre to Rs383.95 per litre. Meanwhile, petrol price has also been increased by [more >>](#)

Petroleum dealers postpone planned strike as govt approves margin revision

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

The Pakistan Petroleum Dealers' Association (PPDA) on Friday called off its plans to begin a strike on Saturday after the government approved a proposed revision in the dealers' margins. The nod for the revision was also confirmed by the finance ministry in a statement, which did not specify the amount. The Economic Coordination Committee had "deliberated on the matter rega..... [more >>](#)

Govt rejects dealers' monthly pricing demand

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

KARACHI: While expressing his displeasure at the 72-hour strike ultimatum, Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik has said that the government will continue the daily price-fixing mechanism for petroleum products, rejecting dealers' demand for a monthly practice. A delegation of petroleum dealers, led by the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) Chairman Malik Khuda Bakhsh, held bri..... [more >>](#)

Govt approves revision in margin of dealers on petroleum products

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

The federal government on Friday approved a revision in the margins of petroleum dealers, following the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association's (PPDA) announcement to postpone its planned nationwide strike after the government assured it of an increase in dealers' profit margins on petroleum products. During a press conference in Karachi, PPDA Chairman Malik Khuda Baksh said the pe..... [more >>](#)

Who ultimately bears the cost of higher petroleum dealer margins?

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-15

The federal government has increased the commission paid to petroleum dealers by Rs1.34 per litre after accepting one of their longstanding demands. At first glance, the increase in dealers' margin appears modest. However, when applied to the billions of litres of petrol and diesel consumed every year, its effect extends well beyond petrol pumps. For consumers already grappling with th..... [more >>](#)

Containers to stay off roads as transporters remain divided

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-15

ISLAMABAD: A section of goods transporters on Friday called off its nationwide wheel-jam strike after reaching an agreement with the government, but major operators comprising container trailers, trucks and edible oil tankers remained off the roads, prolonging disruption to port operations and the country's external trade. Meanwhile, fuel oil tankers dissociated themselves from the strike..... [more >>](#)

MS, HSD; ECC approves increase in dealers' margin

Source: [Tahir Amin / Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-15

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Friday approved Rs1.34 per litre increase in the margin of petroleum dealers, taking their margin to around Rs10 per litre on Motor Spirit (MS) and High-Speed Diesel (HSD), paving the way for the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers' Association (PPDA) to call off its planned strike. Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Se..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum dealers call off strike as govt approves margin revision

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-15

ISLAMABAD - The federal government on Friday succumbed to pressure of Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) who threatened to observe nationwide strike as the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet increased the dealers' margins on Motor Spirit (MS) and High-Speed Diesel (HSD). The Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet on Friday approved a revision in dealers'r..... [more >>](#)

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Thousands of women protest against PL, fuel price hike

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

KARACHI: Thousands of women marched in Karachi on Monday to protest against petroleum levy (PL) and rising fuel prices, as Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) announced plans to expand its nationwide agitation with demonstrations across the country on Aug. 7. The rally, organised by JI's women's wing on Shahrah-i-Quaideen, was led by JI Pakistan Women's Wing General Secretary Dr Humaira Ta..... [more >>](#)

JI announces countrywide protest against petroleum levy on Sunday

Source: [Fraz Ahmed Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-15

LAHORE: Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) Pakistan Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Saturday announced that the party would stage sit-ins outside the Governor Houses in Karachi, Quetta and Peshawar and the Chief Minister House in Lahore on Sunday against the levy imposed on petroleum products and other taxes. The sit-ins would begin at 4pm, he said, adding that participants would march from different cities to [more >>](#)

Emails reveal Indian carmakers' fuel contamination worries before public retreat

Source: [Aditi Shah and Aditya Kalra, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

Hours after India made public assurances last week that its ethanol-blended petrol was safe, the country's main auto lobby withdrew a complaint about fuel contamination it had sent to the government a week earlier. The group said some figures needed more checks. But separate communications between industry executives, reviewed by Reuters, showed that in the preceding days, top automaker..... [more >>](#)

Pipeline blast disrupts gas supplies to Quetta, several Balochistan areas

Source: [Syed Ali Shah, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-13

QUETTA: Gas supplies to Quetta and several other parts of Balochistan were suspended on Thursday after an explosion damaged a major gas pipeline near Gokurt in the Bolan area, officials said. According to Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) officials, an 18-inch-diameter pipeline was damaged by an explosive device near its valve assembly. The facility was located about 800 metres from the National H..... [more >>](#)

Renewable and Clean Energy Technologies

Solarising rural Sindh

Source: [Naimatullah Sawand](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-02

When night falls over rural Sindh, darkness is not a poetic abstraction. It is a practical condition that reaches into education, work, health and mobility. In households without reliable electricity, children cut short their homework, mothers cook in dim light and mobile phones become rationed objects because charging them may require a long trip. Th..... [more >>](#)

Reusing end-of-life wind blades

Source: [Ayoub Hameedi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-03

Wind turbines are one of the most innovative clean energy solutions working day in and day out to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and to bend the greenhouse gas emissions curve. When it comes to combating climate change, wind power has played a crucial role by moving our economies away from fossil fuels and towards clean sources of electricity generation. According to energy think tank Ember,..... [more >>](#)

CM inaugurates biomass steam plant

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-03

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Sunday digitally inaugurated a state-of-the-art biomass steam plant in Sheikhpura, describing it as a significant step towards environmental sustainability, circular economy and renewable energy. Constructed with an investment of \$4.5 million, the plant will use around 72,000 tonnes of agricultural residue annually as fuel, providing an envir..... [more >>](#)

Powerful lobbies pressing govt to keep channeling subsidies toward costly new-energy technology

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD - The prolonged delay in announcing a new automobile policy, after the previous one expired on June 30, 2026, is intensifying concerns that powerful lobbies are pressing the government to keep channeling subsidies toward costly new-energy technology favoured by the wealthy while the ordinary buyer is left without relief. Pakistan remains under its IMF Extended Fund Facility (approved Se..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL, Pinstech join hands for lithium extraction

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD: In a major step towards developing Pakistan's first indigenous lithium industry, the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has signed an agreement with the Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology (Pinstech) to develop technology for the commercial-scale extraction of lithium from geothermal brines following the discovery of high-grade lithium in a well in Kh..... [more >>](#)

'Solar revolution' needs reforms for endurance, inclusivity: experts

Source: [Zaki Abbas](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan's solar rush made headlines across the globe, experts said that turning this grassroots energy revolution into a lasting transition will require energy reforms, such as investments in storage systems and measures to ensure the clean energy transition is equitable and inclusive. This was the highlight of multiple sessions at 'Solar, Storage, Flexibility, 2026&rsq..... [more >>](#)

Batteries are just charging up

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-05

Two years ago, Pakistan's solar revolution could still be mistaken for a panel story. Today, the customs data suggests it is rapidly becoming a storage story. The latest import numbers leave little room for doubt. July saw Lithium battery

imports reach an all-time monthly high of USD88 million, comfortably surpassing every previous record. Solar panel imports, meanwhile, have also staged [more >>](#)

Pakistan's solar boom fuels rising demand for battery storage

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-06

Pakistan now has one of the fastest growing distributed solar markets in the world. Research from Ember and Renewables First estimates that the country has around 38GW of distributed solar capacity spread across residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural sectors. As this solar base keeps expanding, the next task is to make that energy more flexible and available when businesses need it m..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for local manufacturing to harness solar potential

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-06

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's next energy challenge is no longer just expanding rooftop solar adoption, but ensuring the country captures the industries, investment, manufacturing, and innovation that accompany the clean energy transition, experts said on the concluding day of the Solar, Storage and Flexibility Conference in Islamabad on Wednesday. Although Pakistan has built one of the world's..... [more >>](#)

'Next energy challenge shifts to clean energy industry growth'

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Pakistan's solar market; Trinasolar highlights integrating battery storage with existing industrial solar

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Govt waives Nepra approval for solar systems up to 25kW

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-07

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has removed a key regulatory hurdle for small-scale solar users by allowing electricity distribution companies (Discos) to directly approve grid-connected solar systems of up to 25 kilowatts, eliminating the need for prior approval from the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra). The regulator amended the Solar Regulations 2026 and issued a notification authorisi..... [more >>](#)

When distributed solar meets a centralised power system

Source: [Abis Husein](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-09

Pakistan's solar debate often gets reduced to immediate questions: what rate will exported units get? Will net billing hurt payback? And, are solar users shifting costs onto others? These questions matter. But once distributed solar reaches meaningful scale, the deeper issue is no longer just pricing. It is integration. Pakistan's first solar phase was driven by consumer economics. Grid e..... [more >>](#)

Net-metering solar system emerges as financially viable option

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

ISLAMABAD: Though the government has tightened installation of solar net metering in the country due to its financial impact on other consumers via the national grid substantially during day time, electricity consumers who can afford the panels, are switching towards net metering and off-grid. Amid rising electricity tariffs and increasing pressure on household budgets, installation of a 10-k..... [more >>](#)

A power plant by accident

Source: [Abdul Rehman Muhammad Taha Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-12

IN February, Nepra slashed — from around Rs26 per unit to as little as Rs8-11 — what new rooftop solar owners are paid for the electricity sent back to the grid under a new 'net billing' regime, ending a decade of crediting imports and exports equally. Fortunately, existing consumers were spared after public disapproval and reported government intervention. The government&r..... [more >>](#)

From selling solar to storing solar?

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-13

Pakistan's solar story is entering another awkward phase for grid planners. Net metering continues to climb at a remarkable pace, even as the regulatory framework that fuelled its rise is being rewritten and batteries begin to emerge as the next disruption. The latest numbers leave little ambiguity. In June 2026, electricity purchases from net-metered consumers reached roughly 270 GWh, ag..... [more >>](#)

Consumers face Rs33.8bn power hit as solarisation cuts grid sales

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-13

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power consumers face a Rs33.78 billion quarterly tariff adjustment, including a potential Rs1.34 per-unit increase, despite government efforts to renegotiate independent power producer agreements, as distribution companies blame solarization, lower farm demand and an unusually cold April for falling electricity sales. At a public hearing on the Central Power Purchasing..... [more >>](#)

PRIED calls for coordinated energy reforms to tackle circular debt

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-01

KARACHI: The energy sector is at a critical juncture as the Pakistan government seeks to address persistent circular debt, rising energy costs, concerns over industrial competitiveness, and growing energy security and climate challenges. Against this backdrop, the Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED) has launched two energy monitors examining key aspects of Pakistan's..... [more >>](#)

Sustainable Transport and Electric Mobility

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Govt leaves petrol, diesel prices unchanged for Aug 11

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

The government on Monday kept the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel unchanged as Platts prices were not published on August 10. Petrol will continue to be sold at Rs327.62 per litre, while HSD will cost Rs380.86 per litre.

The government continues to levy Rs114 per litre in taxes and duties on petrol and Rs100 per litre on HSD. According to the Petroleum Division's notification, the n..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagements

Ceremony: Successful Completion of the second phase of its Digital Financial Literacy Training (DFLT-II) programme under (BISP)

SDPI marks completion of Digital Financial Literacy Training for 255,000 BISP beneficiaries

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD, Aug 4 (APP): Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) held a ceremony on Tuesday to mark the successful completion of the second phase of its Digital Financial Literacy Training (DFLT-II) programme under the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). The programme reached more than 255,000 beneficiaries nationwide. The initiative, supported by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Interna..... [more >>](#)

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SDPI Empowers 255,000 BISP Beneficiaries With Digital Skills

Source: [Imran Ammar](#), [The Public Purview](#), 2026-08-04

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has successfully completed the second phase of its Digital Financial Literacy Training (DFLT-II) programme under the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), providing digital financial education to more than 255,000 beneficiaries across Pakistan. Contents Programme Reaches Over 255,000 Beneficiaries Nationwide Implement..... [more >>](#)

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Source: Staff Reporter, [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-08-05

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی نے بینظیر انکم سپورٹ پروگرام کے تحت ملک بھر میں دو لاکھ پچپن ہزار سے زیادہ مستحق خواتین کی ڈیجیٹل مالیاتی خواندگی کی تربیت کامیابی سے مکمل کرنے کا سنگ میل..... [more >>](#)

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Consultative Discussion on Energy Transition

SDPI urges focused climate finance platform for energy transition

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-08-05

ISLAMABAD, Aug 05 (APP): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Wednesday called for a focused, government-led climate finance platform with strong provincial ownership and meaningful community participation to help Pakistan unlock international funding for a just energy transition. The call came during a high-level consultation in Islamabad attended by local and international ex..... [more >>](#)

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Urges Focused Climate Finance Platform For Energy Transition

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پاکستان کو کلیمٹ فنانس کے لئے موثر کنٹری پلیٹ فارم تشکیل دینے کی ضرورت

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-08-05

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کو توانائی کے شعبے میں منصفانہ منتقلی (جسٹ انرجی ٹرانزیشن) کے لئے عالمی موسمیاتی مالی وسائل حاصل کرنے کی غرض سے مجوزہ کنٹری پلیٹ فارم کو واضح ترجیحات، صوبائی شراکت داری [more >>](#).....

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MoUs News: (NIPS-T&R) and SDPI

SDPI, NIPS Sign MoU to Forge Partnership on Demographic Research and Analysis

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-08-06

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 6th Aug, 2026) The National Institute of Population Studies - Training and Research (NIPS-T&R) and the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) here on Thursday to forge a strategic partnership on population planning, demographic research and policy analysis. Federal Secretary for Ministry of..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-08-06

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Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily BBC Report](#), 2026-08-07

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SDPI Researchers Articles

Nicotine pouches: the next public health trap

Source: [Waseem Janjua & Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-02

For decades, the tobacco industry's business model has depended on one simple principle: replace every customer it loses with a new one. As cigarette smoking declines across much of the world, that strategy has entered a new phase. Instead of abandoning nicotine, multinational tobacco companies are reinventing it. Their latest product, nicotine [more >>](#)

Our untapped growth engine

Source: [Hassan Murtaza Syed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-03

Pakistan's search for sustainable economic growth has largely centered on traditional sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing and textiles. Yet, one of the country's most promising economic success stories has quietly emerged from laptops, smartphones and internet connections. Across cities and small towns alike, millions of Pakistanis are earning income from global clients and audienc..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's reform window

Source: [Spogmay Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-06

Pakistan has entered into a new economic phase where the central challenge is no longer simply recognising the need for reform but sustaining the political and institutional commitments required to implement it. Over the past few years, the economy has been largely defined by the economic crisis. The lingering effects of Covid-19, global supply-chain disruptions, exchange-rate volatility, and hea..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan needs a healthy-diet index

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-07

The UN has recently released its multiagency report on the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2026. The good news is that at the global level, there is a gradual, sustained improvement in hunger. An estimated 7.8 per cent of the global population faced hunger in 2025, down from 8.1 per cent in 2024 and 8.6 per cent in 2022. Asia and Latin America have shown steady progress in recen..... [more >>](#)

Rethinking climate

Source: [Zainab Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-09

Arnold Toynbee, one of the most influential historians of the 20th century, argued that civilisations do not decline simply because they face difficult circumstances. Instead, they decline when they lose the ability to respond creatively to new challenges. According to his famous 'challenge and response' theory, societies rise when their leadership generates innovative solutions to em..... [more >>](#)

Those who pay for climate change

Source: [Naseer Memon](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-09

Descending from an 8,611-metres peak at the majestic K2 to the tidal mudflats of the Arabian Sea, Pakistan's landscape encompasses a range of climatic zones over a straight-line distance of about 1,550 kilometres. This

fascinating topography hosts diverse ecosystems comprising snow-packed mountain peaks, forests, plateaus, hills, deserts, sprawl..... [more >>](#)

How poverty reproduces itself and why privilege survives

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-09

The average monthly household (not per capita) income in Pakistan rose from Rs 41,545 in 2018-2019 to Rs 82,179 in 2024-2025. Inflation erased that nominal gain and real household income fell by 12.7 percent. Over the same period, more than 25 million people fell below the official poverty line. Their number rose from 47.1 million to 72.5 million..... [more >>](#)

The GSP Plus path

Source: [Ihtesham UI Haq](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-10

Recent WTO and UNCTAD updates show that trade patterns remain resilient but increasingly unstable: trade growth is being influenced by tariff changes, geo-economic risk and the expansion of trade in AI-enabling products, while policy uncertainty continues to disrupt supply chains and investment decisions. At the same time, the WTO's March 2026 report projects that global merchandise trade g..... [more >>](#)

KP's climate finance déjà vu

Source: [Ebadat Ur Rehman Babar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-10

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa doesn't have a climate finance shortage. It has a sequencing problem, and its own budget documents make the case better than any outside critic could. Over the past year, the provincial government has floated an unusually wide menu of ways to pay for climate adaptation: green sukuk, debt-for-climate swaps, payment-for-ecosystem-services schemes, climate-risk insuranc..... [more >>](#)

Hope at 79

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-08-14

Independence Day invites gratitude for the country we inherited and responsibility for the country we will leave behind. As the country turns 79, I remain convinced that its future can be brighter than its present. This confidence rests on forces already visible across the economy and society, and on choices still available to us. At 70, and again at 75, I described Pakistan's future in the..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Relevant Articles

The growth-jobs paradox

Source: [Dr Ishrat Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-06

THE 2024 upheaval that toppled Sheikh Hasina's government in Bangladesh, alongside the youth-led protests over joblessness in India, point to a shared crisis across South Asia: strong economic growth has not translated into enough good jobs for a workforce that is more educated than ever before. As access to schooling and universities has expanded, so have people's employment expectati..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan can accelerate renewable transition through China's integrated energy model-INP

Source: [Azam Tariq](#), [Independent News Pakistan](#), 2026-08-11

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SDPI's Relevant News, Analysis, and Commentary

23rd Annual Environment Conference and Awards – 2026

Source: Admin, [Energy Update Magazine](#), 2026-08-07

Karachi Sindh Minister for Local Government, Housing & Town Planning, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, has said that Sindh has become the first province in Pakistan to successfully implement a government-led carbon credit project, enabling the country to earn substantial foreign exchange through its internationally acclaimed mangrove restoration programme while reaffirming its unwavering commitment t..... [more >>](#)

Seminar on “Population Growth and Policy Coherence in Pakistan: Challenges and Pathways”

Experts warn population policies lag behind demographic realities

Source: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

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Robust, evidence-based strategies needed: Experts

Source: Hamza Habib, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

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Experts call for data-driven overhaul of Pakistan's population policy

Source: Press Release, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-11

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's rapidly changing demographic profile requires an urgent shift from short-term population interventions to evidence-based, multi-sectoral planning, experts said on Monday, warning that weak coordination, inadequate financing and uneven implementation were undermining the country's ability to respond to demographic pressures. Speaking at a seminar organised by the [more >>](#)

Experts warn Pakistan's population policies lag behind demographic realities, call for datadriven, multisectoral reform

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-08-11

The stakeholders gathered at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Monday Seminar for a seminar titled “Population Growth and Policy Coherence in Pakistan: Challenges and Pathways” held here. The seminar was steered by a wide-ranging discussion on institutional silos, regional implementation bottlenecks and community-level narratives shaping Pakistan's population p..... [more >>](#)

Experts Warn Pakistan's Population Policies Lag Behind Demographic Realities, Call For Data-driven, Multi-sectoral Reforms

Source: APP, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-08-10

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Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-08-10

اسلام آباد-10 اگست (اے پی پی): پالیسی سازوں، صحت کے ماہرین اور محققین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان کی آبادی 24 کروڑ سے تجاوز کر چکی ہے اور آبادی کی درمیانی عمر صرف 19 سال ہے، ایسے میں ملک کی آبادیاتی صورتحال فوری طور پر قلیل مدتی..... [more >>](#)

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اسلام آباد (اردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 10 اگست 2026ء) پالیسی سازوں، صحت کے ماہرین اور محققین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان کی آبادی 24 کروڑ سے تجاوز کر چکی ہے اور آبادی کی درمیانی عمر صرف 19 سال ہے، ایسے میں ملک کی آبادی..... [more >>](#)

NATIONAL DEBATE-ONE DAY POLICY WORKSHOP ON Should Pakistan Create More Administrative Units?

Parties favour stronger LGs over new provinces

Source: Shahbaz Rana, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-12

ISLAMABAD: While acknowledging imperfections in the current governance system, mainstream political parties have favoured strengthening the constitutionally guaranteed local government system instead of creating new provinces. During a day-long discussion on the need for new provinces or administrative units, participants also blamed the bureaucracy for poor governance and inadequate service del..... [more >>](#)

Parties back local governments over new provinces

Source: Noor Zainab, [Minute Mirror](#), 2026-08-12

Mainstream political parties have rejected the idea of creating new provinces and instead called for stronger local governments to improve governance and public service delivery. The position emerged during a day-long seminar organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), where politicians and independent experts discussed whether Pakistan needs new provinces or additional admi..... [more >>](#)

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Source: Mehtab Haider, [Daily Jang](#), 2026-08-12

اسلام آباد (مہتاب حیدر) متحدہ قومی موومنٹ پاکستان (ایم کیو ایم پاکستان) کے سوائے، پاکستان مسلم لیگ (ن)، پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی اور دیگر مرکزی سیاسی جماعتوں نے نئے صوبے بنا کر مزید انتظامی یونٹس کے قیام کی سخت مخالفت کی ہے۔ ان..... [more >>](#)

انتظامی اصلاحات کا مقصد سہولیات فراہمی اور طرز حکمرانی کو مزید مضبوط بنانا ہے، بیرسٹر دانیال

Source: Staff Reporter, [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-08-12

اسلام آباد (اپنے سٹاف رپورٹر سے) وفاقی پارلیمانی سیکرٹری برائے اطلاعات و نشریات بیرسٹر دانیال چوہدری نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں انتظامی اصلاحات کا بنیادی مقصد عوام کو ان کی دہلیز پر بہتر، مؤثر اور بروقت سہولیات کی فراہمی [more >>](#)

نئے صوبوں کے قیام سے قبل انتظامی اصلاحات ناگزیر ہے، بیرسٹر دانیال چوہدری

Source: NNI, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-08-11

اسلام آباد (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - این این آئی۔ 11 اگست 2026ء) وفاقی پارلیمانی سیکرٹری برائے اطلاعات و نشریات بیرسٹر دانیال چوہدری نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں انتظامی اصلاحات کا بنیادی مقصد عوام کو ان کی دہلیز پر بہتر، م..... [more >>](#)

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Source: Zeeshan Yousufzai, [Daily Dunya](#), 2026-08-12

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Speakers call for empowered LGs, deliberations on new administrative units

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2026-08-13

Islamabad: Executive Director of the Health Services Academy (HSA) Prof Shezad Ali Khan has said Pakistan records around 700,000 stillbirths annually, the highest number in the world, while 42 out of every 1,000 babies die within their first month, giving the country the highest neonatal mortality rate globally since 1960. He was speaking at a seminar titled "Population Growth and Policy Coh..... [more >>](#)

Speakers call for empowered LGs, further deliberations on new administrative units for better services delivery

Source: Web Desk, [The Green Post](#), 2026-08-12

ISLAMABAD: Amid the ongoing discussion on the creation of new administrative units, speakers at a high-level national debate conducted by Sustainable Development Policy Institute showed strong consensus on strengthening and empowering local government (LG) system, with or without new administrative units. The national debate, titled: 'Should Pakistan create more administrative units?&rsquo..... [more >>](#)

Administrative reforms must precede creation of new provinces: Danyal Chaudhry

Source: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-12

ISLAMABAD - Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Barrister Danyal Chaudhry has said that administrative reforms are essential before considering the creation of new provinces, stressing that the goal of governance reforms should be to deliver better, faster, and more accessible services to citizens at their doorstep. He was speaking at a policy workshop organized by SD..... [more >>](#)

SDPI debate explores new provinces, administrative units, local government reform

Source: APP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

ISLAMABAD - A high-level national debate convened by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) brought together political leaders, policymakers, technocrats and civil society representatives for a wide-ranging discussion on how Pakistan could improve governance and service delivery. The debate examined multiple reform options, including the creation of new provinces and administrative..... [more >>](#)

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Politicians, experts call for new provinces, sweeping local govt reforms

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

ISLAMABAD: A diverse gathering of political figures, policymakers, technocrats and civil society representatives at a national debate called for new provinces, administrative units and sweeping local government reforms to decentralise state authority and address the country's deepening governance crisis. The debate, "Should Pakistan create more administrative units?" was organis..... [more >>](#)

Change in institutional behaviour, political culture sought

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

ISLAMABAD: The country does not need structural changes; rather, it needs a change in institutional behaviour and political culture to improve governance. This was the crux of a national debate organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on improving governance and service delivery in Pakistan. Participants said administrative restructuring alone could not address governance..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Debate Explores New Provinces, Administrative Units, Local Government Reform To Strengthen Governance

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-08-13

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 13th Aug, 2026) A high-level national debate convened by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) brought together political leaders, policymakers, technocrats and civil society representatives for a wide-ranging discussion on how Pakistan could improve governance and service delivery. The debate examined multiple reform options, incl..... [more >>](#)

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Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-08-13

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) انتظامی نقشے میں کسی بھی تبدیلی کا مقصد محض نئی حدود کا تعین نہیں بلکہ عوام کو بہتر حکمرانی، مؤثر نمائندگی اور بنیادی سہولیات تک آسان رسائی فراہم کرنا ہونا چاہئے۔ یہ بات مقررین نے پالیسی ادارہ برائے [more >>](#)..... □

ایس ڈی پی آئی کے زیر اہتمام اعلیٰ سطحی قومی مباحثے، طرز حکمرانی مضبوط بنانے کے لیے نئے صوبوں، انتظامی یونٹس اور بلدیاتی اصلاحات کا جائزہ

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-08-13

اسلام آباد۔ 13 اگست (اے پی پی): پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی (ایس ڈی پی آئی) کے زیر اہتمام اعلیٰ سطحی قومی مباحثے میں سیاسی رہنماؤں، پالیسی سازوں، ماہرین اور سول سوسائٹی کے نمائندوں نے پاکستان میں طرز حکمرانی اور عوامی خدمت [more >>](#).....

نئے صوبے یا بااختیار مقامی حکومتیں؟ حکمرانی کے مؤثر ماڈل پر قومی مکالمہ

Source: News Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-08-14

اسلام آباد (نیوز رپورٹر) نئے صوبے یا بااختیار مقامی حکومتیں؟ حکمرانی کے مؤثر ماڈل پر قومی مکالمہ، انتظامی نقشے میں کسی بھی تبدیلی کا مقصد محض نئی حدود کا تعین نہیں بلکہ عوام کو بہتر حکمرانی، مؤثر نمائندگی اور بنیادی سہولتیں [more >>](#).....

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