



Pakistan's Energy Transition



About SDPI

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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

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

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

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

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

Themes Covered

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

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Energy Governance

Oil, gas prices soar as conflict escalates

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

NEW YORK: Oil and gas prices surged on Monday as Israeli and US strikes on Iran and retaliation by Tehran forced shutdowns of oil and gas facilities across the Middle East and disrupted shipping in the crucial Strait of Hormuz. A sustained rise in oil prices would endanger a global economic recovery and fuel inflation and could push up US retail gasoline prices, a risk for US President Donald Trum..... [more >>](#)

A smart response to oil shocks

Source: [Ziad Bashir](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

Pakistanis are once again confronting a familiar shock: a sharp, drastic rise in fuel prices. At the pump, it feels immediate and personal, but the real story of petrol prices runs much deeper. Energy prices are not just a cost for motorists; they are a central artery of the economy. Energy prices function much like blood pressure in the human body. If they rise too high, economic growth slows..... [more >>](#)

Energy shocks, food security and CPEC 2.0

Source: [Syeda Nida Raza and Syed Hasanat Shah](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

Rising tensions in the Middle East and closure of the Strait of Hormuz, a major trading route, has halted oil tanker traffic through the Strait, and has disrupted energy production in the Middle East. This disruption increased oil and LNG prices and has opened the floodgates for a double-digit inflation in many countries. Bloomberg Economics has reported that a 1 percent decrease in oil supply wil..... [more >>](#)

How will US, Israeli strikes on Iran affect oil markets?

Source: [Pol-Malo Le Bris](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-01

The US and Israeli strikes against Iran could severely disrupt the global supply of crude oil and send prices soaring to levels not seen in years. AFP looks at the risks. Iran remains just inside the world's top 10 oil producers even though its output has fallen sharply since the 1970s, hit in particular by rounds of US sanctions. "In 1974, Iran was the third-biggest producer..... [more >>](#)

Iran strikes: what's at stake for oil markets

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-01

US President Donald Trump's decision to strike Iran creates new risks for a significant chunk of the world's oil supply, reports Bloomberg. The Islamic Republic itself pumps about 3.3 million barrels a day, or 3.0 per cent of global output, making it the fourth-largest producer in OPEC. But the nation wields far greater influence over the world's energy supplies because of its..... [more >>](#)

COMMENT: What Middle East conflict patterns mean for oil and trade

Source: [Dr Farrukh Saleem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-01

Over the past decade, Middle Eastern wars have come with short timelines. In 2024, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), working alongside allied groups in Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen, exchanged fire with Israel. The confrontation lasted six days. In 2022, the Gaza-Israel flare-up known as Operation Breaking Dawn lasted three days. In 2021, fighting between Hamas and Israel continue..... [more >>](#)

Hormuz closure halts Qatar's LNG exports, stirring global energy concerns

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

Qatar has temporarily suspended its natural gas exports, heightening fears of supply disruptions in global energy markets. The move follows the shutdown of the Strait of Hormuz amid escalating tensions involving Iran, Israel, and the United States. Qatar's state-owned energy firm has reportedly halted gas production, with officials indicating that restoring normal output could take at least..... [more >>](#)

Right on Time

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

The government's decision to move ahead of any potential shocks from the likely disruption in global fossil fuel supplies is a prudent step that could not have come sooner. There is little clarity on how long the current conflict will last and, with attacks on container ships and oil fields across the Middle East, all signs point towards a future where every barrel of oil and unit of gas will..... [more >>](#)

Qatar warns war will force Gulf to halt energy exports within weeks

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

DOHA: Qatar expects all Gulf energy producers to shut down exports within weeks if the Iran conflict continues and drives oil to \$150 a barrel, the country's Energy Minister Saad al-Kaabi told the Financial Times in an interview published on Friday. Qatar halted its production of liquefied natural gas on Monday, as Iran continued to strike Gulf countries in retaliation for Israeli and U.S..... [more >>](#)

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Limiting the damage

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

WITH looming energy shortages due to the US-Israel war on Iran, the government has revived a range of Covid-era measures — excluding health-related precautions — to conserve fuel, along with a shift to weekly petroleum price revisions for market stability. The decision reflects the gravity of the regional crisis. With the war entering its second week, devouring the Gulf region and d..... [more >>](#)

The price of contingency

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

With the ongoing war in Iran roiling global energy markets and driving up fuel prices in Pakistan, the government is reportedly mulling several contingency measures reminiscent of the Covid era as part of a strategy to reduce petroleum consumption. Some of the measures discussed include allowing up to 50 per cent of employees to work from home, declaring Friday an additional weekly off during Rama..... [more >>](#)

Oil derivatives signal traders see Middle East shock as short-lived

Source: [Mehnaz Yasmin and Utkarsh Shetti](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

Oil options and futures are signalling that the latest Middle East conflict may be short-lived, as traders pile into structures that profit from a retreat in prices after the initial spike. Options and futures markets often provide the earliest signal of whether traders see a supply shock as fleeting or structural, creating opportunities to profit from sharp swings in prices. The Israel-..... [more >>](#)

Closure of Strait of Hormuz may raise Pakistan's monthly oil import bill to \$3.5-\$4.5b: PIDE

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD - Closure of Strait of Hormuz, triggered by United State-Israel war on Iran, may triple Pakistan's oil imports and could raise sharply the country's monthly oil import bill to between \$3.5 and \$4.5 billion, while consumer inflation could climb from the current 7 percent to up to 17 percent. A new Policy Viewpoint released by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics [more >>](#)

Fragile gains at risk

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

PAKISTAN is confronting an external shock stemming from the US-Israel war on Iran that few of the other affected economies feel as acutely; it is one that none would wish upon themselves. The conflict has destabilised the Middle East, disrupting energy supply chains and sharply driving up global oil and gas prices. For a country dependent on energy imports and remittance flows from the region, the..... [more >>](#)

Oil crosses \$100 as tanker path corrected

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

LONDON: Brent crude climbed past \$100 a barrel on Friday as it became clear an Indian tanker did not sail through the Strait of Hormuz, but had departed from Oman east of the strait, which has been closed since the US-Israeli war against Iran began. Brent futures for May were up \$1.37, or 1.36 per cent, to \$101.83 a barrel at 1555 GMT, heading for a weekly increase. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) c..... [more >>](#)

Oil market becomes hostage to Iran war

Source: [Agencies](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

TEHRAN / WASHINGTON: Oil prices rose back above \$100 and stocks sank Thursday as Iran's attempts to hit supplies in the Middle East and bring down the global economy overshadowed a record release of strategic crude reserves by the International Energy Agency. But US President Donald Trump insisted that stopping Iran developing nuclear weapons was "of far greater interest and im..... [more >>](#)

Hormuz crisis can triple Pakistan's oil import bill

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-13

Islamabad: Prof Abida Naurin from Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) in a study has warned that escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East could trigger a sharp increase in global oil prices, posing serious risks for Pakistan's inflation outlook, external balance and overall economic stability. The study highlights Pakistan's structural vulnerability due to its..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan secures alternative fuel supply from Gulf amid regional tensions

Source: [Mariana Baabar](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-15

ISLAMABAD: To avert potential fuel shortages in the wake of ongoing regional tensions, the government has secured alternative supply arrangements for fuel from the Gulf region. A virtual meeting of the Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices was held on Saturday, chaired by Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb. The meeting was part of the committee's ongoing daily review of the energy sector. Th..... [more >>](#)

War on economy

Source: [Shahid Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-15

When US strikes targeted Iranian energy and military infrastructure in late February, the shockwave did not stop at the Strait of Hormuz. Within days, crude oil prices surged by nearly 30 percent, LPG cylinders became more expensive across Pakistan's rural heartland and the government announced what economists are calling the largest single-day [more >>](#)

previous next news Oil shock from ME war may cost Pakistan up to 1.5pc of GDP, warns BMP

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD - The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI)'s Businessmen Panel (BMP) has warned that rising global oil prices amid escalating regional tensions could pose serious risks for Pakistan's fragile economic recovery and may significantly increase pressure on the country's external sector. BMP Chairman and former FPCCI president Mian Anjum Nisar sa..... [more >>](#)

Hormuz closure could triple Pakistan's oil bill, push inflation to 15pc-17pc

Source: [Abida Naurin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

Oil markets are being shaken once again globally by geopolitical strains in the Middle East. The mounting tension between the United States, Israel and Iran has cast serious doubts over the security of the Strait of Hormuz - a narrow yet important shipping route that serves as a passage of almost 20 percent of the world seaborne oil trade. In the case of Pakistan, which is largely reliant on energ..... [more >>](#)

PIDE highlights Pakistan's vulnerability to global oil supply disruptions

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD: A new study by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), a Planning Commission's affiliate, warns of Pakistan's economic vulnerability to a potential disruption in the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical energy chokepoints. The research highlights that even a mild global oil supply shock could quickly translate into higher fuel prices, ris..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan becomes highly vulnerable to global energy shocks: PIDE

Source: [Hamza Habib](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD: Nearly one-fifth of the world's oil supply passes through the Strait of Hormuz, making Pakistan highly vulnerable to global energy shocks, a new study by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) warned on Thursday. The research, titled "Pakistan's Exposure to a Strait of Hormuz Shock: Fuel Pricing, Inflation, and External Vulnerability," highli..... [more >>](#)

Which countries depend most on Persian Gulf oil and gas

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-25

The war in the Middle East has halted most of the oil and gas trade from the region, forcing countries thousands of miles to contend with their energy supplies suddenly vanishing, reports The New York Times. The Persian Gulf accounts for roughly a fifth of the world's energy needs. As Iran effectively blocks shipments, international prices for oil and gas have shot up. That in turn has mean..... [more >>](#)

Oil and gas shock

Source: [Nikolay Kozhanov](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-25

The US-Israeli war on Iran will have a profound impact on the global energy markets. It has already sent the price of the benchmark Brent crude oil soaring to nearly \$120 per barrel, close to its highest point of \$147 recorded in July 2008. In 2022, after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Brent crude also spiked, reaching \$139 per barrel in March, before stabilising at roughly pre-war rates the..... [more >>](#)

War, oil and the constraint

Source: [Shahab Jafry](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

Currency markets appear to have paused, but not without reason. The dollar index has edged higher toward the 99 mark, the euro is holding around USD 1.16, and the yen has weakened modestly toward the 158–159 range. Price action has narrowed despite a steady stream of conflicting headlines on the Iran war. Is this stability a sign of confidence, or simply a market choosing not to react to sig..... [more >>](#)

Western powers were unable to secure shipping in the Red Sea. Hormuz will be harder

Source: [Reuters](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-26

LOS ANGELES/LONDON: The Western allies trying to negotiate a way to protect the Strait of Hormuz for energy shipping face a stark reality: a similar effort in the Red Sea that started years earlier cost billions of dollars and ultimately failed against Yemen's Houthis. The costly Red Sea experience -- four ships sunk, more than \$1 billion in weapons expended, and a route that the shipping i..... [more >>](#)

Israel strikes Iran as Trump says Tehran wants deal to end war

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-26

Israel launched strikes across Iran on Thursday, hours after US President Donald Trump said Tehran wanted a deal to end the nearly four-week war despite its top diplomat rejecting any talks with Washington. The conflict has mushroomed to draw in nations around the Middle East, sending energy markets into a tailspin and threatening to torpedo the global economy. Iran, under near-daily bombard..... [more >>](#)

Lifting of diesel and jet fuel from Kuwait; Envoy for facilitating Pakistani-flagged vessels

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum, Ali Pervaiz Malik, held a meeting with Nassar Abdulrahman Jasser Almutairi, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Pakistan, to discuss bilateral relations, energy cooperation, and regional developments. Federal Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik expressed gratitude to Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) for assuring full facilitation to Pakistani-flagged vesse..... [more >>](#)

Sharing fuel price burden along with rationing

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-27

With rising international oil prices—especially for supplies from the Middle East—the authorities in Pakistan are facing a painful, difficult and trying situation. They are said to be carefully weighing two options: increasing prices to absorb the growing cost, or rationing the fuel consumption. In reality, passing on the prices, albeit partially, is imperative, along with rationing. T..... [more >>](#)

FCC moved against fuel price increase

Source: [Nasir Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD: A lawyer approached the Federal Constitution Court on Tuesday to challenge the government's decision to raise petrol and diesel prices. Zulfikar Ahmed Bhutta, an advocate of the Supreme Court, filed the constitutional petition before the FCC under the recently introduced Article 175E(3), asking the court to order an immediate reversal of the decision. The petitioner argued [more >>](#)

Courts suspend regular hearings to save fuel

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-13

RAWALPINDI: Under the petrol and energy saving programme, regular court hearings will not be held for two days starting Friday. District and Sessions Judge Rawalpindi Nasir Hussain has appointed duty judges across the district for Friday and Saturday. At the Judicial Complex Rawalpindi, four additional district and sessions judges and ten civil judges will serve as duty judges. In the district&..... [more >>](#)

LHC stays recovery of electricity duty

Source: [Malik Asad](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-14

RAWALPINDI: In a significant legal development that could impact the provincial exchequer's tax collection strategy, the Lahore High Court (LHC) has granted major interim relief to the oil and gas sector by staying the recovery of electricity duty from major industrial players. A division bench comprising Justice Jawad Hassan and Justice Tariq Mahmood Bajwa issued the order while hearing co..... [more >>](#)

Courts have no jurisdiction to decide issues related to power outages: Peshawar High Court

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

PESHAWAR: Peshawar High Court has ruled that the courts don't have the jurisdiction to decide disputes related to power outages and that the aggrieved party should reach out to the specialised statutory forums established for the redressal of such grievances. "It's a well-established principle of the law that where a special statute created a specialised forum and provided a s..... [more >>](#)

Energy crisis PHC decides to conduct proceedings via video link

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-26

PESHAWAR: In the context of measures aimed at controlling the country's energy crisis, the Peshawar High Court (PHC) has decided to conduct proceedings in various cases through video link. The additional registrar (judicial), additional registrars of all circuit benches, and district and sessions judges have been directed to complete arrangements for video link facilities. According to a [more >>](#)

PPP's Naveed Qamar stands alone in NA to slam Rs55 POL hike

Source: [Muhammad Anis](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: Senior Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Parliamentarians lawmaker Syed Naveed Qamar slammed the increase in petroleum prices on the floor of the National Assembly on Monday, fearing the government would drop another "petrol bomb" on the masses. Naveed Qamar, who belongs to the government's main ally, was the only lawmaker in the House who raised his voice against the incr..... [more >>](#)

PPP slams govt in NA over increase in petroleum prices

Source: [Iftikhar A. Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: A PPP lawmaker on Monday slammed abrupt increase in petroleum prices alleging that the decision was meant to benefit oil companies and owners of petrol pumps. Speaking in the National Assembly, PPP leader Syed Naveed Qamar asked the government to explain as to who benefited from the government move. He regretted that the government has revised prices of the existing stock procured..... [more >>](#)

NA adjourned after opposition's uproar against fuel price hike

Source: [Naveed Butt & Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: Chaos erupted in the National Assembly on Monday as opposition lawmakers protested the government's Rs55 per litre hike in petrol and diesel, forcing the deputy speaker to bang the gavel and adjourn the house to avoid further disruption. The disruption came immediately after the question hour. Opposition lawmakers sought the floor to address the sharp escalation in petroleum [more >>](#)

Wapda, NGC observe Earth Hour

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-29

LAHORE: Water & Power Development Authority (WAPDA) observed Earth Hour by switching off lights on the iconic Wapda House on Saturday night for an hour from 8.30pm to 9.30pm in solidarity with the global call for environmental stewardship. Earth Hour is more than a symbolic hour of darkness. Wapda views this occasion as a reminder that water and energy security must go hand in hand with eco..... [more >>](#)

Reform package for power sector; ECC clears Rs9.7bn TSGs for ministries

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Friday approved technical supplementary grants (TSGs) totaling about Rs9.7 billion for various ministries, along with a reform package for the power sector aimed at reducing electricity generation costs, addressing payment obligations, and easing the burden of circular debt. Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Muhamm..... [more >>](#)

Political parties slate fuel price hike, demand relief for struggling public

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

KARACHI: Members of the National Assembly belonging to the Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan (MQM-P) on Saturday expressed deep concern over the steep increase in petroleum prices announced a day earlier, stating that the move had imposed an unbearable economic burden on the public, particularly during the holy month of Ramazan. In a statement issued to the media, the MQM-P's lawmakers said..... [more >>](#)

Opposition blasts 'inflation bomb' Political parties demands reversal of fuel price hike

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

ISLAMABAD: Opposition parties on Saturday came down hard on the government's decision to raise petrol and diesel prices by Rs55 per litre, denouncing it as an "inflation bomb" that would tighten the squeeze on households already struggling to keep their heads above water amid soaring living costs. Opposition leaders warned the move would set off a fresh spiral of inflation and urge..... [more >>](#)

KP CM announces petrol subsidy for 1.6m bikers

Source: [Bureau report & Khalid Mustafa & News Desk & Our Correspondents, The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

PESHAWAR/ LAHORE/KARACHI: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister Sohail Afridi on Sunday strongly criticised the recent increase in petroleum prices by the federal government, terming the Rs55 per litre hike a "petrol atom bomb" on the public, and announced a subsidy package for motorcycle users. He also announced that Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) fares would not be increased and a relief [more >>](#)

Govt declares Friday holiday to save energy PM orders strict enforcement of austerity measures

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday approved declaring Friday as an additional weekly holiday as part of the government's austerity and energy conservation measures, while directing all federal ministries and divisions to strictly implement the policy. Chairing a review meeting at the Prime Minister's House, the premier said the government was making every possible effort to keep the..... [more >>](#)

Federal ministers meet President Asif Ali Zardari, discuss energy, economic issues

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

President of Pakistan Asif Ali Zardari on Monday met with Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Federal Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, and Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik at Bhutto House, Naudero. Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Central President of PPP Women Wing Faryal Talpur, and Sindh Provincial Minis..... [more >>](#)

Provinces look to avoid fuel subsidy burden

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD: Amid provincial reluctance to shoulder the fuel subsidy burden and growing calls to pass on rising international petroleum prices to consumers, a national leadership dialogue is being arranged early next week to develop an "all-inclusive" agenda on austerity and energy conservation. Background discussions with key stakeholders suggest the provinces expressed their inability..... [more >>](#)

Fuel subsidy for two- and three-wheelers: Centre asks provinces to give Rs154bn from their NFC share

Source: [Mehtab Haider, The News, International](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD: The Centre on Friday asked provinces to set aside Rs154 billion from their NFC share, matching the federal contribution to the Prime Minister's Austerity Fund, in case Islamabad decides to provide subsidised fuel for two- and three-wheelers. There are two options: one is to pass the impact of international oil prices on to the consumers, and the second is to provide a targeted su..... [more >>](#)

Fuel crisis: govt mulls smart lockdown

Source: [Imran Adnan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

LAHORE: The federal government has finalised a comprehensive plan to impose a nationwide "smart lockdown" alongside expanded austerity measures aimed at curbing energy consumption and managing the deepening fuel crisis triggered by escalating tensions in the Middle East, sources said on Saturday. An official announcement is expected after consultations with key stakeholders. The propo..... [more >>](#)

Info ministry refutes reports of 'complete lockdown' on weekends as part of fuel-saving measures

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

The information ministry on Sunday refuted a notification about a "complete and comprehensive lockdown" across the country on weekends, stating it was fake. In a post on its "fact checker" account on X, the ministry shared the notification being circulated on social media, with "fake" over it. "Avoid sharing fake news and false posts. Be a responsibl..... [more >>](#)

Provinces to share oil subsidy burden under NFC formula

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD: In a significant development, the provinces have finally agreed to share the burden of the oil subsidy being passed on to local consumers amid prevailing global economic challenges, while the government shelved the issue of proposed lockdowns in the country. The decisions were made in a crucial meeting presided over by President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday. Besides Prime Minis&sh..... [more >>](#)

Bike, loader prices soar

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

KARACHI: Rising freight charges, war risk premiums and diesel prices in the wake of the ongoing Middle East conflict have forced local bike and three-wheeler loader assemblers to raise prices by Rs1,500-10,000, effective April 1. While carmakers have yet to announce any price increases, market participants believe they may also follow suit. Pak Star Automobile Ltd has raised prices of 100cc-..... [more >>](#)

Autos: Empty tanks

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

The passenger car market has experienced a recent surge in demand with a 43 percent increase in volumetric sales during the eight-month period into FY26. This has been led by softening interest rates and a burgeoning supply of new models and offerings in the market, demand leaning towards SUVs and higher end luxury vehicles. While the passenger market is reorganizing its structure around lifestyle..... [more >>](#)

Russia says ready to supply oil to Pakistan

Source: [Jamila Achakzai](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-18

ISLAMABAD: Russia has expressed willingness to supply oil to Pakistan amid Iran war disruptions, contingent on request. "We are ready to supply oil to Pakistan if a formal request is made, but so far no such request has been received," Russian Ambassador Albert P. Khorev told reporters here on Tuesday. Declaring energy a key avenue for expanding bilateral cooperation, the envoy said [more >>](#)

Sui gas pipeline blown up in Quetta

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-31

QUETTA: Gas supply was suspended to various parts of Quetta and other districts of Balochistan on Monday evening after unknown armed men blew up a main gas pipeline in the Western Bypass area of the provincial capital. "An 18-inch diameter main gas pipeline was blown up by unknown individuals," a spokesman for the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) confirmed, adding that the incident occ..... [more >>](#)

Relief that disappears

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-01

The Rs1.78 per unit fuel charge adjustment for January – proposed by the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) and pending before Nepra – coming within weeks of a headline Rs4.04 industrial tariff reduction exposes a familiar contradiction in Pakistan’s power pricing architecture. Relief is announced with emphasis; adjustment follows with equal force. By the time both are refl..... [more >>](#)

Govt hikes petrol price by Rs8, high-speed diesel by Rs5

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-01

Islamabad - The government on Saturday raised the price of petrol by Rs8 per litre and that of high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs5.16 per litre for the next fortnight, according to a press release issued by the Petroleum Division. Following the increase, the price of petrol has jumped from Rs258.17 to Rs266.17 while the HSD price now stands at 280.86. According to the press release, the government has [more >>](#)

Picking up the power tab

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-01

While the pressure is on for a more lenient approach in the upcoming budget and for economic stimulus, electricity bills are threatening to move in the opposite direction. During a public hearing held by Nepra on Thursday (February 26), the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) asked the regulator to allow an additional Rs1.78 per unit collection from power consumers under the January 2026 fuel..... [more >>](#)

CTP issue traffic advisory as IESCO to remove poles along Peshawar Road today

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-02

Rawalpindi - The City Traffic Police (CTP) Rawalpindi on Sunday issued a special traffic advisory for Monday as the Islamabad Electric Supply Company will shift electric poles in connection with ongoing construction work on three underpasses along the busy Peshawar Road. According to a CTP spokesman, traffic will be diverted to alternate routes during the shifting of electric poles from 7 am to 7 [more >>](#)

KE seeks Rs47.1bn TDS for FY26-27

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-02

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric (KE) has reportedly sought Rs 47.1 billion in Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) for the financial year 2026-27 and requested the release of pending TDS claims exceeding Rs 100 billion, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. In a communication of February 19, 2026, the Power Division asked the utility — which is currently finalising its strategy to reduce ele..... [more >>](#)

The CTBCM launch

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-02

The Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM), which was supposed to be rolled out in 2019, is finally taking shape in 2026. According to a Business Recorder exclusive, a summary has been sent to the Prime Minister for final approval to launch 200MW of electricity trading under the CTBCM model. It is important to note that the biggest impediment to the delay was irrational wheelin..... [more >>](#)

Regulator is dead, long live the regulator!

Source: [Dr Omais Abdur Rehman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-02

On 9th February 2026, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) approved the Prosumer Regulations 2025 in a process so rushed and compromised that it raised fundamental questions about independent regulation in Pakistan’s power sector. These regulations replace net-metering with net-billing, potentially dismantling the framework that enabled Pakistan’s citizen-led solar [more >>](#)

Clarification by Power Division

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

In response to a Business Recorder Editorial "Relief that disappears" published by the newspaper yesterday, the Spokesperson of the Power Division has issued a clarification. The spokesperson said that public discourse on electricity tariffs must remain grounded in facts, regulatory clarity, and sound economic principles rather than selective personal or segmental narratives that [more >>](#)

LPG price slightly decreases in March

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

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Monday notified a slight decrease in the LPG price for the month of March. The authority states that the LPG producer price is linked with the Saudi Aramco-CP and the US dollar exchange rate. Compared to the previous month, Saudi Aramco-CP has remained unchanged. The average Dollar exchange rate has, however, decreased by 0.11 percent,..... [more >>](#)

Energy supply, foreign exchange reserves; ; Zahid urges govt to implement contingency plans

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

KARACHI: Mian Zahid Hussain, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum & All Karachi Industrial Alliance, Chairman National Business Group Pakistan and Chairman Policy Advisory Board FPCCI, has urged the Government of Pakistan to immediately implement comprehensive contingency plans to secure energy supply chains, protect foreign exchange reserves, and explore strategic hedging fo..... [more >>](#)

Prosumer regulations amendment; Nepra urged to ensure transparency, take stakeholders' input

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

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has been urged to undertake the proposed amendment process to NEPRA (Prosumer) Regulations, 2026 with full transparency and meaningful consideration of stakeholder submissions. Arif Bilwani and Tanveer Barry, in separate communications to the Registrar of NEPRA, argued that established regulatory practice and principles of tr..... [more >>](#)

War likely to further push up petroleum prices, Senate panel told

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

ISLAMABAD - The prevailing situation of war in Iran is likely to further push up Pakistan's petroleum prices and fuel shortages are also possible if situation further escalates. In view of the prevailing situation in Iran, petroleum prices are expected to increase in the near future, Secretary Petroleum Division said while briefing a Senate panel here Monday. Secretary further cautioned that..... [more >>](#)

LPG price drops slightly for March after 3 consecutive hikes

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

ISLAMABAD - Price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) dropped slightly for Pakistani consumers for March, following three consecutive hikes of over 7 percent in December, over 5 percent in January and around 3 percent in February. According to a notification issued by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), the price of LPG has been reduced by only 21 paise per kilogram for the month of March..... [more >>](#)

LPG prices barely trimmed for March

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-03

ISLAMABAD: The government on Monday kept the Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) prices almost static for March, snapping three consecutive monthly increases. However, reduced it by just 21 paise per kilogram, according to a notification issued by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority. The regulator fixed the new consumer price at Rs225.83 per kg for March, down from Rs226.05 in February. The price of a..... [more >>](#)

Avoiding the utility death spiral

Source: [Afia Malik, The News, International](#), 2026-03-03

On February 12, 2025, the federal government notified Nepra's decision on tariff rationalisation through an SRO. This decision provided relief to industrial consumers by eliminating a cross-subsidy of Rs4-4.57 per unit. However, it also raised concerns about irrational adjustments of this amount across residential categories by imposing fixed charges based on sanctioned load. Data discrepan..... [more >>](#)

Govt sets up energy war-room as Gulf tensions stoke oil shock fears

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-03-03

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has activated an emergency economic response as escalating tensions in the Gulf threaten to trigger another oil shock for the import-dependent economy. The Prime Minister's Office has constituted an 18-member high-powered committee, chaired by Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, to monitor petroleum price movements, assess foreign exchange risks and prepare contingency [more >>](#)

Govt to pass on oil impact to consumers

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

ISLAMABAD: Amid disruption to LNG imports from Qatar, the government on Monday decided to continue passing on the impact of rising global oil prices to consumers under the existing fortnightly adjustment mechanism to avoid a fiscal burden, while closely monitoring supplies and exploring alternative import routes following the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. A meeting of the newly created 18..... [more >>](#)

Nepra approves Rs1.627 per unit hike in FCA for March power bills

Source: [Web Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-04

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Wednesday approved a Rs1.62 per unit increase in electricity tariff on account of monthly fuel adjustment charges across the country. The adjustment follows a petition by the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA), which had requested an increase of Rs1.78 per unit for the month of January. According to the notification, the fuel cost ad..... [more >>](#)

Quarterly adjustments: Power consumers to pay add'l Rs8.67b in 3 months

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-04

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has allowed DISCOs and K-Electric (KE) to charge an additional Re0.35 per unit (Rs8.674 billion) from the consumers for the three months on account of the quarterly adjustments. In its decision on the quarterly tariff adjustments on account of 2nd quarter (Oct to Dec) of FY2025-26, NEPRA said, "the Authority has decided to..... [more >>](#)

Govt formulating first-ever PSIP

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-04

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is preparing the country's first-ever Power Sector Indigenisation Plan (PSIP) 2026–35, a comprehensive roadmap aimed at strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities in the country's power sector ecosystem. The plan focuses on the strategic indigenisation of Electrical Power Equipment (EPE) to reduce import dependence, stimulate local industr..... [more >>](#)

Surplus capacity, low utilisation driving up tariffs: Nepra

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-04

ISLAMABAD: Ill-planned surplus generation capacity, low plant utilisation, high fixed costs and inefficient dispatch have become a persistent source of expensive consumer-end power tariffs and a financial drain on the power sector and the federal budget, as nearly two-thirds of tariffs stem from capacity charges and one-third from energy costs. This assessment was outlined by the National Electri..... [more >>](#)

Nepra okays Rs0.35/unit hike for 3 months to recover Rs8.67bn

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-04

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has approved a Rs0.35 per unit hike in electricity tariffs for three months, allowing power distribution companies and K-Electric to recover Rs8.67 billion from consumers between March and May under quarterly adjustments for the second quarter of FY2025-26. In a determination issued Tuesday, the Nepra authorised a uniform positive adju..... [more >>](#)

OGDC strikes major oil, gas discovery in Kohat

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: In a significant boost to Pakistan's upstream energy sector, Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has announced a fresh oil and gas discovery at its Baragzai X-01 (Slant) exploratory well in District Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with test flows of 3,765 barrels of oil per day (bopd) and 11.2 million standard cubic feet per day (mmcf) of gas. The discovery was made in th..... [more >>](#)

COMMENT: Pakistan's oil cushion

Source: [Masood Ahmed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-05

LAHORE: Pakistan's oil consumption — including crude oil and refined petroleum products — remains significantly larger than its domestic production. Yet over the past two years, there has been a modest but notable improvement in local output. Domestic production, which stood at around 70,500 barrels per day in 2023, increased to nearly 80,000 barrels per day in 2024 and has now [more >>](#)

Petrol pump owners warn of potential fuel shortage amid ME crisis

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-04

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Petrol Pump Owners Association (APPPOA) addressed a letter to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday, raising concerns over a potential petroleum shortage as delays in fuel supply occur. According to the letter, oil marketing companies (OMC) have reportedly implemented a quota system amid the ongoing Middle East crisis. "They are either not providi..... [more >>](#)

Govt kicks in energy contingency plan

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-04

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to roll out a contingency plan to keep cars and stoves running amid disruption of fuel supplies while Pakistan's trade deficit jumped 25% to \$25 billion ahead of any adverse impact of rising crude oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices. A ministerial committee responsible to ensure smooth supplies of petroleum products on Tuesday presented the contin..... [more >>](#)

A surplus of problems

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

Heavy investment to get past the loadshedding era led to the current state of the power sector, which is now generating too much power at rates that are far above what could be considered fair or market-driven. While power prices in Pakistan are not obscenely high by international standards, they are not reflective of the buying power of the average Pakistani. That's largely because customers..... [more >>](#)

Petrol pumps may shut within days as dealers warn of supply cuts

Source: [Talib Fareedi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

LAHORE: Leaders of the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) sounded the alarm on Thursday, alleging that petroleum companies have reduced supply and warned that petrol pumps may begin shutting down within the next few days if supply is not restored. Speaking at a press conference at the Lahore Press Club, the association's Central Secretary General Chaudhry Irfan Elahi said th..... [more >>](#)

Govt directs provinces to inspect petrol pumps amid hoarding concerns

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

The government, on Thursday, ordered all provinces to instruct Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to carry out inspections within their respective jurisdictions to monitor the illegal hoarding of petroleum products for profiteering, as tensions in the Middle East continue to escalate. The statement came in the wake of reports citing a petroleum shortage in the country. Leaders of the Pakistan Petroleum..... [more >>](#)

Fuel Shortages

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

Pakistan's Finance Minister Mohammed Aurangzeb has struck a cautious tone, attempting to soothe fears of fuel shortages and possible rationing, calm markets and businesses, and ensure that panic does not spread across the country. However, in the same statement, he also suggested that the situation could change rapidly depending on the course of the war. While Pakistan does possess strategic..... [more >>](#)

Fuel supply disruptions spark panic buying as Government denies shortage claims

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

Reports of petrol scarcity have surfaced at filling stations in various parts of Pakistan, prompting anxiety among motorists and fuel retailers. At a press briefing, Abdul Sami Khan, head of the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association, stated that an unexpected spike in demand had led to supply constraints at several pumps. He called on authorities to withdraw petroleum levies and taxes, cautionin..... [more >>](#)

Govt reviews fuel prices, availability daily amid gulf tensions: Aurangzeb

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD - Federal Finance and Revenue Minister Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Wednesday said that prices as well as availability of the petroleum products were being reviewed on a daily basis in the wake of military confrontation in the Gulf. Speaking to the media in the Parliament House, he said that stocks of petroleum products were adequate for March. "However, if war in the Gulf prolong..... [more >>](#)

Electricity consumers to pay extra Rs1.627 per unit in March bills

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's electricity consumers will face another hike in their electricity bills, as NEPRA has allowed the power distribution companies, including K-Electric to collect an additional Rs1.627/unit from consumers in March bills. In its petitions, CPPA-G had requested for a hike of Rs1.78 per unit in power tariff on account of monthly fuel charges adjustment for January 2026. A..... [more >>](#)

Tax notices, ATIR ruling;Saif Power can pursue legal remedies: PPIB

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has stated that if Saif Power Limited (SPL) believes the notices issued by tax authorities and/or the ruling of the Appellate Tribunal Inland Revenue (ATIR) reflect an incorrect interpretation of the applicable law, it may pursue legal remedies available under relevant laws. In a written response to Business Recorder, PPIB said the [more >>](#)

PD moved to monetise transmission infrastructure

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has reportedly been approached with a proposal to monetise the existing national transmission infrastructure through the issuance of investment units to overseas long-term investors, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Dominari Securities LLC, a New York-based financial advisory and wealth management firm, has proposed a framework aimed at unlocking capital [more >>](#)

Jan FCA; Nepra ups tariffs for Discos & KE by Rs1.6274

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has increased electricity tariffs for distribution companies (Discos) and K-Electric by Rs 1.6274 per unit to recover an additional Rs 14 billion under the Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) mechanism for January 2026. The Authority conducted a public hearing on February 26, 2026. The Central Power Purchasing Agency–Guarante..... [more >>](#)

Karachi's industrial areas badly hit by load-shedding: study

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

KARACHI: Nearly a third of workers in Karachi's industrial neighbourhoods are enduring between 18 and 20 hours of power outages every day, with some areas experiencing complete blackouts for more than 20 hours, according to a brief launched Wednesday by the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER) at Human Rights Commission of Pakistan office. The study p..... [more >>](#)

Govt plans fuel contingency measures amid Iran crisis

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is set to take a series of contingency measures to secure fuel supplies amid uncertainty surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, including weekly petroleum price revisions, compensations to oil companies for elevated insurance costs, import premiums and freight charges and fuel conservation measures like mandatory work from home, while officials maintain that the country currently ha..... [more >>](#)

Consumers to bear Rs23bn extra burden

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday notified about Rs23 billion in additional burden on electricity consumers by allowing Rs1.63 per unit higher fuel costs in March and about 35 paise per unit other charges for the next three months. As such, consumers will bear an additional burden of about Rs1.98 per unit in higher tariffs in March. The impact of the..... [more >>](#)

Tributes paid to power workers dying in harness

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

LAHORE: The All Pakistan Wapda Hydro Electric Workers Union on Wednesday organised a ceremony to pay tributes to the power department employees who died while performing their duty. The ceremony was held at Bakhtiar Labour Hall where the families of the deceased workers were invited as "special guests". Addressing the gathering, union secretary general Khurshid Ahmed paid rich tr..... [more >>](#)

PM tells provincial govts to take strict action against those hoarding petroleum products

Source: [News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday presided over a high-level meeting on petroleum products, directing provincial governments to take strict legal action against those hoarding the commodities. According to a handout by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the Ministry of Petroleum gave a detailed briefing about stocks of petroleum products in the country, in the context of the changin..... [more >>](#)

CM Bugti inaugurates gas supply projects in Sui

Source: [A Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Thursday inaugurated key gas supply projects in Sui Town aimed at providing gas to Toto, Phong and other colonies of the town, which are expected to resolve long-standing issues faced by the local population. During the inauguration ceremony, officials briefed the chief minister on the details of the projects. According to authorities, the sc..... [more >>](#)

OGRA warns of strict action against hoarding

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has directed chief executive officers of oil marketing companies (OMCs) to ensure uninterrupted supply of petroleum products to retail outlets amid geopolitical concerns over the Middle East conflict. The regulator has warned of strict action against those involved in oil hoarding to pocket money from consumers by creating artificial shortag..... [more >>](#)

City's gas woes reach boiling point

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

KARACHI: A worsening gas shortage gripped Karachi for a second consecutive day, leaving thousands of households without gas for cooking during the holy month of Ramazan, as disruptions in LNG imports and rising tensions in the Strait of Hormuz ripple through Pakistan's energy supply chain. Gas outages intensified across several parts of the metro on Thursday, with residents reporting prolong..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan arranges four crude oil shipments for March to ensure fuel supply

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

Pakistan has arranged four shipments of crude oil for March to support the country's energy needs, sources revealed on Friday. Officials said Saudi Arabia has confirmed the supply of one cargo, while another shipment will arrive from the United Arab Emirates via Fujairah. Additionally, two crude oil cargoes are being imported from the United States to help maintain adequate fuel reserves..... [more >>](#)

ECC approves gas connections, grants, and power sector reforms

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) has approved a plan to provide gas connections to areas located within a five-kilometre radius of gas production sites. The decision was announced following a meeting chaired by Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb. Alongside the gas connection scheme, the ECC approved a supplementary grant of Rs 13.1 million for the Petroleum Division. Under the plan, Rs..... [more >>](#)

Nepra imposes stiff penalties on PESCO, QESCO

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Thursday imposed stiff penalties on two ex-Wapda Power Distribution Companies (Discos), fining the Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) Rs25 million for failing to curb losses and improve recovery, and slapping a Rs100,000-per-day fine on the Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) for continuing unlawful loadshedding. An or..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan considers shifting to weekly oil price revisions from fortnightly

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan considers shifting to weekly oil price revisions from fortnightly due to volatile global market that emerged amid US-Israel-Iran war, it was learnt reliably here Thursday. Similarly, Qatar has also informed regarding halting LNG supply to Pakistan till the situation in the Middle East becomes normal, sources said. Pakistan was supposed to receive eight LNG cargoes from Qata..... [more >>](#)

Ogra asks OMCs to maintain fuel supply

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has directed all oil marketing companies (OMCs) operating in Pakistan to ensure the uninterrupted supply of petroleum products across the country and strictly adhere to government-notified fuel prices. The directive was issued considering the prevailing geopolitical situation and potential market sensitivities that could affect fuel supply cha..... [more >>](#)

OMAP warns refinery PRM deviations may disrupt fuel supply

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-06

LAHORE/KARACHI: The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP) has raised serious concerns over the deviation of local refineries from the product supply commitments agreed during the recent Product Review Meeting (PRM), warning that the situation could disrupt the country's fuel supply chain if immediate action is not taken. In a letter addressed to the chairperson of the Oil and Gas Reg..... [more >>](#)

New secy for PD appointed

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD: Amid speculation about potential fuel shortages in the market due to tensions in the Middle East, the Federal Government on Thursday appointed a Grade 22 officer from the Pakistan Administrative Service as the new Secretary of the Petroleum Division. The appointment takes effect immediately. Hamed Yaqoob Sheikh, presently posted, as the Secretary of the National Health Services Reg..... [more >>](#)

Captive consumers shift to grid; Petroleum minister seeks data from Awais

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Ali Pervaiz Malik has approached Power Minister Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari for provision of data of captive consumers across the country who shifted to grid from gas, well-t6informed sources in Petroleum Division told Business Recorder. According to the Petroleum Minister, to prepare case/recommendations for International Monetary [more >>](#)

What's happening to global crude?

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

Global oil markets have been shaken by a surge in geopolitical tensions following the escalation of conflict involving Iran, the United States, and Israel. Crude prices have jumped as traders' price in the risk of disruptions in one of the world's most critical energy corridors. Oil markets react quickly to tensions in the Gulf because a large share of global energy flows through the r..... [more >>](#)

HUBC: Resilient in transition

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

HUBC's (Hub Power Company Limited) performance in 1HFY26 reflects a transition phase for the company where lower revenues from legacy power assets were largely offset by strong income from associates, lower financing costs, and improved profitability at the operational level. On a consolidated basis, revenue declined sharply by around 28 percent year-on-year. The decline was mainly due to th..... [more >>](#)

Imminent energy crisis: key challenges

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

In the aftermath of the Iran war, which has engulfed the entire GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) region, not only are oil and gas prices rising sharply, but supplies have also been severely constrained. The Strait of Hormuz is shut, and oil and gas supplies are heavily restricted for many countries, including Pakistan. An energy crisis is rapidly brewing in Pakistan. It has just begun and could..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, HSD prices hiked by Rs55 per litre

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

ISLAMABAD: Federal government on Friday announced a massive increase in the price of petrol and high speed diesel (HSD) by Rs 55 per litre for one week with effect from March 7, 2026. The decision was finalised during a high-level meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar. The meeting focused on reviewing the country's petroleum reserves and fluctuations in global oil prices, a..... [more >>](#)

POL products; PPDA urges OMCs to maintain smooth supply

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-07

KARACHI: Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) has urged the authorities and oil marketing companies to ensure the continued and uninterrupted supply of petroleum products across the country, to maintain smooth operations at petrol pumps and avoid any potential shortages in the market. According to Tariq Hassan, Vice Chairman PPDA, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have suddenly imposed [more >>](#)

Site body says concerned at surge in power tariff

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-07

KARACHI: Abdul Rehman Fudda, President of the SITE Association of Industry, has voiced serious concerns over the recent surge in electricity tariffs and the abrupt closure of gas supply to industries for two consecutive days. The suspension, he said, was attributed to the absence of RLNG cargos from Qatar, as reported by Sui Southern Gas Company. SAI President highlighted that the NEPRA had a..... [more >>](#)

Summer season; All steps taken to ensure uninterrupted supply: Fesco

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-07

FAISALABAD: Chief Engineer Transmission & Grid (T&G) FESCO, Engineer Faisal Raza Marth, has said that all necessary technical and administrative measures have been adopted to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply to consumers during the upcoming summer season. In this regard, projects for enhancing the capacity of various grid stations, improving transmission lines, and comprehensive tes..... [more >>](#)

ECC revises power deals to save Rs163b

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-07

ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday approved revised electricity purchase contracts with 15 power plants, which would save about Rs163 billion over the remaining life of their contracts and also write off interest payments to government-owned plants. The decision, taken by the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet, would help marginally reduce energy costs and pave the way for cle..... [more >>](#)

Massive fuel price hike challenged in LHC

Source: [Rana Yasif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-07

A petition has been filed in the Lahore High Court challenging the recent increase in petroleum products prices and seeking the annulment of the government's notification. The plea was filed by Azhar Siddique of the Judicial Activism Panel, who argued that the government had raised petrol prices by Rs55 per litre in what he termed an unlawful and anti-public move. According to the petition..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price jump leaves citizens torn between fuel and food

Source: [Talib Fareedi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-07

LAHORE: A sharp increase of Rs55 per litre in petroleum prices has intensified the cost of living, with residents reporting higher transport fares and rising prices of daily-use items. Following the late-night announcement by the government, citizens said the increase had triggered a surge in prices ranging from food items to transport costs. People also reported disputes at petrol pumps, w..... [more >>](#)

7 petrol pumps sealed as rush hits 145 stations in Islamabad

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-07

The district administration sealed 7 petrol pumps in the federal capital after reports that some stations refused to supply fuel to citizens. A report issued by the administration said 145 petrol pumps operate across the city, while more than 2.59 million litres of petrol and 1.58 million litres of diesel remain in stock despite heavy demand. The report was released after a large number of v..... [more >>](#)

Rs55 fuel shock: Country braces for energy crunch as Mideast burns

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

ISLAMABAD - Amid complaints of fuel shortage across the country, the government on Friday raised petrol and diesel prices by Rs 55 per litre after a sharp surge in global oil markets. Gold price surges Rs 6,100 per tola Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik said late Friday that international energy prices had risen sharply in recent days, forcing the government to take what he described as a &..... [more >>](#)

Public transport fares surge after fuel price hike, adding pressure on commuters

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

Following the recent rise in petroleum prices, public transport operators across the country have increased fares, mirroring the earlier move by goods transporters and adding to the financial strain on passengers. Transporters have raised ticket prices by Rs300 to Rs600 on several routes, particularly those departing from Lahore. The fare for travel from Lahore to Islamabad has climbed from [more >>](#)

Fuel Panic

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

During a high-level meeting, the Prime Minister directed provincial governments to take strict legal action against those hoarding petroleum products, including the closure of petrol pumps and cancellation of licences where artificial shortages are created. Officials have also stated that Pakistan currently holds sufficient fuel reserves, even as contingency plans are being prepared to manage supp..... [more >>](#)

Fix the grid, fix the system

Source: [Sakib Berjees, The News, International](#), 2026-03-07

Energy crises and circular debt are always in the news, and so far, there is no sustainable solution to that problem. The principal reason is the electricity shortage, but the lack of institutional alignment is also a factor. According to the FY 2024–25 State of Industry and Transmission Performance report issued by Nepra, Pakistan generated more than 56 terawatt-hours of electricity last y..... [more >>](#)

Why we need a bold energy roadmap now

Source: [Moazzam Husain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

IMAGINE if all our energy was domestic. And cheap. Some days ago, I had written that even as our economy was growing, electricity demand from the grid was shrinking. Not only is this paradox real, there is an even more fundamental trend at work: solar energy is quietly replacing hydrocarbons as the world's primary source of energy. A shift that has only just begun. This is a structural trans..... [more >>](#)

Petrol pump owners defy govt, resort to rationing amid panic buying in Islamabad

Source: [Kalbe Ali / Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: Unannounced rationing of petrol has begun in the twin cities, like the rest of the country, amid the closure of the Strait of Hormuz by Iran. As tensions spread across the region in the wake of US and Israeli aggression against Iran, consumers also initiated panic buying on Thursday and Friday. As a result, a large number of petrol stations, mainly belonging to Aramco and Att..... [more >>](#)

277 illegal mini petrol pumps, LPG stations sealed

Source: [Our Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

NAROWAL: The district administration has sealed 277 mini petrol pumps and illegal LPG refilling stations, while 385 petrol dispensers, decanting machines, and cylinders have been confiscated during a month-long crackdown in the district. Sialkot District Officer Civil Defence Muhammad Khalid Shehzad said that on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Saba Asghar Ali, crackdown against illegal fuel..... [more >>](#)

Dealers fear closure of 70pc petrol pumps by Monday in KP

Source: [Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

PESHAWAR: The effects of the evolving situation in the Middle East have started reaching Pakistan, with petroleum dealers warning of a possible fuel shortage across the country. Najibullah, information secretary of the Petroleum Dealers and Cottage Contractors Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, told this correspondent that oil marketing companies have halted the supply of petrol and diesel to thei..... [more >>](#)

Petrol shock

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

PAKISTANIS have felt the first direct economic tremor of the escalating confrontation between the US-Israel combine and Iran where it hurts the most: at the petrol pump. The government's decision to increase petrol and diesel prices by Rs55 per litre reflects the immediate spill-over of high global oil prices triggered by the conflict. It is the single sharpest petroleum price adjustment [more >>](#)

Industry questions fuel price surge despite 'old stocks'

Source: [Shahid Iqbal, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-08

KARACHI: Though Pakistan is not part of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, it is the first victim in the region as the government raised oil prices while the high-cost oil is still at sea; the 28-day stocks are being sold at prices yet to reach consumers. India kept petrol and diesel prices stable despite global price spikes, but LPG prices were increased. The Indian government has so far..... [more >>](#)

Govt hikes kerosene price by Rs130 to Rs318.81 per litre

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

ISLAMABAD: After announcing a whopping Rs55 per litre increase in petrol and high-speed diesel prices, the government also silently increased the price of kerosene by almost 70 per cent, it emerged on Saturday. A notification to this effect was issued by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority. According to the notification, the price of kerosene has been increased by Rs130.08 to Rs318.81 per liter..... [more >>](#)

Punjab government wakes up after POL hoarders make hay

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

LAHORE: A day after the petroleum hoarding mafia made millions, the Punjab government woke up to control this menace. Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Saturday ordered a grand crackdown on hoarders and profiteers involved in stockpiling petroleum products. Several petrol pump owners in Punjab had closed down their outlets for hours ahead of the PML-N government's announcement of a massiv..... [more >>](#)

Notification challenged in high court

Source: [Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-08

PESHAWAR: A lawyer on Saturday moved Peshawar High Court, challenging hike in prices of petroleum products by federal government. Advocate Gul Daraz Khan filed a petition, requesting the court to declare as illegal and unconstitutional the notification issued by the government on March 6 whereby prices of petrol and diesel were increased by Rs55 per litre. He also sought directives of court [more >>](#)

Petrol dealers say fuel shortages persist despite price hike

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

KARACHI: The Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) on Saturday said that despite the government increasing fuel prices, oil marketing companies (OMCs) have not restored the supply of petroleum products, with petrol and diesel still unavailable at many filling stations. Petroleum dealers said OMCs had recently implemented a quota system, reducing supplies by 50 per cent, and have now furth..... [more >>](#)

Hike in petroleum product prices: Transport fares surge by 25pcSource: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-03-08

LAHORE: Public transport fares have increased by up to 25 percent across the country after the federal government raised petrol and diesel prices by Rs55 per litre. Transporters increased fares for passenger buses, wagons and mini-Mazda vehicles, describing it as the largest increase in the last seven years. As a result, passengers travelling from Lahore to other cities will now have to pay high..... [more >>](#)

Oil sector seen gaining Rs55bn from fuel hikeSource: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2026-03-08

KARACHI: The oil sector, including petroleum dealers and oil marketing companies (OMCs), is estimated to have gained around Rs55 billion overnight in inventory value after the government increased the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs55 per litre each. Information gathered by The News regarding available stocks of petrol and HSD suggests that the sector earned substantial gains f..... [more >>](#)

Petrol bomb Rise of Rs55 per litre or 20% in petrol prices is more than the climb in the international marketSource: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-08

The nation is in shock and awe, not merely because of the war in the region, but precisely for the petrol bomb dropped on it. The sudden hike in petrol and diesel prices was unwarranted, as the monetary trouble has been passed on to the consumers for a product that was already sitting inside Pakistan, and that too bought at a subsidised rate. This is tantamount to fleecing the masses who are alrea..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price hike deepens household anxietySource: [Shahram Haq, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-08

LAHORE: The latest increase in petroleum prices has once again placed Pakistani household budgets under pressure, highlighting the fragile nature of economic stability in a country that relies heavily on imported fuel and gas. Petrol is now priced at Rs321.17/litre and high-speed diesel at Rs335.86litre. The adjustment follows a sharp rise in international oil prices triggered by the United Stat..... [more >>](#)

Oil industry rejects 'profit' claimsSource: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-08

ISLAMABAD: The oil industry has ruled out making money through old inventory following a massive increase in prices of petrol and diesel. Industry officials said that the assumption that companies were making a massive "inventory profit" was based on a misunderstanding of how fuel pricing and inventory actually worked in Pakistan. Fuel prices are determined using the average Platts be..... [more >>](#)

Kerosene, light diesel prices also increasedSource: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-08

ISLAMABAD: Prices of deregulated petroleum products, including kerosene oil, light diesel oil (LDO) and high-octane blending component (HOBC), have also increased following the government's recent hike in petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) prices and a rise in international oil prices. Although the government maintains that kerosene oil, LDO and HOBC are deregulated products whose prices are..... [more >>](#)

Govt vehicle fuel bill of Rs70b increased by 25% Annual expenditure on official transport expected to jumpSource: [Muhammad Ilyas, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-08

LAHORE: The steep increase in petroleum prices, coupled with global energy turmoil, is expected to significantly raise the cost of running government vehicle fleets across the country, placing additional strain on federal and provincial budgets. Officials say that the country already spends between Rs60 billion and Rs70 billion annually on fuel and maintenance of official vehicles, and the lates..... [more >>](#)

Transporters hike fares by up to 20pc across the board

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad/Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-08

ISLAMABAD: Following a massive increase of Rs55 per litre in petroleum product prices, transport fares across the board have risen by up to 20 percent, as goods transporters, passenger buses, private taxi operators, Pakistan Railways, as well as airlines have increased their fares. An anecdotal survey conducted by Business Recorder here on Saturday revealed that public transport ticket prices..... [more >>](#)

Fuel crunch; E&P cos told to boost output now

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

ISLAMABAD: Domestic exploration and production (E&P) companies, which were earlier asked to slow down output, are now being urged to increase production as much as possible to help stabilize fuel supply. Ibrar Khan, Secretary General of the Pakistan Petroleum Exploration & Production Companies Association (PPEPCA), said this in an exclusive conversation with Business Recorder. Am..... [more >>](#)

Federal, Sindh leaders discuss energy crisis plans

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday held a meeting with Federal Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and Federal Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik to review the evolving regional situation and its possible impact on Pakistan's energy supplies and economy. The meeting, held at the CM House in Karachi, was attended by Sindh Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjar, Chie..... [more >>](#)

KP govt seeks provincial role in IEP

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) has urged the federal government to ensure enhanced provincial participation in the under-preparation Integrated Energy Plan (IEP), with priority given to hydropower development, strengthening of transmission infrastructure in the province, transparent revenue-sharing mechanisms, and support for renewable energy and electric vehicle (EV) infras..... [more >>](#)

AGP for aligning Discos' framework with KE model

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

ISLAMABAD: The Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) has recommended aligning the operational framework of power Distribution Companies (DISCOs) with the model of K-Electric, which operates under a ring-fenced commercial structure and does not contribute to the accumulation of national circular debt. The strategic plan for the privatisation of Pakistan power sector (1992) envisaged restructuring [more >>](#)

Rising energy costs significantly impacting households

Source: [Asad Rizvi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

Last week was heavily influenced by the ongoing geopolitical crisis in the Middle East. Concerned about potential escalations from the conflict and their repercussions, I focused on the Hormuz in my post from the previous week due to rising oil prices that could destabilize emerging and borrowing market economies. If this situation persists, sustaining current prices will become increasi..... [more >>](#)

Hike in POL products' prices; KP announces subsidy for registered bike riders

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Sohail Afridi has announced a targeted subsidy for registered motorcycle riders across the province following the recent sharp increase in petroleum prices by the federal government. The subsidy is intended to shield low and middle income- households from the financial burden created by the latest increase in fuel prices. Currently, between..... [more >>](#)

Three petrol shipments expected today: Petroleum minister

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

Karachi - Three petroleum shipments are expected to reach Pakistan by Monday (today), Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik informed a briefing called to discuss rising global oil prices and fuel reserves amid the widening Middle East conflict on Sunday. The meeting attended by Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah comes a day after Prime Minister Shehbaz Shar..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum prices soar by up to Rs147.93 per litre in just 35 days

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

ISLAMABAD - The prices of various petroleum products have recorded an increase of up to Rs147.93 per litre in just 35 days (from February 01 till March 7). In just 35 days, starting from the first fortnight of February till March 7, the prices of petroleum products were revised upwards four times. The highest increase was recorded in the price of kerosene oil, which was increased by to Rs147.93 p..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan records highest petrol price hike among 14 countries

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has recorded the highest increase in petrol prices among 14 countries across Asia, Europe and North America following the surge in global oil prices triggered by the ongoing conflict involving the United States and Israel against Iran. According to comparative data shared by Khurram Shehzad, adviser to the federal finance minister, Pakistan witnessed a petrol price hike of mo..... [more >>](#)

Natural gas production target set at 865 million cubic feet per day

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

LAHORE - Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has set a target to achieve natural gas production of 865 million cubic feet per day, according to official sources. The company aims to promote development in the energy sector and move towards greater energy independence by utilizing local resources. Sources said the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) was also playing a key rol..... [more >>](#)

APBF expresses serious concerns over recent power tariff adjustments

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

ISLAMABAD - The All Pakistan Business Forum (APBF) has expressed serious concerns over the recent electricity tariff adjustments notified by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), warning that the Rs23 billion additional burden on consumers could strain businesses and households alike. APBF President Syed Maaz Mahmood and Chairman Ibrahim Qureshi said the latest fuel cost and qu..... [more >>](#)

No to power subsidies

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

There is a particular fiscal absurdity that Pakistan has perfected over decades —allocating ever-larger sums of public money to compensate for failures that those very sums were meant to prevent. The latest chapter unfolds between Islamabad's Power Division and the IMF. The government has proposed nearly Rs990 billion in power subsidies for the fiscal year 2026-27. The Fund has flatly re..... [more >>](#)

Prioritising domestic energy supply

Source: [AAH Soomro](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

KARACHI: In March 2026, as the aftermath of the US and Israeli strikes on Iran ripples through the global economy, the fragility of the international energy chain has been laid bare. With reports of QatarEnergy halting spot shipments and Iran threatening to effectively close the Strait of Hormuz, the "worst-case scenario" for energy-dependent nations is no longer a theory – it is [more >>](#)

Rising jet fuel prices to push Pakistan airfares up by 20-30%

Source: [Talib Fareedi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

LAHORE: The ongoing conflict between Iran and the United States, and Israel has driven up global petroleum prices, with a direct impact on aviation fuel costs and airfare expected to go up in the coming days. According to sources at Pakistan State Oil, the price of jet fuel has surged from Rs188.93 per litre to Rs342.32 per litre, marking an increase of Rs153.39 per litre following a Rs55 [more >>](#)

KP chief minister announces fuel subsidy for motorcyclists

Source: [Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Mohammad Sohail Afridi on Sunday announced subsidy for registered motorcycle riders across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa following increase in petroleum prices by federal government. He said that a relief package for farmers was on cards ahead of wheat harvest. "The subsidy is intended to shield low and middle income households from the financial burden created by the latest i..... [more >>](#)

Large companies over people: Miftah says govt petrol hike benefits oil firms

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

ISLAMABAD: Former finance minister Miftah Ismail has slammed the PMLN-led government's move to hike the price of petrol and diesel, saying that it has only benefited oil firms. In a post on X, Miftah, who served as the finance czar during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's previous tenure, said that the government raised the prices but in doing so, it also gave Rs35 per litre extra profi..... [more >>](#)

POL prices hike a major blow to economy: SCCI

Source: [Bureau Report, The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

PESHAWAR: The Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) has raised serious concerns over the abrupt unprecedented increase in prices of petroleum products and called the government move a major blow to the national economy and the private sector. SCCI president Junaid Alaft in a statement on Sunday strongly reacted to the government decision of hike in petrol up to Rs55/litre, saying that th..... [more >>](#)

KP unveils fuel conservation measures

Source: [Bureau Report, The News, International](#), 2026-03-10

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government on Monday announced temporary measures for two months to reduce non-essential fuel consumption while safeguarding economic activity, Eid travel and agricultural operations. The measures were unveiled as the provincial cabinet met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Muhammad Sohail Afridi and approved a "Fuel Conservation & Responsible Gov..... [more >>](#)

The avoidable fuel expense

Source: [Dr Farrukh Saleem, The News, International](#), 2026-03-10

In Pakistan, the state runs on fuel. Some estimates suggest that government vehicles account for roughly 2.0 per cent of the country's non-motorcycle fleet, about 100,000 vehicles. Together, per the estimates, they consume 101 million litres of petrol and 204 million litres of diesel every year. Going by these calculations, last year alone, the fuel bill may have stood at roughly Rs95 billio..... [more >>](#)

Oil shock

Source: [Ehsan Malik, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

EXTERNAL shocks have repeatedly shaped Pakistan's economic trajectory. From oil crises to global financial turbulence, the pattern is a familiar one: rising import costs weaken the balance-of-payments, inflation accelerates and pressure mounts on the exchange rate. The latest tensions in the Middle East threaten to trigger a similar sequence at a moment when Pakistan's policy space is [more >>](#)

Govt to keep check on undue inventory gains by oil companies: Aurangzeb

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

RAWALPINDI: Finance Minister Mohammad Aurangzeb on Monday said the petroleum price adjustment was necessary to prevent depletion of petroleum stocks and to ensure uninterrupted supply across the country. He was talking to a delegation of the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI), which called on him under the leadership of its President Usman Shaukat and Group Leader Sohail Altaf. H..... [more >>](#)

LPG cylinder price 'up by Rs1,300' in Sahiwal

Source: [Our Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

SAHIWAL: In Sahiwal city, the owners of LPG outlets sharply increased the gas price illegally, pushing it up by Rs1,300. Reports indicate that while the official price of an LPG cylinder was Rs2,660 a couple of days ago, consumers are now being charged Rs3,950 without issuance of any official notification by the government in this regard. For the consumers, LPG is being sold at Rs4,00 per kilogr..... [more >>](#)

PSO gets five bids for two petrol cargoes amid high premiums

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD: Amid tensions around the Strait of Hormuz, Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has received bids from international traders for two cargoes of 55,000 metric tons of petrol each with 92 RON, as the country moves to secure supplies amid fluctuating global fuel prices. According to official sources, for the first cargo, OQ Trading submitted the lowest bid with a Cost and Freight (CFR) premium of..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan struggles to secure diesel imports amid ME war tensions

Source: [Tanveer Malik & News Desk, The News, International](#), 2026-03-11

KARACHI: Pakistan is struggling to secure imports of high-speed diesel (HSD) even as supplies of petrol from the international market remain relatively stable, The News learned on Tuesday. Fuel tankers that have arrived at the country's ports or are currently enroute to Pakistan are carrying petrol cargoes, while no shipments of HSD have been secured or are on their way, sources in the oil [more >>](#)

Petroleum imports boost Pakistan's reserves

Source: [Kalbe Ali, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD: Amid global shortages, three vessels carrying petrol are arriving at Port Qasim, while one has already discharged diesel to replenish the country's reserves. These imports were made by Attock Petroleum, Wafi Petroleum, Hascol and GO Pakistan Ltd. The Port Qasim Authority (PQA) announced on Tuesday that the MT Torn Damini, which arrived on March 8, had offloaded 37,000 tonne..... [more >>](#)

Govt approves weekly oil price proposals

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

ISLAMABAD: The government has approved a set of proposals for oil price review on a weekly basis aimed at bailing out the oil industry from the risk of high premiums, insurance costs and freight charges. A decision has been taken following a warning from the Petroleum Division about the looming oil crisis due to tensions in the Gulf region, which have disrupted supplies. Recently, the internati..... [more >>](#)

Double whammy for the masses as govt hikes RLNG rates after increase in petrol price

Source: [Web Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Thursday increased the price of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) for March, raising tariffs for consumers of both Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC). The increase in price has added to the burden on the public, as the government raised petrol and diesel prices by Rs55 per litre last week, demonstra..... [more >>](#)

Paisa 35/kWh; Nepra notifies approved positive adjustment

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has notified approved positive adjustment of Paisa 35/kWh for second quarter of FY2025-26 under QTA adjustment mechanism to be recovered from March to May 2026. According to the notification, in pursuance of Proviso (ii) to Sub-Section 7 of Section 31 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Powe..... [more >>](#)

Oil price shock triggers historic bloodbath

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

KARACHI: Pakistan's equity market witnessed one of its most dramatic sessions in recent history on Monday as heavy selling pressure swept through the trading floor of the Pakistan Stock Exchange, triggering a broad-based rout across multiple sectors, largely attributed to escalating tensions in the Middle East and sharp jolts in international oil markets. The benchmark KSE-100 Index plu..... [more >>](#)

Nepra pricing; AGP flags higher tariffs due to Discos' inefficiencies

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: The Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) has observed that inefficiencies in power distribution companies (DISCOs) have been systematically embedded in tariffs determined by NEPRA, resulting in higher consumer tariffs and an increased fiscal burden on the government. The tariff differential subsidy reached Rs 1.2015 trillion during the financial year 2024–25. According to the au..... [more >>](#)

Hike in jet fuel prices; Operating costs of airlines increase significantly

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: A steep surge in jet fuel prices has significantly increased operating costs for Pakistani airlines, with officials warning that the current fuel pricing structure risks eroding the competitiveness of the country's aviation sector and diverting international traffic to foreign carriers. The issue came under discussion during a meeting of the Cabinet Committee constituted by t..... [more >>](#)

Govt body takes stock of energy situation

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: The Committee to monitor petrol prices in the wake of the emerging situation in the region, constituted by the Prime Minister and chaired by the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, continued its daily review of developments in the energy sector and assessed national preparedness measures in light of the evolving regional situation. The Committee de..... [more >>](#)

Energy import trap

Source: [Syed Asad Ali Shah](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

Pakistan's latest fuel price shock — with petrol and diesel rising by nearly Rs55 per litre overnight — is not merely another painful adjustment for citizens. It is a stark reminder of a deeper structural weakness that has haunted the country for decades: Pakistan has remained into an energy import trap. The immediate trigger is the escalating geopolitical crisis in the Midd..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price surge

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

The economic impact of the war in the Middle East was always destined to reach Pakistan sooner rather than later. A surge in domestic energy prices had become inevitable once the US and Israel launched their strikes on Iran, and Tehran responded by attacking US bases in Gulf states, choking and endangering maritime activity around the Strait of Hormuz, the passageway for a fifth of global oil supp..... [more >>](#)

Hike in prices of POL products; OMCs get Rs113bn windfall profits?

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: The government's decision to apply a Rs 55 per litre price jump to current fuel reserves has triggered allegations of enabling oil marketing companies (OMCs) to make Rs 113 billion windfall profits in inventory gains, though industry representatives and government advisors argue that the pricing model—based on international Platts averages—requires them to replenish sol..... [more >>](#)

OCAC writes letters to governor SBP, chairman Ogra

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: The Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) has sought temporary approval of CIF imports with war-risk premium allowance for crude oil, refined petroleum products, base oil and allied material in light of the ongoing Middle East conflict. In a letter to Governor SBP, Jameel Ahmad, Secretary General, OCAC, Dr Syed Nazir Abbas Zaidi stated that due to the rapidly evolving geopolitical [more >>](#)

Govt urged to declare 'energy emergency'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

KARACHI: Atif Ikram Sheikh, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), has strongly called upon the federal government to declare an immediate energy emergency; and, implement reliable contingency measures to insulate Pakistan's fragile economic recovery and its exports from the severe fallout of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. He has highligh..... [more >>](#)

Fixed charges; Nepra receives review plea challenging its determination

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has received a review petition challenging its recent determination imposing fixed charges of up to Rs675 per kilowatt (kW) of sanctioned load on domestic consumers, irrespective of their actual electricity consumption. The petition has jointly been filed by former interior minister Lt. Gen. Moin ud Din Haider (retired), S.N..... [more >>](#)

OMC sales: Recovery intact but risks mount

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

Pakistan's oil marketing sector recorded total petroleum product sales of 1.28 million tons in Feb-26, reflecting a 13 percent year-on-year increase but a 15.4 percent month-on-month decline. The divergence between the two trends is largely technical rather than structural — fewer working days in February and the onset of Ramadan dampened mobility and economic activity, while the year-on..... [more >>](#)

Hike in prices of POL products' OMCs make Rs113bn profit

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

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Energy plans to be assessed thru analytical modelling: PD

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD: While appreciating and acknowledging the suggestions made by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government regarding the formulation of Pakistan's Integrated Energy Plan (IEP), the Power Division has stated that all energy projects, including hydropower and associated transmission projects, will be assessed through analytical modelling. In a letter to the Power Division, the Khyber Pakht..... [more >>](#)

On CIF basis for 60 days;SBP allows import of crude oil, POL items

Source: [Rizwan Bhatti, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Wednesday allowed the import of crude oil and petroleum products on Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) basis for a period of 60 days, in a move aimed at facilitating timely supplies amid volatility in global oil markets. In a circular issued to authorized dealers, the SBP said the decision had been taken in view of the prevailing global situation an..... [more >>](#)

When oil moves and central banks follow

Source: [Shahab Jafry, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

The bid in Aussie dollar just ahead of RBA's (Reserve Bank of Australia's) interest-rate decision says a great deal about how quickly the war in the Middle East is beginning to reshape market expectations. Brent crude's surged towards USD 90-per-barrel again – after crossing USD 113 and reversing – and diesel markets are tightening as shipping through the Strait of Ho..... [more >>](#)

KP takes lead in oil production

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

ISLAMABAD: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has emerged as the country's leading oil-producing province, contributing about 42 percent of total domestic output, while Sindh retained its position as the main natural gas-producing province, accounting for approximately 61 percent of national production, according to a report submitted by the Pakistan Oil and Gas Exploration Activity (POGEA). The govern..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price surge rattles recovery

Source: [Shahram Haq, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

LAHORE: The recent surge in petroleum prices has once again pushed Pakistan's fragile economic recovery into uncertain territory as global oil markets remain volatile amid tensions in the Middle East. With petrol currently priced at Rs321.17 per litre and high-speed diesel at Rs335.86, households and businesses across the country are bracing for further pressure even as the government signal..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price hike pushes weekly inflation up

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

KARACHI: Pakistan's short-term inflation indicator recorded a notable increase, as the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) rose 6.44% year-on-year during the week ended March 11, 2026, mainly driven by a sharp rise in energy and essential food prices, according to data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). On a week-on-week basis, the SPI increased by 1.89%, reflecting a signfica..... [more >>](#)

Domestic power sources cushion LNG supply risk, Leghari says

Source: [Reuters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

Pakistan's growing reliance on domestic power, including solar and wind energy, nuclear reactors, coal, and hydropower, has reduced its vulnerability to global LNG supply disruption, Power Minister Awais Leghari toldReuters. Thewarin the Middle East threatens shipments from Qatar, the world's No2 producer after the US, which supplies most of Pakistan's imported LNG, used to f..... [more >>](#)

Energy on Edge Oil at \$100 is not merely a number on a trading screen. It is a reminder.

Source: [M A Hossain, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

There is something almost ritualistic about the moment when oil prices cross the psychologically powerful threshold of \$100 per barrel. Markets shudder. Politicians panic. Economists dust off old vocabulary—shock, disruption, stagflation. The global economy, so modern in appearance yet so primitive in its dependence on fossil fuel, begins to wobble. This week that threshold was crossed ag..... [more >>](#)

Consumer complaints: Discos directed to crack down on underperforming officers

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD - Federal minister for power Awais Leghari has directed electricity distribution companies (Discos) to crack down on underperforming officers regarding consumer complaints, as six state-owned Discos received only 55,663 complaints (2.75% of 2 million-plus complaints) in 5 months, raising concerns over consumer care. Of total 2,020, 157 calls were received on the 118 platform and Punja..... [more >>](#)

Govt holds petroleum prices despite global oil rising to \$100

Source: [Muhammad Anis](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-14

ISLAMABAD: As the crude oil revolves around \$100 per barrel in the international market, the Pakistan government has decided not to increase the prices of petroleum products further in the weekly review. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif decided not to increase the prices of petroleum products this time despite a rise in oil prices in the international market. According to a statement issued by the [more >>](#)

Fuel dealers warn of post-Eid strike if margins not raised

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

KARACHI: Petroleum dealers have threatened to stop petrol and diesel sales after Eidul Fitr, in case the government does not revise their profit margins. Addressing a news conference at the Karachi Press Club on Friday, the leadership of Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) gave the government until March 26 to revise petroleum dealers' margin from 2.59 per cent to 8pc in the wak..... [more >>](#)

PM decides to hold fuel prices despite global spike

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

LAHORE - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday decided not to increase the prices of petroleum products this time, honouring the promise made to the public despite a further rise in oil prices in the international market. According to a statement issued here, the prime minister said that the decision was taken to reduce the burden on the common man. He added that, in line with his commitment,..... [more >>](#)

RLNG consumption in power sector;Govt constitutes panel to craft operational plan

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

ISLAMABAD: The government has constituted a committee to review existing arrangements and develop an integrated operational plan for the consumption of Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) in the power sector, sources told Business Recorder. In a letter to the Additional Secretary of the Power Division, Executive Director of the Independent System and Market Operator (ISMO), Muhammad Zakr..... [more >>](#)

Domestic power sources cushion LNG supply risk: Leghari

Source: [re](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

KARACHI: Pakistan's growing reliance on domestic power, including solar and wind energy, nuclear reactors, coal and hydropower, has reduced its vulnerability to global LNG supply disruptions, Power Minister Awais Leghari told Reuters. The war in the Middle East threatens shipments from Qatar, the world's No. 2 producer after the US which supplies most of Pakistan's imported [more >>](#)

22pc hike in gas prices notified

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: Less than a week after the government hiked the prices of petroleum products by a whopping Rs55, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Thursday notified a massive 19-22 per cent increase in the price of regasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) for sales at the distribution stage by the two Sui gas companies for March. The increase was mainly because of increase in terminal ch..... [more >>](#)

Power Division orders Discos to act on complaints

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: The government has ordered power distribution companies to take strict action against officials failing to resolve consumer complaints as the government strengthens oversight of the electricity sector through the 118 Smart Call Center, which has received more than 2.02 million calls in the past five months. Federal Power Minister Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari directed all electricity..... [more >>](#)

Govt places furnace oil exports under PM monitoring committee

Source: [Tanveer Malik & Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-13

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: The federal government has made it mandatory for oil refineries to obtain prior approval from a prime minister-appointed committee monitoring petroleum supplies before exporting furnace oil, in a move aimed at safeguarding fuel availability and energy security amid emerging supply risks. According to a notification issued by the Petroleum Division, proposals for furnace oil exp..... [more >>](#)

How airlines have hedged against fuel price increases

Source: [Reuters](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-13

Higher oil prices due to the Iran war are increasing prices of jet fuel, which accounts for a big portion of airlines' costs. Brent crude oil rose near \$100 per barrel on Thursday on worries about disrupted supply. Spot Northwest European jet fuel prices were at \$1,536 per metric ton on Thursday, trading near an all-time high of \$1,633 they reached intra-day on Monday. Some airlines use f..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price hike adds to Ramazan inflation burden

Source: [Ahmad Fraz Khan | Manzoor Ali | Dawar Shoaib](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

LAHORE / PESHAWAR / KARACHI: The sharp Rs55 per litre increase in fuel prices is sending ripple effects across the country, raising transportation costs, driving up food prices and putting additional burden on households already grappling with traditional inflation during the holy month of Ramazan. "It was the last thing Pakistanis needed and the government delivered it mercilessly,&..... [more >>](#)

Oil imports on CIF basis allowed for 60 days

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

ISLAMABAD: Given petroleum import challenges under the prevailing geopolitical conditions, Pakistan on Wednesday allowed the import of crude oil and all petroleum products with advance war-risk insurance for a period of 60 days, on the demand of the local oil industry, to facilitate imports. "In view of the prevailing situation and the critical importance of crude oil and petroleum produc..... [more >>](#)

Fighting oil price hikes

Source: [Khurram Husain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

LAST Friday was a bombshell by any definition and a Rs55 per litre price hike is a killer for the common citizenry. Sharp adjustments like this always trigger equally sharp politics. But this is the first time I have seen a government move with such speed, and pre-emptive intention, to adjust oil prices at the pump even before the instability has entered our oil supply chain. Maybe it was possi..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan secures alternative fuel supply from Gulf amid regional tensions

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-15

ISLAMABAD: To avert potential fuel shortages in the wake of ongoing regional tensions, the government has secured alternative supply arrangements for fuel from the Gulf region. A virtual meeting of the Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices was held on Saturday, chaired by Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb. The meeting was part of the committee's ongoing daily review of the energy sector. [more >>](#)

Kerosene price increased by Rs39.20, petrol unchanged

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

The Government of Pakistan has increased the price of kerosene oil by Rs39.20 per litre while keeping petrol prices unchanged for the week ending March 20. Following the latest price notification, kerosene commonly described as the poor man's fuel has become the most expensive consumer fuel at Rs358 per litre and has seen the highest increase among petroleum products since March 7. Accordi..... [more >>](#)

Energy Security

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

Recent remarks by Pakistan's Power Minister emphasise that the country's expanding solar and wind capacity is strengthening energy security and reducing reliance on imported fuels. A growing share of electricity is already being generated from domestic sources, and the government aims to push this figure even higher over the coming decade. Pakistan's chronic vulnerability to e..... [more >>](#)

'Govt absorbs Rs77 fuel price hike'

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

ISLAMABAD: The government has absorbed the impact of Rs77-per-litre increase in diesel prices and Rs48-per-litre hike in petrol prices to avoid a sharp spike in rates, say officials. However, it is not clear whether the hike has been adjusted in the petroleum levy or any other component. At present, the social media is filled with screenshots of global oil prices, quick comparisons with the Bren..... [more >>](#)

Committee reviews fuel stock position, import arrangements

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

ISLAMABAD: A meeting of the Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices was held virtually on Saturday under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb as part of the daily review of developments in the energy sector amid persistent regional tensions. The committee undertook a comprehensive review of petroleum product stock position across the country and was briefed on the curre..... [more >>](#)

Iesco following PM's austerity measures

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-15

Islamabad : The Chief Executive of the Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco), Engineer Ch Khalid Mahmood, has stated that in view of the prevailing national and international circumstances, Iesco has begun full implementation of the austerity measures directed by the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, says a press release. He said that under these measures, Iesco offices will remain open four day..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for faster shift to Thar coal as global energy volatility rises

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-15

KARACHI: With global energy markets and supply chains reeling from heightened volatility amid the US-Iran conflict, experts have urged the government to accelerate efforts to reduce reliance on imported fuels by tapping the full potential of indigenous Thar coal. Currently, more than 40 per cent of Pakistan's primary energy supply is met through imported crude oil, refined petroleum pro..... [more >>](#)

Oil shock may cost Pakistan 1.5pc of GDP: experts

Source: [Fatima S Attarwala](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

KARACHI: If the war continues and oil prices remain around \$100 or higher, Pakistan could face a GDP hit of 1.0 to 1.5 per cent, a figure that may worsen if the regional conflict persists beyond six months, warns former finance minister Hafiz Pasha. The most critical threat lies in the external sector, where Pakistan could face a negative impact of \$12 to \$14 billion over the next year. This wo..... [more >>](#)

Jamshoro Power Company Ltd protests to Railways over delay in coal supply

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

LAHORE: Jamshoro Power Company Ltd (JPCL) has protested over an alleged delay on the part of Pakistan Railways (PR) in transportation of coal, expressing fears that the 660MW plant faces closure if the disruption in supply persists. Through a letter written on Wednesday (March 11), JPCL informed the PR's chief executive officer about "serious and unexplained delays" in the trans..... [more >>](#)

Power generation merger hits bureaucratic roadblock

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

ISLAMABAD: The bureaucratic set-up in the Power Division and its subordinate state-owned entities are resisting a reform process to merge oil-based, redundant, old power generation companies into the National Power Parks Management Company (NPPMC), despite a decision by the National Task Force on Energy and by Power Minister Sardar Awais Khan Leghari. Informed sources toldDawnthat these four gene..... [more >>](#)

No hike in petrol and HSD prices, PD decides

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

ISLAMABAD: Under the latest fuel price revision effective March 14, the Petroleum Levy (PL) accounts for 32 percent of the ex-depot price of petrol and 16 percent of High-Speed Diesel (HSD). With the PL fixed at Rs55 per litre, these figures highlight the significant tax component within the current weekly pricing structure. On Saturday, the Petroleum Division did not change the prices of pet..... [more >>](#)

No let-up in ME tensions; RLNG supply crunch hits power sector hard

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD: As the Middle East conflict enters its third week, Pakistan's supply of Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) to power plants has dropped sharply after Qatar reportedly suspended LNG production following attacks on its gas fields. Official sources said the power sector's current RLNG requirement is around 300 MMCFD, while the allocation from Sui Northern Gas Pipeline..... [more >>](#)

Power Div challenges AGP report

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

ISLAMABAD: Power Division has challenged an Audit (Power) report released by the Auditor General of Pakistan in which it recommended aligning the operational framework of power Distribution Companies (Discos) with the model of K-Electric (KE), which operates under a ring-fenced commercial structure and does not contribute to the accumulation of national circular debt. A spokesperson of Power [more >>](#)

Poor performance;DISCOs directed to take action against officers

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari has issued directives to all power distribution companies (DISCOs) to make the redressal of electricity consumers' complaints more effective and transparent, with strict action to be taken against officers showing negligence in service delivery. The Minister instructed DISCOs to take immediate action against officers [more >>](#)

POL products;Aurangzeb signals price hike ahead

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb on Thursday hinted at the possibility of a further hike in petroleum product prices, citing an upward trend in global oil prices amid the Middle East conflict, which is disrupting the crucial energy supply route. Speaking during a meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, chaired by Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, the minister said the gov..... [more >>](#)

Energy challenges; Sindh decides to step up austerity drive

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

KARACHI: The Sindh government has decided to further tighten austerity measures to address potential energy challenges. In this regard, an important meeting of the austerity committee was held under the chairmanship of Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon. Provincial ministers Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Saeed Ghani, Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar and Mukesh Kumar Chawla, along with relevant officials, attended..... [more >>](#)

A 'black swan' oil moment?—I

Source: [Dr Omer Javed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

With the Strait of Hormuz virtually closed, through which passes a significant amount of oil where, according to International Energy Agency (IEA), '...an average of 20 million barrels per day (mb/d) of crude oil and oil products were shipped in 2025... With around 25 percent of the world's seaborne oil trade transiting the Strait, and options to bypass it being limited&rsquo..... [more >>](#)

Sitara Energy Limited

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

Sitara Energy Limited (PSX: SEL) is incorporated in Pakistan as a public limited company. The company is engaged in the generation and distribution of electricity. Pattern of Shareholding As of June 30, 2025, SEL has a total of 19.092 million shares outstanding which are held by 1212 shareholders. Directors, CEO, their spouse and minor children have the majority stake of around 40.63 per..... [more >>](#)

Over 2pc hike in RLNG price notified

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Thursday notified a 2.2171 percent increase in the price of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) for sales at the distribution stage by the two gas utilities for the current month, mainly due to the ongoing Israel & US war against Iran. The increase in RLNG prices was made due to an increase in DES price, import-related cost, and ter..... [more >>](#)

Govt raises kerosene, LDO prices by upto Rs68

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has increased the prices of kerosene oil and light diesel oil (LDO) while deciding to keep petrol and high-speed diesel prices unchanged by maintaining the petroleum levy and providing a subsidy to absorb rising costs. According to the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), the price of kerosene oil has been increased by Rs39.20 per litre, setting the new rate..... [more >>](#)

Oil shock and the import trap

Source: [Aadil Nakhuda](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

KARACHI: The conflict in the Middle East has once again created a wave of uncertainty amid increasing volatility in oil prices. Although the conflict is external, the implications for the domestic economy are significant. At the time of writing, Brent and West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil prices showed significant oscillation, suggesting uncertainty in the oil market. The length of the con..... [more >>](#)

Govt to pay Rs23 billion subsidy to maintain petrol, HSD prices till March 20

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD - The federal government will use the Prime Minister's Austerity Fund to provide a subsidy of Rs23 billion to keep the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) unchanged for one week, from March 14 to March 20. The government has also maintained the petroleum levy at Rs105.37 per litre on petrol and Rs55.24 per litre on HSD until March 20, official data reveals. "The pri..... [more >>](#)

Kerosene price jumps to Rs358 per litre after fifth hike in 42 days

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD - The federal government has imposed another massive increase of Rs39.20 per litre in the price of Kerosene oil, commonly referred to as the poor man's fuel, for the ongoing week (March 14–20). This marks the fifth consecutive increase in Kerosene prices within 42 days, from the February 1 fortnight to March 14. During this period, the price of kerosene has surged by nearly [more >>](#)

Energy Crisis

Source: [Maaz Khan, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-16

When the world's metarteriole experiences bleeding, Pakistan bears the associated consequences. Pakistan is enduring the repercussions of a conflict it did not provoke. The incident in the Strait of Hormuz has precipitated an energy crisis that the government is currently inadequately managing. The unsettling images reveal a story that no senior officials are willing to voice. Over two hund..... [more >>](#)

Global energy shocks;Country has potential to reduce vulnerability: PDP

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-16

KARACHI: The ongoing crisis in the Middle East has exposed our deep vulnerability to global energy shocks, demanding that the country must turn to domestic oil and gas for energy security, said Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman Altaf Shakoor here Sunday. He said as tensions escalate and the possibility of supply disruptions looms, oil prices have begun to fluctuate sharply in internation..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's oil shock: an economy with no buffers

Source: [Ali Khizar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-16

Once again, Pakistan's economic vulnerabilities are exposed. The country does not have ample petroleum reserves, while foreign exchange reserves are too thin to withstand even a couple of months of supply chain disruption in the Middle East due to the ongoing war. Pakistan heavily depends on the Middle East, as its large diaspora is employed there and sends roughly half of the country&r..... [more >>](#)

A 'black swan' oil moment? – II

Source: [Dr Omer Javed, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-16

Dr Omer Javed Moreover, while the Business Recorder (BR) editorial, published on March 10, supports government's move of raising prices, pointing out in turn 'Faced with the risk of hoarding and panic buying spiraling into a full-blown crisis, the government's move should be seen as a bid to stabilise expectations, maintain market availability and pre-empt a disorderly marke..... [more >>](#)

Elevated oil prices significantly affect foreign exchange reserves

Source: [Asad Rizvi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-16

Last week proved to be very challenging for global financial markets, which are hoping for a resolution to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. The war has resulted in significant disruptions worldwide due to supply constraints, particularly as shipping activities have stalled because of the virtual closure of the Strait of Hormuz. While, Central bank policymakers from eleven institu..... [more >>](#)

'Poor man's fuel' becomes the most expensive

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD: The government has increased the price of kerosene oil by Rs40 per litre and approved Rs23 billion in price differential subsidy for payments to oil marketing companies (OMCs) to keep the prices of two other products — petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) — unchanged for the week ending March 20. The subsidy will be paid to the oil companies because petrol and diesel p..... [more >>](#)

The case of structural energy security

Source: [Ammar H Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

Pakistan's energy system has undergone a transformation that has quietly been so consequential that its architects cannot quite name it. In FY21, imported fuels supplied exactly one-third of national generation. A 30-day Strait of Hormuz blockade then would have cost 2.87 terawatt-hour (TWh), enough to collapse demand-side and trigger load-shedding cascades of over six hours a day. Today,..... [more >>](#)

Power self-reliance

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

PAKISTAN'S transition to domestic sources of electricity is a welcome development for a country that has long been vulnerable to global energy shocks due to its reliance on imported fuels. The latest figures shared by Power Minister Awais Leghari suggest a structural shift in the power sector: nearly three-quarters of electricity generation now comes from indigenous resources, with the gover..... [more >>](#)

Pesco launches action against power thieves in Dera

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco) has launched a major crackdown on power theft, corruption and negligence in its Dera circle, suspending several officials and registering hundreds of cases against power thieves. According to Pesco officials, the action was taken on the report of Engineer Hizbullah Mehsud and on the directives of Pesco headquarters in Peshawar. Officials..... [more >>](#)

Rs55 petrol price hike sparks public outrage

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-16

Islamabad: The government's decision to raise petrol prices by Rs55 per litre has sparked widespread anger, especially among low-income groups who rely on motorcycles and public transport for their daily survival. They complained that the steep hike in fuel price had placed an unbearable financial burden on struggling families, while the ruling elite continued to enjoy privileges and alleged..... [more >>](#)

Aptma warns power inefficiencies driving up electricity costs

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's textile industry has warned that deep-rooted inefficiencies in the power sector continue to keep industrial electricity tariffs uncompetitive, despite recent government efforts to lower costs. In a letter written on Monday to Power Minister Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Chairperson of the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma) Kamran Arshads said structural [more >>](#)

Subsidised fuel scheme on the cards for bikes, rickshaws

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has planned a subsidised fuel scheme for motorcyclists and rickshaw drivers to cushion the impact of a massive hike in oil prices, following a similar move by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government. "The government is working on a package to provide relief to (owners of) motorcycles and rickshaws," said newly appointed petroleum secretary, Hamed Yaq..... [more >>](#)

PM directs improvement of petroleum supply chain amid Middle East crisis

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed the petroleum minister to further enhance the supply chain for petroleum imports and instructed all relevant institutions to remain prepared to take emergency measures until the regional situation improves. According to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office, the directives were issued during a meeting chaired by the prime minister to [more >>](#)

Pakistan has oil reserves for days, not months Senate panel warned of gas shortage after April 14

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan currently has crude oil reserves sufficient for 11 days, diesel for 21 days, petrol for 27 days, LPG for nine days and jet fuel (JP-1) for 14 days, the secretary petroleum informed the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum on Monday amid growing concerns over supply disruptions caused by conflict in the Middle East. Briefing the committee, the official said Pakistan was in..... [more >>](#)

NGC upgrades transmission, grid system in Lahore

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

LAHORE - National Grid Company of Pakistan (NGC) has achieved two significant milestones aimed at strengthening the country's power transmission network and improving system reliability in Lahore and Hyderabad. The up-gradation work of 220kV Transmission Line Sheikhpura–Bund Road Lahore CCT (I & II) has been successfully completed from Tower No. 01 to Tower No. 55, during approved..... [more >>](#)

Loadshedding likely to worsen as LNG supply to power sector may be curtailed from 30th

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD - The federal government is working on relief package for motorcycles and rickshaws. A parliamentary panel was informed on Monday that LNG supply to the power sector may be curtailed from March 30, which could potentially result in worsening electricity loadshedding in the country. The Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum, which met with Senator Manzoor Ahmad in chair, was informed [more >>](#)

Govt says fuel reserves sufficient for 27 days

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel was informed on Monday that the country has fuel reserves sufficient for 27 days and high-speed diesel (HSD) stocks adequate for 21 days to meet domestic demand. Petroleum Secretary Hamed Yaqoob Sheikh revealed this while briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum. Senator Manzoor Ahmed chaired the meeting. The committee reviewed the oil and gas [more >>](#)

Pakistan-bound oil tanker passes through Strait of Hormuz

Source: [Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

KARACHI: Ship-tracking data shows a Pakistan-bound oil tanker passing through the Strait of Hormuz over the weekend, indicating that some countries are able to negotiate safe passage for their vessels despite the US-Israeli war on Iran. Since the war began more than two weeks ago, Iran has attacked several ships in the Gulf, in effect closing the strait, conduit for a fifth of the world's..... [more >>](#)

Need for diversifying oil supply sources stressed

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee constituted to monitor petrol prices on Monday emphasised the importance of further diversifying sources of supply to enhance resilience of the national energy supply chain. The Committee met on Monday under the chairmanship of the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Muhammad Aurangzeb, as part of the Committee's ongoing daily review of development..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum pricing: It can bite sooner than you think

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

Petrol prices were hiked by Rs55 per liter last week. Urgently. Out of turn. Oil had moved, the arithmetic had changed, and consumers were told the adjustment could not wait. A week later, the arithmetic looks even less forgiving. Arab Gulf gasoline has jumped from roughly \$95 per barrel to about \$122 per barrel in a matter of days. At the earlier \$95 level, the government felt compelled..... [more >>](#)

Gas price hike worsens pain

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority's (Ogra's) notification, announcing a sharp 19-22 percent increase in RLNG prices for March for the country's two gas utilities, comes as little surprise, given the disruption unfolding in global energy markets amid the US-Israel war on Iran. For SNGPL, the RLNG sale price at the transmission stage has risen by 19.3 percent to USD 12.49 per mm..... [more >>](#)

AGP accuses Gepco of inflating load factor to cut line losses

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) has accused Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) of applying excessive load factors to artificially achieve line-loss reduction targets and increase subsidy claims during FY 2024–25. According to the NEPRA Consumer Service Manual (CSM) issued on January 13, 2021, the permissible load factor for different categories of connections ran..... [more >>](#)

Power sector; Required improvements not taking place: APTMA

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has warned that improvements required in the power sector are not taking place within the required timeframe, leaving Pakistan's economy vulnerable. In a letter to Power Minister Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, APTMA Chairman Kamran Arshad appreciated the minister's recent efforts to reduce electricity costs, particula..... [more >>](#)

Moscow ready to supply discounted oil to Pakistan: envoy

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

ISLAMABAD: Russia Ambassador to Pakistan, Albert Khorev, on Tuesday said that Moscow is ready to supply discounted oil to Pakistan, urging Islamabad to take advantage of the opportunity. He added that Russia would sell discounted oil to Pakistan if Islamabad formally approached his government on the matter. However, the ambassador noted that no formal contact has been made so far in this..... [more >>](#)

SPL seeks CPPA-G support for release of pending sales tax refund

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

ISLAMABAD: Saif Power Company Limited (SPL), which owns a 225MW power plant, has sought support from Central Power Purchasing Agency (Guarantee) Limited (CPPA-G) for the release of its pending sales tax refund from the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). In a letter to the Chief Executive Officer of CPPA-G, the Chief Financial Officer of SPL referred to the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) dated Ap..... [more >>](#)

Punjab to install 150MW of solar power project at Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park

Source: [Saeed Akhtar Baloch, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

LAHORE: The government of Punjab is considering the installation of a 150-megawatt solar power plant at the Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park as part of its strategy to secure affordable and green energy resources. The proposal was discussed during a meeting of provincial energy department chaired by Punjab Minister for Energy Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar. The meeting reviewed multiple initiatives aimed a..... [more >>](#)

Asia pivots to coal as ME conflict chokes LNG

Source: [Reuters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

KARACHI/SINGAPORE: Asian utilities are boosting coal-fired power generation to cut costs and safeguard energy supply, industry officials say, as the US-Israeli war on Iran chokes liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipments and soaring prices threaten to suppress LNG demand. Asia spot LNG prices have doubled to three-year highs in the second major supply shock in four years, as shipping through the Str..... [more >>](#)

Foreign exchange constraints crop up in oil supply chain despite improvement in stock of petroleum products

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

ISLAMABAD: Despite improved stock covers of petroleum products, foreign exchange constraints have started to crop up in the oil supply chain due to additional costs of skyrocketing global prices, insurance and import premiums, and freight charges. The issue was formally raised at a meeting of the special cabinet committee formed to monitor petroleum prices, presided over by Finance Minister Muh..... [more >>](#)

Discos seek higher fuel cost adjustment for February

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

ISLAMABAD: After charging Rs1.63 per unit as positive fuel cost adjustment (FCA) this month, power companies have sought another Rs1.64 per unit for April bills as demand increased. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) demanded the higher fuel cost on account of power consumed in February, even though more than 75 per cent of power generation came from domestic and cheaper sources. Ele..... [more >>](#)

Refiners to benefit from wider oil price spreads

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-18

KARACHI: Pakistan's refinery sector is set to benefit from elevated gross refining margins (GRMs) as the spread between crude oil and refined petroleum products widens. Rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East have pushed up international prices of crude oil as well as high-speed diesel (HSD) and motor spirit (MS), expanding refining spreads. The spread between crude oil and HSD has..... [more >>](#)

Nepra clears Punjab's QATPL over 2023 blackout delays, drops penalty case

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-19

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has cleared Punjab government-owned Quaid-e-Azam Thermal Power (Pvt) Ltd (QATPL) of alleged violations tied to delays in restoring electricity during Pakistan's January 2023 nationwide blackout, accepting the company's explanation and closing the case without any penalty. The regulator had accused QATPL of failing to [more >>](#)

Power bills to rise Rs1.64/unit in April

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-19

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers could see higher power bills as early as April after utilities asked the country's energy regulator Monday to approve an additional charge of Rs1.64 per unit to recover fuel costs that ran significantly above what customers were billed in February 2026. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G), acting on behalf of ex-Wapda distribution companies, filed t..... [more >>](#)

Power generation rises 11pc in February

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-19

KARACHI: Pakistan's power generation rose 11 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to 7,696 GWh in February 2026, up from 6,945 GWh in the same month last year, according to official data. Analysts attributed the increase to higher demand, supported by lower tariffs and a shift of industrial consumers towards the national grid. However, on a month-on-month (MoM) basis, generation fell 16 per cent from..... [more >>](#)

Govt may hold fuel prices steady despite global oil surge

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-19

KARACHI: The government is considering keeping petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) prices unchanged until March 31, despite rising global oil prices, sources told The News on Wednesday. The plan was conveyed to industry representatives during a meeting with Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik, where officials urged oil companies to avoid hoarding and ensure steady market supplies. According to..... [more >>](#)

Oil rises after Iran strikes Middle East energy facilitiesSource: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-19

Oil prices rose on Thursday, with benchmark Brent gaining as much as \$5 a barrel after Iran attacked energy facilities across the Middle East, following a strike on the South Pars gas field in a major escalation of the war involving the United States and Israel. Brent futures were up \$4.66, or 4.3%, at \$112.04 a barrel by 0400 GMT, after earlier rising more than \$5 to \$112.86. US West Texas Inter..... [more >>](#)

Govt appeals to public to adopt fuel-conservation measures to avert risk of supply disruptionSource: [News Wire](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-19

The government appealed to the public on Thursday to adopt fuel-conservation measures to “avert the risk of petroleum products’ supply getting affected in the coming days”. The appeal was made in a handout issued after a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad, where fuel-conservation and austerity measures recently announced by the government were review..... [more >>](#)

Power firms seek to extract Rs12.2bn more for Feb usageSource: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-19

ISLAMABAD: After charging a positive fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of Rs1.63 per unit in the current month, the power companies have sought to extract another Rs1.64 per unit from consumers across the country in April bills, as demand rose. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) demanded payment of higher fuel costs on account of power consumed in February, even though more than 75 per cent of p..... [more >>](#)

Discos seek Nepra’s approval to burden consumers with additional Rs1.64 per unitSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-19

ISLAMABAD - Ex-Wapda power distribution companies (Discos) have sought NEPRA’s approval to burden the consumers with an additional Rs1.64 per unit as the power generation cost escalated by 8 percent on year-on-year basis in February 2026 compared to the same month in 2025. However, on month-on-month basis, the generation cost declined by 30 percent to Rs8.157 per unit in February 2026 from [more >>](#)

Govt asks people to save petrol, diesel as country prepares to face fuel crisisSource: [Mateen Haider](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD - The federal government on Thursday appealed to the public to adopt measures to save petrol and diesel in order to avoid the risk of the availability of petroleum products being affected in the coming days. The appeal was made during a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad, which focused on the implementation of fuel-saving and austerity measures in light of t..... [more >>](#)

Oil, gas reserves discovered in SindhSource: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-20

KARACHI - Mari Energy has announced a new discovery of oil and gas in Sindh. In this regard, Mari Energy has written a letter to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) and informed about the important information. Mari Energy announced that a major discovery of gas and crude oil has been made in Sindh. Gas and crude oil have been discovered from the Shams-1 well of the Mari D&PL block in Ghotki dis..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz says rejected advice to further raise fuel prices, govt to absorb burdenSource: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Friday night, the eve of Eidul Fitr, that he had rejected advice to further raise fuel prices and the federal government would absorb the burden itself. Addressing the nation, he

felicitated the nation on the occasion of Eid. "In the context of the current situation, this Eid specifically demands from us humanity, national unity and coll..... [more >>](#)

Govt to absorb Rs49/litre oil price surge Rs23b subsidy keeps petrol, diesel rates unchanged for one week

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD: The government is expected to absorb the impact of an increase in oil prices of up to Rs49 per litre amid a sharp surge driven by tensions in the Gulf region. According to calculations, the price of high-speed diesel had increased by Rs49 per litre, while diesel prices had risen by Rs29 per litre. However, the government may absorb this impact through price differential claims. Usama..... [more >>](#)

Govt's absorption of fuel price hike

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-20

A Business Recorder exclusive citing an official document has revealed that the government may absorb any increase in the international prices of petrol and high speed diesel post-14 March through a 23 billion-rupee subsidy from funds generated through the implementation of the Prime Minister's austerity package announced last week. The package consists of a number of measures including (i) [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz approves Rs200 per litre hike on high-octane fuel levy Decision expected to save govt Rs9bn each month, says Prime Minister's Office

Source: [Ayaz Akbar Yousafzai & Saif Ur Rehman](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-23

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday decided to increase the levy on high-octane fuel by Rs200 per litre, a measure expected to earn the government Rs 9 billion each month. According to a notification issued by the Prime Minister's Office, the levy on high octane blending component (HOBC) has been raised by Rs200 per litre, taking it to Rs305.37 per litre. Previously, the levy stood at..... [more >>](#)

Govt to provide targeted relief amid spike in global fuel prices: FinMin Aurangzeb

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-23

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb on Sunday said the government is making efforts to protect vulnerable segments with a targeted relief package amid rising fuel prices triggered by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Speaking to media, he said that all ministries, including petroleum, IT and finance, were working on a joint strategy as Pakistan moves to shield public from the impacts of [more >>](#)

Kerosene climbs further to Rs428.74 as cumulative March gains swell to 127%

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-21

Kerosene oil prices in Pakistan have surged to Rs428.74 per litre after the latest hike, with the March increase nearing 127% as world oil markets remain highly choppy amid US-Israel-Iran conflict-related supply disruptions. The government has increased the price of kerosene by Rs70.73 per litre, pushing the new rate to Rs428.74 per litre with effect from Saturday, March 21, according to a noti..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz rejects advice to raise petrol, diesel rates further

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-20

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Friday that he had rejected a proposal to increase petrol and diesel prices. The prime minister announced this during an address to the nation, delivered on the eve of Eid ul Fitr. The statement comes as the federal government was scheduled to review the fuel prices on March 20. On March 13, the government had maintained the petroleum prices despite s..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz bans use of high-octane fuel in govt vehicles

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

ISLAMABAD: In another step towards tightening austerity measures, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday imposed a complete ban on the use of high-octane fuel in government vehicles, shortly after the announcement of a Rs200 increase in the levy on high-octane fuel. The decision comes amid government efforts to manage the economic impact of rising global oil prices following the US-Israel war [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz bans high-octane fuel in govt vehicles as levy jumps to Rs305

Source: [Web Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has banned the use of high-octane fuel in all government vehicles, with the decision taking effect immediately, the Prime Minister's Office announced on Monday. The ban comes with the decision to increase the petroleum levy on high-octane fuel. Under a notification issued for this purpose, the levy on high-octane has been raised by Rs200 per litre to Rs305..... [more >>](#)

Govt hikes high-octane fuel levy by Rs200/litre

Source: [Mateen Haider, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

Islamabad - The Federal government has decided to raise the existing levy from Rs100 per litre by an additional Rs200 per litre on high octane. Following the decision, the levy on high-octane fuel will now stand at Rs300 per litre. The decision was made by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif during a meeting on Sunday which he chaired via video link and decided to increase the levy on high-octane fuel..... [more >>](#)

Global energy watchdog says over 40 Mideast energy sites heavily damaged by conflict

Source: [Anadolu, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

More than 40 energy assets across nine countries in the Middle East have been "severely or very severely" damaged amid the ongoing conflict, the International Energy Agency said, according to media reports Sunday. IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol said the damage could prolong disruptions to global supply chains even after the conflict ends. "It will take some time for the..... [more >>](#)

National grid demand jumps 12.1pc in Jan, 11pc in Feb: Leghari

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

ISLAMABAD - The federal minister for Power Division has said that demand from national grid jumped 12.1 percent and 11 percent, respectively in the months of January and February following the imposition of the captive power levy and introduction of industrial relief package. In a statement issued by the Power Division, Federal Minister for Power Division Awaiz Leghari empha..... [more >>](#)

Kerosene oil price jumps by 151pc in 49 days

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

ISLAMABAD - The price of kerosene oil has gone up by 151 percent during a span of 49 days as the federal government has made another massive increase of Rs70.73 per litre in its price, commonly known as poor man's fuel, for the ongoing week (Mar 21-Mar 27). Following the latest hike, price of kerosene oil has jumped to Rs428.74 per litre from the earlier Rs358.01 per liter, according..... [more >>](#)

LESCO falls short of mandatory targets: Nepra

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

ISLAMABAD: The performance of Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has reportedly remained significantly short of mandatory performance targets set by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), sources told Business Recorder. LESCO has highlighted a series of achievements, including a reduction in transmission and distribution (T&D) losses, Rs35 billion savings from loss cont..... [more >>](#)

Weak enforcement fuels illicit trade, undermines revenue targets

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

LAHORE: Pakistan's struggle to meet its fiscal targets is predominantly fuelled by an expanding shadow economy rather than general economic frailty, as the absence of effective, country-wide targeted enforcement, particularly at the provincial level, continues to hurt the economy. According to the latest data, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) recorded a massive shortfall of Rs 331 bil..... [more >>](#)

Energy crunch

Source: [Editoriald](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-24

Under normal circumstances, yesterday's focus would have been Pakistan Day and the associated parade. However, even this important date could not escape the shadow cast by the war unfolding in the Middle East and its impact on energy prices. The traditional parade was scrapped under the austerity measures the government introduced earlier to address the energy supply shocks rattling the coun..... [more >>](#)

Miftah asks govt to weigh ethanol blending option to bring down fuel prices

Source: [Ansar Abbasi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-24

ISLAMABAD: Former finance minister Miftah Ismail has called for a cautious and well-studied approach to ethanol blending policy to bring down the prices of oil in Pakistan. He, however, warned against premature decisions without proper evaluation. Commenting on the idea, Miftah said there was no harm in examining the feasibility of ethanol blending, but stressed that policy changes should not be [more >>](#)

World nears gas supply cliff as Gulf LNG shipments approach ports: FT

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-24

LONDON: Countries around the world are facing a cliff-edge as the flow of liquefied natural gas from the Gulf comes to an abrupt end in the next 10 days, when a handful of final tankers from the region reach their destinations, reports Financial Times. Qatar, which produces a fifth of the world's liquefied natural gas, had to stop exports after Iran blockaded the Strait of Hormuz at the m..... [more >>](#)

Comment: MRT: relief for motorcyclists

Source: [Dr Farrukh Saleem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-24

PM Shehbaz Sharif has taken the most economically intelligent fuel policy decision Pakistan has made in years — subsidise the poor (Rs9 billion), tax the rich (Rs9 billion). The second step — delivering that money directly to motorcycle riders through MRT — is where history will judge him Rationing petrol and diesel is a bad idea. Here's why. First, it punishes motorcyclis..... [more >>](#)

Stopgap relief

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

THERE is fiscal logic in the government's decision to sharply increase the petroleum levy on high-octane fuel — a niche product consumed almost exclusively by owners of luxury and high-performance vehicles. By extracting around Rs9bn per month from those with the greatest capacity to absorb the cost, and redirecting that amount to shield the broader public from surging oil prices, the [more >>](#)

Back to black: Facing energy shock amid Middle East turmoil, Asia turns to coal

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

Asian countries are ramping up the use of polluting coal to tackle energy shortages and price spikes linked to the US-Israeli war on Iran, but the crisis could have an environmental silver lining. While leaning on fossil fuel will raise emissions in the near term, the energy crisis is demonstrating the risks of energy import dependence, and could push policymakers to embrace renewables faster, [more >>](#)

KE appoints Syed Taha as new CEO, replacing interim head

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE) on Tuesday appointed Syed Taha as its new chief executive officer, replacing interim CEO Adeeb Ahmad. In a letter to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), the company said the appointment will come into effect on April 15. It said that Taha holds an engineering degree and an MBA in finance from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi. He has been serv..... [more >>](#)

Oil prices plunge 10pc on US-Iran talks

Source: [Reuters, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

NEW YORK: Oil prices dropped about 10 per cent to a one-week low on Monday after US President Donald Trump said he would postpone any military strikes against Iranian power plants for five days after constructive talks to resolve the hostilities in the Middle East, hours ahead of a deadline that threatened further escalation in the four-week-old war. Brent futures fell \$11.17, or 10.0pc, to \$10..... [more >>](#)

ME conflict a silver lining for E&Ps

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

KARACHI: Higher international oil prices stemming from the devastating Middle East war, coupled with disruptions in liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply chains, have created a favourable opportunity as well as provided a catalyst for Pakistan's exploration and production (E&P) companies to fill the vacuum and meet the country's energy requirement. At present, the global energy market i..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price hike begins to hurt economy, business costs surge: PCDMA

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

KARACHI - The Pakistan Chemicals & Dyes Merchants Association (PCDMA) has warned that the recent Rs55 per litre increase in petroleum products prices has begun to inflict serious damage on the economy, pushing business costs to unsustainable levels and slowing commercial activity across the country. PCDMA Chairman Salim Valimhammad, in a statement, urged Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Mini..... [more >>](#)

Energy crunch, hard choices

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

The energy crisis is real. Even if the war stops today, it will take months for energy supplies and prices to normalize. In fact, they may settle at a new normal. Pakistan must prepare for a prolonged adjustment. First, petroleum prices should be allowed to absorb the shock of higher international prices, because that is the only credible way to bring consumption down. An aggressive levy on h..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to declare 'energy emergency'

Source: [Amjad Ali Shah, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

PESHAWAR: Members of the business community urged the government to impose an "Energy Emergency amid escalating Middle East crises, stating that the conflict poses an existential threat to Pakistan's fragile economic recovery and the export-oriented Industrial base of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Businessmen asserted that the compounding burden of regionally uncompetitive petroleum prices [more >>](#)

High-octane fuel hike;Economics of driving SUVs undergoing significant shift

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

LAHORE: With petrol prices in Pakistan remaining above Rs 320 per litre and the government sharply increasing the levy on high-octane fuel — pushing its price to around Rs 535 per litre — the economics of driving sport utility vehicles (SUVs) is undergoing a significant shift. Industry experts said this change is rapidly tilting consumer preference toward plug-in hybrid electric v..... [more >>](#)

Sahiwal Power Plant keeps grid stable during Ramazan demand surge

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-24

ISLAMABAD: The 1,320-megawatt Sahiwal Coal-Fired Power Plant ensured uninterrupted electricity supply throughout the holy month of Ramazan, meeting the sharp rise in national demand through close coordination between government authorities and the enterprise. From February 18 to March 20, millions of households across Pakistan relied on steady power to carry out religious and daily activities..... [more >>](#)

Review of 'flawed' RLNG terminal contracts begins

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: Country's top decision-makers have initiated a critical review of long-term LNG terminal contracts that continue to cost the national exchequer millions of dollars despite a complete halt in gas supplies. Officials describe these agreements as having a "structural flaw" in the country's energy framework. The review follows a force majeure declared by QatarEnergy..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan opens power market with first wheeling auction nod

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power regulator approved the country's first-ever competitive electricity wheeling auction process Tuesday, declaring Jan 22, 2026, as the official start of commercial market operations and marking a pivotal break from the country's decades-old single-buyer power model. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) endorsed the auction mechanism [more >>](#)

Ogra moves towards digital fuel tracking system as ME war disrupts markets

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) held a training session for industry stakeholders on a digital track-and-trace system for petroleum products, an official statement said on Tuesday, as the country moves to tighten oversight of its fuel supply chain amid market disruptions caused by the ongoing war in Iran, reports Arab News. The oil regulator, in collaboration with the Punja..... [more >>](#)

OGDC strikes first horizontal oil well in Sindh, output hits 460bpd

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: In a landmark breakthrough for Pakistan's upstream energy sector, Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) has announced the start of oil production from Pasakhi-13, the country's first successful horizontal well drilled in a clastic reservoir, marking a major leap in local drilling capability and resource optimisation. The well, located in Hyderabad, is currently pro..... [more >>](#)

Energy security

Source: [Mohamed Yahya](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-25

ENERGY security is now national security for Pakistan. The war in the Middle East has made that clear. A conflict beyond our borders now threatens the shipments, foreign exchange stability and remittance flows that underpin Pakistan's economy. For a country heavily dependent on imported energy, the risks are immediate. Pakistan therefore faces an urgent strategic task: reducing its exposu..... [more >>](#)

Govt announces optional multi-tariff time of use mechanism for industrial consumers

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday announced that it was introducing an optional multi-tariff time of use (ToU) mechanism for industrial consumers for optimal utilisation of grid supply through pricing signals. "The Power Division is considering introduction of a new optional tariff mechanism aimed at facilitating industrial consumers and enhancing overall efficiency in electricity util..... [more >>](#)

Govt may have to 'unfreeze' fuel prices amid global surge

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: Amid a sharp rise in jet fuel and kerosene prices, the government is considering unfreezing prices of other petroleum products to reflect global trends, while introducing targeted subsidies for two- and three-wheelers. While petrol and high-speed diesel prices have been kept unchanged in recent weeks, the rates of jet fuel (JP-1) and kerosene have been increased without formal announ..... [more >>](#)

Competitive power market era begins

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: After a delay of almost three decades and sitting on huge surplus generation capacity, Pakistan on Tuesday completed the legal process for the auction of electricity at a wheeling charge, beginning with a notional 800 megawatt capacity to gradually enable a competitive electricity market. "The Competitive Market Operations Date (CMOD) stands declared with effect from Jan 22, 20..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's petrol cargoes for March and April 'largely secured': finance ministry

Source: [News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

The members of the committee formed to monitor petrol prices were told on Tuesday that cargo inflows were continuing as scheduled and petrol cargoes for the current month and for April had "largely been secured", with additional shipments planned to further strengthen supply buffers. According to a post by the finance ministry on X, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb chaired a meet..... [more >>](#)

Govt proposes optional multi-tariff system for industries

Source: [Web Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

The government is considering introducing an optional multi-tariff Time-of-Use (ToU) mechanism for industrial consumers to improve efficiency and rationalise electricity pricing, the Power Division said on Wednesday. The proposal, initiated under the direction of Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari, has been discussed in several internal consultative and technical meeting..... [more >>](#)

PDC burden may disrupt fuel supply

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

LAHORE: The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP) has warned that the current Price Differential Claims (PDC) mechanism could lead to fuel supply disruptions, calling for immediate policy intervention to address mounting financial and operational challenges faced by oil marketing companies (OMCs), according to a statement issued on Tuesday. In separate communications to Federal Minister f..... [more >>](#)

OGDC starts output from first horizontal oil well

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDC) on Tuesday announced the commencement of oil production from its development well Pasakhi-13, marking Pakistan's first successful horizontal oil well in a clastic reservoir (Lower Goru – A Sand). According to a statement issued on Tuesday, located in Hyderabad, Pasakhi-13 is currently producing 460 barrels of oil per day. The we..... [more >>](#)

Nepra signals new era in power sector with first-ever wheeling auction

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved the country's first wheeling auction, paving way for competitive electricity trading. In its decision, the regulator declared January 22, 2026, as the official start of commercial market operations. The decision endorses the auction mechanism submitted by the Independent System and Market Operator (ISMO), all..... [more >>](#)

Ogra trains oil industry on digital track, trace system to strengthen transparency

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD - The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), in collaboration with the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), has conducted a comprehensive industry-wide training session on its Digital Platform, marking a significant step towards the implementation of a track and trace system for petroleum products across Pakistan. Held at OGRA's Head Office in Islamabad, the session dre..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan ensures steady petroleum supply despite price pressures

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD - With no immediate reduction in oil prices in sight, the Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices on Tuesday noted that overall inventories remained at comfortable levels, supported by secured import arrangements and ongoing production. The meeting of the Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices was held under the chairmanship of the Federal Finance and Revenue Minister Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, [more >>](#)

Back to black: facing energy shock, Asia turns to coal

Source: [Sara Hussein](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

Asian countries are ramping up use of polluting coal to tackle energy shortages and price spikes linked to the Iran war, but the crisis could have an environmental silver lining. While leaning on the fossil fuel will raise emissions in the near term, the energy crisis is demonstrating the risks of energy import dependence, and could push policymakers to embrace renewables faster, analysts tol..... [more >>](#)

Nepra approves wheeling auction

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: In a major step towards establishing a competitive electricity market, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved the Wheeling Auction Process and declared the Competitive Market Operations Date (CMOD) effective from January 22, 2026. In its determination, Nepra has directed the Independent System and Market Operator (ISMO) to immediately operationalise the..... [more >>](#)

OMAP flags threat to fuel supply stability

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

LAHORE: The Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan (OMAP) has issued an urgent call for immediate policy intervention, warning that the current Price Differential Claims (PDC) mechanism poses a serious threat to fuel supply stability across the country. In separate communications to Federal Energy Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik and the chairman of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), OMAP [more >>](#)

Oil stocks; Aurangzeb asks continuing vigilant monitoring

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has directed all relevant authorities to continue vigilant monitoring of international developments, stock levels, and supply chain dynamics to ensure uninterrupted availability of petroleum products in the country. A meeting of the Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of the Finance Minister, following th..... [more >>](#)

Gas supply for urea production; Fertiliser makers partner with Mari Energies

Source: [Muhammad Saqib](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

KARACHI: Fauji Fertiliser Company Limited (FFC), in collaboration with Engro Fertilisers Limited and Fatima Fertiliser Company Limited, has executed key project agreements with Mari Energies Limited for the development of Pressure Enhancement Facilities (PEF) at the Mari gas field in Daharki, Sindh. A disclosure made in accordance with the Securities Act, 2015 and shared with the Pakistan Sto..... [more >>](#)

Motorcycles, rickshaws and small cars; Mobile app-based fuel quota system finalised

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to launch a mobile app to manage fuel quotas for motorcycles, rickshaws, and potentially small cars (up to 800cc). The goal is to provide a direct subsidy to low-income drivers while using higher prices to encourage everyone to save fuel. However, quota limits will be finally decided by the concerned cabinet committee. In a meeting, the Oil and Gas Regula..... [more >>](#)

Oil Price Differential Claims; Ogra receives first tranche of Rs27bn

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

ISLAMABAD: On the directives of the Prime Minister, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has received the first tranche of Rs. 27 billion from the Prime Minister's Austerity Fund to settle the Oil Price Differential Claims (PDC). The move comes as part of the government's effort to shield consumers from the impact of rising oil prices in the international market. The O..... [more >>](#)

Power demand rebound will be expensive and uneven

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

Pakistan's national grid power generation during 8MFY26 remains notably below past highs, though recent months hint at a shift in momentum. Total output of around 81 billion kilowatt hours is still 8 percent lower than the peak recorded in 8MFY22, trailing levels seen in both FY23 and FY24, and only marginally higher than last year. For most of the period, generation has stayed subdued relat..... [more >>](#)

Is Pakistan braced for next shock?

Source: [Shamsul Islam Khan, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

Iran War is not confined within the Middle East, its aftershocks are traveling through oil tankers, fertilizer cargoes, shipping insurance, bond yields and supermarket shelves. The Iran war is not yet over, it is shaping up as exactly that kind of shock: first energy, then food, and then ultimately higher finance cost. For a fragile importing economy like Pakistan, this is not a distant geopolitic..... [more >>](#)

Govt releases Rs27bn to OGRA for price claims

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

The government has released Rs27 billion to the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) as the first tranche to settle outstanding price differential claims, following directions from the Prime Minister. According to official sources, the funds have been allocated from the Prime Minister's Austerity Fund to address liabilities arising from the government's decision to shield consumers..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's energy reset

Source: [Syed Asad Ali Shah, The News, International](#), 2026-03-26

The Iran war has done more than ignite another Middle East conflict; it has shaken the foundations of the global energy system. What began as a military escalation has rapidly evolved into a crisis with worldwide economic consequences, exposing the fragility of energy supply chains and the risks of geopolitical brinkmanship. The conflict, which began on February 28, has already disrupted oil and [more >>](#)

Pakistan among Asian nations considering Covid-style curbs to tackle fuel crisis

Source: [Reuters & Web Desk, The News, International](#), 2026-03-26

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain on Wednesday reaffirmed the government's strong commitment to ensuring uninterrupted availability of fertilisers, emphasising that agriculture, contributing nearly 19–20 percent to GDP and employing around 37–38 percent of the labour force, remained central to Pakistan's economic stabi..... [more >>](#)

Petrol pump owners threaten nationwide shutdown if concerns go 'unheard'

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2026-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Petrol Pump Owners Association (APPPOA) has warned of a nationwide shutdown of petrol pumps if its concerns are not addressed, seeking an immediate meeting with Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervez Malik. In a letter addressed to the minister, Vice Chairperson of APPPOA Nouman Ali Butt maintained that petrol pump owners across the country are facing serious challenges rel..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan awards Rs12.67bn in local grid deals, cuts costs 40pc

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-03-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has awarded Rs12.67 billion (\$45 million) in contracts to local manufacturers for power transmission equipment, cutting costs by about 40 per cent compared with imports, in a move Power Minister Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari on Wednesday hailed as a "transformative success" for industrial self-reliance. The contracts, issued by National Grid Company (NGC), mark o..... [more >>](#)

Power transition

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

NEPRA'S approval of the wheeling auction framework, alongside announcing a date for competitive market operations, signifies a key structural reform in Pakistan's power sector in decades. It indicates a formal shift away from the single-buyer model towards a competitive, market-based electricity regime: an ambition that had remained elusive since Wapda's unbundling in the 1990s. [more >>](#)

Centre asks provinces to help shoulder fuel price burden

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The Centre is asking provincial governments to share the additional cost of higher international prices in a bid to avoid a domestic hike in prices of essential petroleum products, sources told Dawn. Insiders say the federal government is reaching out to the provinces, particularly Punjab and Sindh, to shoulder the fiscal burden it had been extending to the people across the country [more >>](#)

PSDP cut by Rs100b for fuel subsidy

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The government has slashed the development budget by Rs100 billion, or one-tenth, to pay for fuel subsidies, opting for the "easiest prey" instead of utilising contingency budgetary allocations earmarked for such unforeseen events. The maximum cut of Rs22.3 billion has been placed in the budget of the National Highway Authority (NHA), followed by Rs13 billion reduction in al..... [more >>](#)

Industrial tariff reform plan under review

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division is considering the introduction of a new optional tariff mechanism for industrial consumers, aimed at improving electricity utilisation efficiency and enabling cost-reflective pricing based on time-of-use consumption patterns. According to an official statement issued on Wednesday, the proposal is being developed under the direction of Federal Minister for Power Div..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan secures petroleum cargoes till April 25

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has secured its petroleum supplies until April 25, with refineries operating at 80-100 percent capacity and diversified imports ensuring uninterrupted fuel availability despite regional geopolitical tensions. Officials from the Petroleum Division told this correspondent Thursday the country is currently facing no shortage of petroleum products, as improved inventory management..... [more >>](#)

Time to hold the line

Source: [Ziad Bashir, The News, International](#), 2026-03-27

There are moments when the global economy does not collapse but unfolds – like a car crash in slow motion. What we are seeing today is not a single crisis. It is a combination of pressures building simultaneously: energy, shipping, fertiliser, food, remittances and confidence. When these forces move together, the danger is not an immediate collapse. It is a slow, steady squeeze on everyday [more >>](#)

OGDC discovers gas deposit in Khairpur

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-03-27

KARACHI: Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) has discovered a new natural gas deposit at the Sahito-1 exploratory well in Khairpur, Sindh. According to a Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) filing on Thursday, the well yielded a flow of 17.2 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscfd) of gas during a Drill Stem Test of the Lower Goru Formation. The testing, conducted with a 32/64" choke [more >>](#)

OGDCL announces gas discovery in Sindh Sehto-1 well yields 17.2 mmcf; drilling began in December 2025

Source: [Web Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) on Friday announced a significant gas discovery from the Sehto-1 well in Sindh's Khairpur district, offering a potential boost amid the ongoing energy crisis. According to a company spokesperson, the well is currently producing 17.2 million cubic feet of gas per day (mmcf). Drilling operations at the site commenced in December 2025, wit..... [more >>](#)

Government plans app-based fuel subsidy system to ease energy crisis

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

The government is set to roll out a digital subsidy mechanism via a mobile application to better manage the ongoing energy crisis and ensure efficient delivery of subsidised petrol nationwide. Officials revealed that the Ministry of IT has sought expressions of interest to procure around 24,000 mobile devices for the programme, with the National IT Board responsible for determining pricing. [more >>](#)

Rising global oil prices could add \$4.5b to Pakistan's import bill, warns PIDE

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) has warned that oil price hike to \$160/barrel could swell Pakistan's trade deficit to \$41.8 billion and push inflation to 11.1 percent and recommended using CPEC 2.0 for energy diversification and trade route alternatives. PIDE, in its latest Policy View Point, has warned that the ongoing Middle East crisis has evolved into a..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan to import two more cargoes of petrol from Oman ports

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan will import two more cargoes of petrol from Oman ports during March, taking the number to total six cargoes, including gasoline and HSD, from the country during the month, with the aim to boost local oil stocks and ensure smooth supply amid regional tensions. In a meeting with Fahad Bin Sulaiman Bin Khalaf Alkharusi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Pakistan, Federal Mi..... [more >>](#)

Targeted relief

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

THE latest proposal to introduce a mobile app-based fuel quota system, targeting subsidies for low-income users of two- and three-wheelers, is a positive attempt by the government to protect the poor against surging oil prices. It promises efficiency through digital vouchers, real-time quota tracking and automated validation at petrol pumps. Fuel subsidies, if indiscriminate, largely benefit those w..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz again rejects increase in petrol, diesel prices

Source: [News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced on Friday that he had rejected another recommendation for an increase in the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD). He made the announcement during an address to the nation, saying that he had received a summary to increase the price of petrol by Rs95 per litre and that of HSD by Rs203 per litre. "However, I have rejected this summary,&rdq..... [more >>](#)

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PSO & Oman Trading discuss provision of additional oil cargoes

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) and Oman Trading International are engaged in constructive discussions to explore the possibility of providing additional oil cargoes to help Pakistan meet energy demand. In March, three cargoes of petrol and one cargo of diesel were imported from the ports of Oman. Two more cargoes of petrol will be imported this month from Oman ports. In this respect..... [more >>](#)

Industrial, agri consumers; PD starts talks on new ToU tariff mechanism

Source: [Mushtaq Ghummanhttps://epaper.brecorder.com/2026/03/27/1-page/1095362-news.html, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has initiated consultations with industry stakeholders on a new optional Time of Use (ToU) tariff mechanism, aimed at offering relief of over Rs 6 per unit to industrial and agricultural consumers while improving recovery of fixed power sector costs. Under the proposed scheme, industrial tariffs could decline to Rs 21.58 per unit from the existing Rs 27.71 per un..... [more >>](#)

Govt may place RLNG-fired power plants on preservation mode

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to place RLNG-fired power plants with a cumulative capacity of over 3,600 MW on preservation mode due to difficulties in arranging RLNG at reasonable rates, particularly after Qatar declared force majeure, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. According to sources, the power sector's current RLNG requirement stands at around 350 MMCFD, against..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum prices: High cost of hope

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

Less than a week into the US-Israel-Iran war, Pakistan was among the first countries to hit the panic button, preemptively raising petroleum prices. Some called it excessive, others deemed it necessary. A month in, Pakistan still seems to be pressing panic buttons, only they are the wrong ones. Seemingly, the country's petroleum stocks remain within a comfortable range. Yet talks of var..... [more >>](#)

OGDCL announces gas discovery at Sahito-1 Well

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) on Thursday announced a significant gas discovery at its Sahito-1 exploratory well in the Khewari Exploration Licence, located in the Khairpur district of Sindh.

Based on wireline logs interpretation results, the sands of Lower Goru Formation (Massive Sand) were tested using Drill Stem Testing (DST) and yielded a promising flow of..... [more >>](#)

Centre, provinces agree to fast-track targeted fuel subsidy plan

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD - Federal and provincial governments on Friday agreed to expedite efforts to finalise a targeted fuel subsidy framework using technological solutions. Federal Finance and Revenue Minister Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb chaired a high-level consultative meeting on the petroleum products situation at the Finance Division, in line with the directions of the President and the Prime Minister of P..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's oil shock highlights urgency of NEV transition

Source: [Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD - After recently recovering from the shocks of the 2022 global energy crisis, Pakistan now faces another energy challenge. Analysts estimate the latest oil shock could cost the country 1.5 percent of GDP, roughly \$12–14 billion over the next year. CPI inflation is expected to rise by over 8 percent, with everyday consumers already feeling the impact through higher commute, grocery,..... [more >>](#)

LPG prices skyrocket

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

KARACHI: The national average price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) has increased to Rs3,900-5,135 per 11.67 kg cylinder from Rs3,150-3,968 ahead of the Middle East war. According to data from the Sensitive Price Index (SPI) for the week ending March 26, the largest increases were observed across various cities in Punjab. The increase in gas prices has already led to higher fares for [more >>](#)

Govt to finalise targeted petroleum subsidy framework

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD: The government is set to finalise a targeted subsidy framework for petroleum products, leveraging technological solutions and ensuring continued coordination between federal and provincial governments. Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Muhammad Aurangzeb, chaired a high-level consultative meeting on the petroleum products situation on Friday, in line with the directions of [more >>](#)

Govt taps 24,000 phones to power fuel subsidy scheme

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to procure around 24,000 mobile phones as part of a nationwide rollout of a digital, app-based fuel subsidy system, in a major step to manage the ongoing energy crisis through targeted relief and tighter monitoring. The devices, to be deployed at petrol pumps across the country, will form the backbone of a new system designed to regulate the distribution of [more >>](#)

Fuel price differential claims likely to hit Rs100 billion

Source: [Ghazanfar Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

KARACHI: Proposed fuel rationing and subsidies are likely to exacerbate inflationary and macroeconomic pressures in the country, including Price Differential Claims (PDC), which are feared to hit Rs100 billion in just three weeks. This assessment comes against the backdrop of the government considering a plan to introduce fuel rationing and subsidies by allocating quotas to low-income segments o..... [more >>](#)

NGC to roll out new grid model from July

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

ISLAMABAD: The National Grid Company of Pakistan Limited (NGC) will launch a new operating model for the country's power transmission system from July 1, 2026, as part of a broader restructuring aimed at improving efficiency and reliability. According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Energy on Saturday, the update was shared during a briefing to Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awai..... [more >>](#)

Fuel shipment arrives in Karachi to boost supply

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

A vessel carrying a major fuel consignment for Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has arrived in Karachi, bringing relief amid supply concerns. According to reports, the ship, MT Khairpur, has anchored at the FOTCO terminal. The vessel, operated by the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), is carrying 55,000 metric tons of petrol. Officials said the arrival of the shipment is expected to signific..... [more >>](#)

Leghari reiterates govt's full backing for NGC's transformation

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

ISLAMABAD - The National Grid Company of Pakistan Limited (NGC) has updated the Ministry of Energy on significant progress in its organisation-wide transformation, positioning the company to better serve the country's evolving power sector needs. Following a briefing to Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, NGC confirmed that the initiative—launched in January 202..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum cargo handling rises at Karachi's Port Qasim Authority

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

ISLAMABAD: Port activities in Pakistan have increased following Iran's retaliatory closure of the Strait of Hormuz in response to illegal US-Israeli attacks. Meanwhile, fuel supply to Pakistan via sea remains steady and regular. The details released by the Port Qasim Authority (PQA) showed that it recorded the highest vessel traffic. In March, 450,000 tonnes of petroleum fuel were handled a..... [more >>](#)

Fuel subsidies: the silent deficit trap

Source: [Ammar Habib Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-29

THE Strait of Hormuz blockade-driven oil shock has exposed a brutal arithmetic that policymakers keep postponing. Crude oil spiked from \$71 to \$146 per barrel in 14 days, almost doubling in price. Pakistan's government faced a choice: whether to pass the pain to consumers at the pump or absorb the bill through subsidies. It chose the latter. That choice will cost far more than anyone preten..... [more >>](#)

Comment: Energy lessons for Pakistan

Source: [Mansoor Ahmad](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-29

LAHORE: Energy rationing is once again looming over Pakistan, threatening to disrupt industrial output and deepen economic uncertainty. Yet, in the midst of this looming crisis, an unexpected story of resilience has emerged, one that carries important lessons for policymakers. Punjab's industry, long deprived of reliable gas supplies, may now be better equipped than the rest of the country [more >>](#)

Conservation without metrics

Source: [Dr Sardar Mohazzam](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-29

The conflict involving Israel, the United States and Iran has begun to ripple through global energy markets, with fuel prices once again on an upward trajectory. For a country like Pakistan—already grappling with inflationary pressures and external account vulnerabilities—this presents a familiar but intensifying challenge. With no clear e..... [more >>](#)

Thar's forgotten promise

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

When the Thar Coal Project began operations seven years ago, it was portrayed as a watershed moment that would transform not only Tharparkar, but also Sindh and the country at large. Apart from providing a relatively inexpensive source of domestically produced electricity, the project carried a crucial promise: that the vast revenues generated from Thar's massive coal reserves – an est..... [more >>](#)

Fuel stocks cross four weeks as Pakistan secures steady supply flow

Source: [Web Desk, The News, International](#), 2026-03-30

Pakistan's fuel reserves have surpassed four weeks, with authorities ensuring uninterrupted supplies through improved logistics and continued crude inflows despite regional disruptions. "Earlier, stocks stood at 24 days, which increased to 28 days and have now exceeded four weeks," Schehzad said while speaking on Geo News programme "Geo Pakistan" on Monday. His remark..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's energy crossroads

Source: [Dr Manzoor Ahmad, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

ISLAMABAD: There is understandable concern that ongoing tensions in the Middle East and the sharp rise in oil prices could once again transmit quickly into Pakistan's economy, fuelling inflation, eroding foreign exchange reserves, and creating broader macroeconomic stress. Pakistan has faced similar shocks before, notably in 2008 and 2022, when Brent crude prices surged above \$120 per barr..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan shields fuel supply amid global oil shock

Source: [Mubashir Hassan, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

LAHORE - As the ongoing confrontation between the United States and Iran fuels a global energy crisis and drives volatility in international oil markets, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday said Pakistan had secured sufficient petroleum stocks and is actively cushioning citizens from the impact of rising global prices. Chairing a high-level meeting held in Lahore through video link to revie..... [more >>](#)

Proposal to transfer electricity bills of govt schools to domestic tariff

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

LAHORE - Important steps have been taken in the province to provide relief to government schools from electricity bills, under which a proposal to transfer the electricity tariff of schools from commercial to domestic tariff is under consideration. According to official sources, the school education department has regularly contacted the government and the Punjab Energy Department to reduce the fi..... [more >>](#)

Govt taking steps to ease burden on lower and middle-class amid fuel price hike: PM Shehbaz

Source: [News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

The government is undertaking efforts to provide relief to the lower and middle classes amid a fuel price hike triggered by the global fuel crisis due to the Iran war, Prime Minister Shehbaz said on Monday. Over the past few weeks, the government has rolled out a series of austerity measures to minimise fuel consumption and announced significant cuts in development spending and restrictions on [more >>](#)

Govt comes up with hybrid plan to tackle power crisis

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

ISLAMABAD: While the focus currently remains on managing petroleum supplies and prices, the government is expected to adopt a hybrid arrangement of load-shedding, compulsory conservation and tariff hikes in the power sector to meet summer demand amid the ongoing Middle East crisis. Senior government officials told Dawn that the Power Division and its entities were working on multiple models to [more >>](#)

Fuel stocks sufficient to meet national demand, says PM

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday said adequate reserves of petroleum products were available in the country to meet national requirements, urging citizens to avoid unnecessary travel and adopt teleconferencing at workplaces to conserve fuel. Presiding over a meeting to review the implementation of fuel conservation and austerity measures amid the prevailing US-Israel war [more >>](#)

Tough summer ahead

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

THE government appears to be bracing for a difficult summer, preparing a hybrid response to suppress peak summer electricity demand amid looming fuel shortages as the Middle East crisis disrupts energy supplies and pushes up prices. The authorities are reportedly weighing a mix of loadshedding, compulsory conservation and higher tariffs to manage increased seasonal demand alongside reduced availab..... [more >>](#)

Gas supply to Quetta, other parts of Balochistan suspended

Source: [Staff Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

QUETTA: Gas supply to various parts of provincial capital and some districts of Balochistan was suspended on Monday night after unidentified armed men blew up the main gas pipeline at Western Bypass area. "An 18-inch diameter main gas pipeline was blown up by unknown people," a spokesman for the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) said, adding that the incident took place in Akhtarabad ar..... [more >>](#)

New oil pricing formula opposed

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD: An emerging tussle in power corridors is likely to push the country towards a fuel crisis at a time when the government is struggling to manage supplies and stave off disruption threatened by the Middle East war. Sources told The Express Tribune that the former petroleum minister had entered the fray after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif formed a committee to review the existing oil pri..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum products supply position remains stable: Govt

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD - The Cabinet Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices on Monday noted that the current petroleum products supply position remains stable, with diesel stocks providing approximately 23–24 days of cover, while petrol availability continues to remain comfortable. A meeting of the Cabinet Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices was held under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Finance and [more >>](#)

PM Sharif reviews petroleum supply chain, orders steps to ensure relief for low-income groups

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the petroleum products supply chain and assess ongoing austerity and conservation measures in view of the evolving regional situation, directing authorities to finalize proposals aimed at providing further relief to low-income segments of society. The prime minister, while chairing the meeting here, instruc..... [more >>](#)

Parliamentary panel wants introduction of strict regulatory mechanisms in gas cylinder sector

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD - A parliamentary panel has voiced serious concern over the increasing LPG cylinder explosions across Pakistan and recommended the introduction of strict regulatory mechanisms in the gas cylinder sector to ensure safety, quality control and accountability across the supply chain. Meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presided over by Senator Amir Waliuddin Chi..... [more >>](#)

Fuel Subsidy

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

Pakistan's proactive diplomacy has, for now, insulated it from the worst of the global fuel crisis. Yet the more important signal is that the government is not treating this relative advantage as a cushion for complacency. Instead, it is pairing diplomatic gains with domestic measures that attempt to balance fiscal restraint with targeted relief for those most exposed to price shocks. The a..... [more >>](#)

Fuel supplies sufficient to meet requirement: PM

Source: [Muhammad Saleem, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said on Sunday that sufficient quantities of petroleum products were available in the country, to meet national requirement due to timely government decisions. He made these remarks while chairing a review meeting on the implementation of fuel conservation and austerity measures amid the prevailing regional situation. Among others, Federal Minist..... [more >>](#)

IESCO recovers billions from defaulters

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has recovered billions of rupees from electricity defaulters during an ongoing recovery campaign, while intensifying enforcement measures to ensure financial discipline and uninterrupted power supply. Chief Engineer (Commercial) Muhammad Sarwar urged consumers to pay their electricity bills on time, terming it both a national and moral [more >>](#)

Energy market stability; G7 economies say ready to take all steps

Source: [AFP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

PARIS: G7 economy and finance ministers Monday said they stood ready to take "all necessary measures" to ensure the stability of the energy market as they tackled the economic consequences of war in the Middle East. The United States and Israel launched strikes on Iran in late February, and Tehran has hit back by targeting crude-exporting countries in the region and halting most s..... [more >>](#)

Cabinet body informed

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices was informed on Monday that the current supply position remains stable, with diesel stocks providing approximately 23–24 days of cover, while petrol availability continues to remain comfortable. Committee members, however, emphasized the need for close monitoring to discourage speculative stockholding and ensure smooth distributi..... [more >>](#)

Circular debt set to touch Rs1.9trn mark

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power sector circular debt is set to approach Rs1.9 trillion up from Rs1.689 trillion recorded during the first six months (July–December),2025-26, sources in the Power Planning and Monitoring Company (PPMC) told Business Recorder. The rising circular debt comes at a time when the country is facing economic pressure amid Middle East tensions and renewed conce..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum price freeze: Playing with fire

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

The moment the Prime Minister took over national television last Friday, the writing was on the wall: the petroleum price freeze was not going anywhere. A week later, it still hasn't. The war has entered its fifth week. Pakistan's price adjustment mechanism remains stuck in week one. We have seen this movie before. In 2022, what began under one government and carried into the next..... [more >>](#)

Crackdown on power theft; 296 Lesco officers face action

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

LAHORE: Under a zero-tolerance policy against electricity theft, the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) South Circle conducted extensive enforcement operations from April 2025 to March 2026, taking disciplinary action against 296 officials. During this period, more than 128,000 electricity connections were inspected, with irregularities detected in 11,441 cases. According to data received..... [more >>](#)

Kuwait to use Pakistani ships for fuel supply

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD: Kuwait has agreed to use Pakistani ships for diesel and jet fuel supply after Iran assured Pakistan of safe passage for 20 oil cargoes. Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), through an agreement with Pakistan State Oil, regularly ships oil to Pakistan. However, shipments came to a halt after Iran closed the Strait of Hormuz following the beginning of war with the United States and Israel..... [more >>](#)

Senate panel told; POL products' prices may go up

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-03

ISLAMABAD: In view of the prevailing situation in Iran, petroleum prices are expected to increase in the near future, and if the situation does not stabilize, there may be a risk of fuel shortages in the region. This was shared by the Secretary, Petroleum Division, while briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Devolution. The members present unanimously nominated Senator Zamir Hussain [more >>](#)

Senate panel to expose fuel price hike beneficiaries

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: Amid a zero-bid response to spot tenders for oil imports and the oil industry's demand for special permission for unusual war-risk insurance cover-based oil imports, including crude and refined products, a parliamentary panel on Monday decided to investigate whether the recent 20pc increase in petroleum prices benefited the exchequer or resulted in unreasonable inventory gains for..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum price hike to prevent fuel supplies disruption: Malik

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Finance was informed on Thursday that Pakistan had increased petroleum prices to prevent a disruption in fuel supplies and extreme volatility in the global market, which had made imports further complicated. During the proceedings of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue, which met under the chairmanship of Senator Saleem Mandviwalla at t..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum products

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

ISLAMABAD: A meeting of the Committee to Monitor Petrol Prices was held virtually on Saturday under the chairmanship of the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, as part of the committee's ongoing daily review of developments in the energy sector amid continued regional tensions. The committee undertook a comprehensive review of petroleum product stock po..... [more >>](#)

Gas cylinder sector; Senate panel underscores need for strict regulatory mechanisms

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat recommended the introduction of strict regulatory mechanisms in the gas cylinder sector to ensure safety, quality control, and accountability across the supply chain. The committee also raised alarm over a surge in gas cylinder explosions, questioning regulatory failures and weak enforcement by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authorit..... [more >>](#)

Canada's Jura Energy operating in Pakistan; CCP authorises share acquisition

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has authorised the acquisition of shares of Jura Energy Corporation by IDL Investments Limited from Phoenix Exploration Limited, following a review under the Competition Act, 2010. The transaction involves the purchase of common shares of Jura Energy by IDL Investments pursuant to a Share Purchase Agreement dated 5 March 2025. Jura Energ..... [more >>](#)

Kuwait assures full facilitation of diesel, jet fuel supplies to Pakistan

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

ISLAMABAD: Kuwait has assured full facilitation in the supply of diesel and jet fuel to Pakistan, which has been stalled due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz due to the ongoing US-Israeli war on Iran. The assurance for the revival of oil exports to Pakistan came after Tehran allowed 20 cargoes with Pakistani flags to pass the Strait of Hormuz, as announced by Deputy Prime Minister and For..... [more >>](#)

Rules bind filling stations to provide charging facility to e-buses: CDA

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) on Tuesday said that as per the regulations adopted by the civic agency it is mandatory to establish charging stations for electric vehicles at nearly all 138 filling stations in Islamabad as civic agency exploring Chinese investment in this sector. A meeting was held between a CDA team headed by Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa, which was also att..... [more >>](#)

Towards an electric future

Source: [Shahid Maitla](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-05

Pakistan's transition towards electric mobility has entered a decisive phase, and the recent debate surrounding the classification of Range Extended Electric Vehicles (REEVs) has become a defining test of whether national policy will be guided by global standards and long-term national interest, or by the short-term concerns of a small segment of legacy industry players. The decision by P..... [more >>](#)

Rising fuel prices make PHEVs, REEVs the smartest SUV choice for Pakistan: Chery Master Pakistan

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-20

KARACHI - With petrol prices in Pakistan hovering above Rs320 per litre, the economics of driving a sport utility vehicle are shifting sharply in favour of plug-in hybrids and range-extended electric vehicles, according to Syed Asif Ahmed, Director Sales and Marketing, Chery Master Pakistan. Pakistan's latest official petrol pricing data shows ex-depot MS petrol at around Rs321 per litre,..... [more >>](#)

Costly oil sparks shift to plug-in Evs

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD: As fuel prices shoot up in Pakistan following intensifying war in the Middle East, the economics of driving sport utility vehicles (SUVs) is shifting as plug-in hybrids and extended-range electric vehicles are becoming the more cost-efficient choice. Pakistan's latest official petrol pricing data shows ex-depot motor spirit (petrol) is being sold for around Rs321 per litre, unders..... [more >>](#)

EVs face grid, land, trust deficits

Source: [Usman Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

KARACHI: Pakistan's EV push has gained momentum as two firms announced plans to install 500 charging stations nationwide within two years, underscoring both ambition and structural challenges. The move comes amid energy constraints, but the rapid rise of rooftop solar offers a viable pathway to integrate EV infrastructure into a more resilient energy ecosystem. At present, Pakistan has an es..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Pakistan's solar saga

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-02

Pakistan's power sector is living through a paradox. On the one hand, rooftop solar has become the most organic energy reform the country has ever witnessed, financed by households, powered by falling global module prices, and accelerated by affordability concerns. On the other hand, recent amendments to the net-metering regime by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) a..... [more >>](#)

Notices to Centre, Ogra on plea against oil price hike

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court on Monday issued notices to the federal government, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) and other authorities on a petition challenging the recent increase in petroleum prices. Justice Khalid Ishaq heard the petition filed by the Judicial Activism Panel, challenging the hike in the prices of petroleum products in wake of US-Israel war on Iran. The judge [more >>](#)

Can a hard state deliver soft governance?

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

We have two wars on two borders, a crippling petrol price hike, enhanced electricity charges, fresh solar burden on consumers, and repeated warnings that things will get worse before they get better. If they ever do. In the meantime, what is the government doing to share the people's burden? It's a good question, but a silly one. The governments are, among other things, buying private je..... [more >>](#)

Prosumers seek reasonable transition period for net-metering regime

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-01

ISLAMABAD: Former Minister for Interior Lt Gen Moin ud Din Haider (ret'd) has filed a review petition with the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on behalf of more than 100 net-metering prosumers, seeking a defined and reasonable transition period for the net-metering regime to safeguard those who have already arranged financing for rooftop solar installations. In a letter ad..... [more >>](#)

The cost of slowing solar transition

Source: [Aadil Nakhuda](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-02

KARACHI: Once again, the government has introduced a controversial policy change that has created significant uproar among stakeholders in the energy sector as they brace for its impact. The net billing policy has replaced the net metering regime. Previously, the consumers under net metering paid for the difference between the electricity they exported to the grid and the electricity they import..... [more >>](#)

IAEA approves Chashma safeguards deal

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) board of governors unanimously approved the agreement for the application of safeguards at Unit 5 of the Chashma Nuclear Power Plant (C-5), Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said on Tuesday. Dar announced the approval of the agreement between the IAEA and Pakistan in a post on microblogging website of X, formerly Twitter..... [more >>](#)

IAEA okays Pakistan's application of safeguards at Chashma nuclear power plant

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) unanimously approved on Wednesday the 'Safeguards Agreement' between IAEA and Pakistan for the application of safeguards at the fifth unit

of the Chashma nuclear power plant. This significant milestone for Pakistan's energy sector is an important development that reflects the international communi..... [more >>](#)

K-P pushes rollout of home solar scheme 130,000 households to receive free, subsidised systems

Source: [Ahtesham Bashir](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Muhammad Sohail Afridi has directed immediate action to launch the distribution of solar systems under the province's ambitious household solarization project, emphasizing that all procedural requirements must be completed without delay. Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Chief Minister's House in Peshawar on Friday, the chief minister..... [more >>](#)

ECC clears revised wind, solar pacts

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Friday approved revised agreements with 14 wind power producers (WPPs), a solar project of the Punjab government, termination of a contract with an old and small independent power producer (IPP) and waiver of late payment surcharge with government-owned power plants (GPPs). While these renegotiations would result in about Rs16..... [more >>](#)

Despite revised pacts: Wind power plants face increased curtailment by IMSO

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

ISLAMABAD: The country's wind power plants are reportedly facing increased curtailments by the Independent Market System Operator (IMSO) despite signing revised agreements at the government's insistence, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Recently, Liberty Wind Power 2 Limited (LWP2) raised serious concerns over sustained and significantly increased curtailments imposed..... [more >>](#)

Delay in solarisation project for merged districts raises questions

Source: [Arshad Aziz Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

PESHAWAR: Despite the federal government funding, the two-year delay in solarisation project for the merged districts has raised questions about the performance of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government. Around 130,000 households are still waiting, which clearly reflects the government mismanagement and slow progress. In 2024, the federal government approved a project worth approximately Rs13.32 billion [more >>](#)

Govt orders transparent balloting for solar panels in GB

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: Energy Minister Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari on Monday urged officials to conduct a public, media-witnessed balloting to distribute solar panels under the 100-megawatt federal solarisation initiative for Gilgit-Baltistan (GB). The minister's instructions came during a Steering Committee meeting he chaired to review progress on the prime minister's solar programme for the..... [more >>](#)

Punjab signs 15m euros solar energy grant accord with German bank

Source: [Saeed Akhtar Baloch](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

LAHORE: The Punjab government on Tuesday signed a 15 million euros grant agreement with the German Development Bank, KfW, to promote solar energy across the province. Under the agreement, several government institutions will be converted to solar power as part of the province's renewable energy expansion efforts. A delegation from KfW met with Punjab's Provincial Minister for..... [more >>](#)

LEI report charts Pakistan's path to a fully decarbonised electricity system by 2040

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD - A new technical study released by the LUMS Energy Institute (LEI) concludes that Pakistan can transition to a clean and largely fossil-free electricity system by 2040 while maintaining affordability, reliability, and long-term energy security. Titled 'The Net Zero Transition: A Pathway to Clean and Sustainable Electricity by 2040', the report is based on detailed power sy..... [more >>](#)

Solar, wind boost energy security: power minister

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

KARACHI: Pakistan's growing reliance on domestic power, including solar and wind energy, nuclear reactors, coal and hydropower, has reduced its vulnerability to global LNG supply disruptions, Power Minister Awaiz Leghari told Reuters. The war in the Middle East threatens shipments from Qatar, the world's No. 2 producer after the US, which supplies most of Pakistan's imported L..... [more >>](#)

The electrostate rises

Source: [Amna Hashmi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

For over a century, the word petrostate explained much of the world's political dysfunction. Oil-rich countries exercised power in an extremely disproportionate manner to their size or institutional capacity. Neither virtue nor military ingenuity placed Saudi Arabia, Russia and the Gulf states in the high seat of international affairs; it was geology. Fossil fuels determined the lines of allia..... [more >>](#)

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Surprise solar uptake in Pakistan cushions Mideast energy shock

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-18

Pakistan's rapid adoption of solar power in the past few years is helping cushion the impact of a surge in fossil fuel prices due to the Middle East war, reports Bloomberg. The South Asian nation — vulnerable to energy shocks because of its dependence on imports — will save at least \$6.3 billion this year by using its solar instead of buying oil and gas at elevated prices, accor..... [more >>](#)

Running on sunshine: Pakistan's solar boom to tide over Middle East energy crisis

Source: [Zofeen T. Ebrahim](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-20

Energy expert Vaqar Zakaria believes solar power makes "excellent economic sense" — and he lives by it. For over five years, his rooftop panels have slashed his bills, sometimes to zero, even allowing him to sell surplus electricity back through net metering. Last month, he took it further. After buying two electric vehicles, he has almost "declared independence" f..... [more >>](#)

Energy, geopolitics and the green shift

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Energy is one of the basic ingredients of life, along with water and food. In modern life, energy has become indispensable, and the entire system relies on it. From everyday chores to communication, transportation, production, and technology, every sector depends on energy in one way or another. In short, modern life cannot be imagined without it. The literature indicates that the cri..... [more >>](#)

Leghari says govt fully supports solarisation only in just manner

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari on Saturday said the notion that government is against solarisation is completely false and it fully supports solarisation but in a manner that is just to all consumers and doesn't unfairly burden non solar consumers. In a statement issued here, he said though, solar power makes up for fossil fuel generated power, how..... [more >>](#)

Renewables in focus over oil crisis

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

ISLAMABAD: As the world fuel crisis deepens in the face of US-Israel and Iran war in the Gulf, different countries, including Pakistan, are mulling over shifting to nuclear and renewable energy as well as electric vehicles. China has already helped Pakistan set up nuclear power plants, which are producing electricity at the lowest cost when compared with plants running on other fuels. Beijing ha..... [more >>](#)

Solar panels & inverters; PSA proposes 130pc MRP valuation

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Solar Association (PSA) has proposed a 130 percent Maximum Retail Price (MRP) valuation for solar panels and inverters to make the current taxation system more revenue-supportive, discourage the grey market, and ensure legal coherence. In a letter to Power Division, the PSA noted the following amendments in the Finance Act, 2026: solar panels are subject to 10 percent [more >>](#)

Oil price shock threatens Pakistan economy as global tensions escalate

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's economic challenges are set to intensify sharply amid rising global oil prices, triggered by the US-Israel attack on Iran and its counter attacks, and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, with experts warning that failure to curb petroleum demand could significantly worsen the country's fiscal position. Estimates indicate that Pakistan's oil import bill may..... [more >>](#)

Germany to provide 18m euros for green electricity in Northern Areas

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-14

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Economic Affairs Division Muhammad Humair Karim and Country Director, German Government Bank for Development (KfW), Sebastian Jacobi have signed a grant agreement under which KfW will provide €18 million in assistance to the Pakistan government to promote hydropower and renewable energy in Northern Areas. The grant funding will contribute to the provision of clean and gr..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Consultative Discussion

Govt urged to shift from calorie-focused policies to nutrition-sensitive food systems

Source: [Web Desk](#), [LEAD Pakistan](#), 2026-03-15

PESHAWAR Policymakers and development practitioners, while stressing the need for crop diversification, stronger governance, and improved affordability of healthy foods, have urged the government to shift its food policy from a calorie-focused system to a nutrition-sensitive and climate-resilient model. The call was made at a consultation on 'Integrated Roadmap for Sustainable Food Syste..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Dunya News](#), 2026-03-15

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پاکستان میں 40 فیصد بچے نشوونما کی کمی کا شکار ہیں، غذائی پالیسی میں کیلوریز کے بجائے غذائیت پر توجہ مرکوز کی جائے، ماہرین

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-03-14

پشاور (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبار تازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 14 مارچ 2026ء) ماہرینِ پالیسی، ماہرینِ زراعت اور ترقیاتی اداروں کے نمائندوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں خوراک کی بظاہر وافر دستیابی کے باوجود غذائیت کی صورتحال تشویشناک ہے جہاں [more >>](#).....

Govt urged to shift from calorie-focused policies to nutrition-sensitive food systems

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-16

PESHAWAR, Mar 14 (APP): Policymakers and development practitioners, while stressing the need for crop diversification, stronger governance, and improved affordability of healthy foods, have urged the government to shift its food policy from a calorie-focused system to a nutrition-sensitive and climate-resilient model. The call was made at a consultation on 'Integrated Roadmap for Sustaina..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for a shift from calorie to nutrition security at the consultation on sustainable food systems in Pakistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [The AZB](#), 2026-03-16

KARACHI, March 2026: Experts, policymakers, and development practitioners have emphasized the urgent need to transform Pakistan's food system from a calorie-focused approach to a nutrition-sensitive and climate-resilient model to ensure sustainable and healthy diets for the population. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) is conducting a series of consultations for United [more >>](#)

Need to shift from wheat-centric approach to nutrition security framework stressed

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-17

LAHORE, March 17 (SABAH): Experts, policymakers, and development practitioners at a consultation have stressed the need for transforming Pakistan's food policies from a wheat-centric approach to a broader nutrition security

framework. The consultation, titled: “Integrated Roadmap for Sustainable Food Systems Transformation in Pakistan,” was organized by Sustainable Development P..... [more >>](#)

Experts urge shift from wheat focus to nutrition-based food policy | CVHD

Source: [Editor](#), [Citizens' Voice](#), 2026-03-17

LAHORE – Experts, policymakers and development practitioners on Tuesday called for a shift in Pakistan’s food policies from a wheat-centric approach to a broader nutrition security framework, warning that the current system fails to meet the country’s dietary needs despite adequate calorie availability. The recommendations were made during a consultation titled “Integrated..... [more >>](#)

Food System Reform in Focus as Experts Highlight Malnutrition Challenges

Source: [Ali imran Chattha](#), [Nazrana Times](#), 2026-03-18

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Source: [Online](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-03-17

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پائیدار غذائی نظام کی تشکیل کے لئے کیلوریز سے غذائیت پر مبنی حکمت عملی اپنانے کی ضرورت

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Jahan Pakistan](#), 2026-03-17

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43 فیصد خواتین خون کی کمی میں مبتلا ہیں: ستارہ گل

Source: [Express Reporter](#), [Daily Express](#), 2026-03-17

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Experts urge shift from wheat focus to nutrition-based food policy

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Pakistan](#), 2026-03-18

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Demand for food policy change: Focus on nutrition, not just wheat

Source: [Ali imran Chattha](#), [Nazrana Times](#), 2026-03-18

Nutrition/SDPI: Emphasis on shift from wheat-based policy to nutrition security framework Lahore (March 17, 2026, Nazrana Times) Ali Imran Chattha Experts, policymakers, and development professionals at a consultation meeting

emphasized the need to shift Pakistan's food policies away from a wheat-based approach and toward a comprehensive nutrition security framework. Titled "Integrat..... [more >>](#)

Nutrition crisis serious despite availability of food

Source: [Ali imran Chattha](#), [Nazrana Times](#), 2026-03-18

In a meeting organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, experts said that Pakistan's food policy must be shifted towards nutrition security instead of being limited to wheat alone. The meeting was supported by the United Nations and its organizations Food and Agriculture Organization, UNICEF, World Food Programme, World Health Organization and International Fund for Agricultu..... [more >>](#)

Dialogue News

Governance reform key to public trust, economic transformation: Ahsan Iqbal

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said strengthening governance is vital to restoring public trust, improving service delivery and enabling Pakistan to transition from economic stability to sustainable growth and transformation. Speaking at a launch of the SDPI's Endline Evaluation Report of the Sub-National Governance Pro..... [more >>](#)

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Governance key to Pakistan's transformation, Not just policy debate

Source: [Hasan Rashid](#), [Daily News Man](#), 2026-03-27

Islamabad, March 27, 2026: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said that governance is the face of a state that citizens encounter daily at federal, provincial, district and grassroots levels, thus strengthening these tiers of democracy is essential to bring about meaningful reforms. He was addressing a high-level policy dialogue titled [more >>](#)

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Governance, Not Just Policy, Key to Pakistan's Transformation: Ahsan Iqbal

Source: [Ali imran Chatha](#), [Nazrana Times](#), 2026-03-27

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, stated that governance is the most critical factor in determining Pakistan's transformation. Speaking at the UNDP–SDPI dialogue, he emphasized that strengthening institutions at federal, provincial, and local levels is essential for meaningful reforms. He noted that Pakistan does not lack policies but fa..... [more >>](#)

Decentralisation incomplete without strong local governments: Ahsan Iqbal

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موثر حکمرانی کے بغیر حقیقی تبدیلی ممکن نہیں: احسن اقبال

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Water management, population critical challenges for developing countries: Expert

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD - Dr Jose A. Puppim De Oliveira, a renowned Brazilian climate expert and the Chair in Climate Change Governance and Global Development at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, has said that water resource management and population explosion are critical emerging challenges for developing countries. He was speaking at a special ceremony hosted jointly by Sustainable [more >>](#)

Devolution remains unfinished without strong local governments: Ahsan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-29

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has said that governance is the face of a state that citizens encounter daily at federal, provincial, district and grassroots levels, thus strengthening these tiers of democracy is essential to bring about meaningful reforms. The Minister was addressing a policy dialogue on "Strengthening governance: [more >>](#)

Press Brief

Energy crisis from Middle East conflict could trigger global inflation: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD, Mar 16 (APP): Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, has warned that escalating tensions in the Middle East and disruptions in global energy supplies could trigger serious economic consequences worldwide. In a press brief, Dr Suleri said the global economy remains heavily dependent on fossil fuels, particularly petroleum products, whic..... [more >>](#)

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Roundtable Discussion

Experts call for urgent shift from calorie sufficiency to nutrition-centric food system

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD, March 20 (SABAH): Pakistan's food system transformation is elusive sans a comprehensive national food system framework amid emerging challenges, including rapid urbanization, population growth, declining agricultural productivity, inefficient agricultural value chain, and shrinking cultivable land that are key barriers hindering the agrarian nation's progress to achieving f..... [more >>](#)

Danyal calls for prioritising child-focused investments in budget

Source: [Press Release](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-10

Islamabad: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, Barrister Danyal Chaudhry, has stressed the urgent need to prioritize children in the upcoming federal budget, noting that despite comprising over 40% of Pakistan's population, public investment in child-focused sectors remains persistently low, says a press release. Speaking at a pre-budget roundtable organized by..... [more >>](#)

Call for greater child-focused investments ahead of budget

Source: [APP](#), [Dunya News](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD (APP) - Speakers at a pre-budget experts' roundtable on child-focused social sector investments urged policymakers to prioritise education, health and protection services for children in the upcoming federal and provincial budgets, warning that limited public spending and rising economic pressures could undermine Pakistan's long-term human development. The pre-budget consult..... [more >>](#)

Federal Budget: Danyal for greater allocation of resources for children

Source: [Nuzhat Nazar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Barrister Danyal Chaudhry has called for greater allocation of resources for children in the upcoming federal budget, noting that despite making up more than 40 percent of Pakistan's population, investment in child-focused sectors remains significantly low. Speaking at a pre-budget roundtable organised by UNICEF in [more >>](#)

Barrister Danyal urges higher child investment in budget 2026–27

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-09

ISLAMABAD, Mar 09 (APP): Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Barrister Danyal Chaudhary called for increased investment in children in the 2026–27 federal budget, warning that despite children making up more than 40 per cent of Pakistan's population, their needs continue to receive insufficient priority in federal and provincial allocations. He made these remark..... [more >>](#)

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Prioritise Child Investments in Pakistan Budget

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Point](#), 2026-03-09

Barrister Danyal Chaudhry has urged that child investments be placed at the centre of the federal budget as Pakistan prepares allocations for FY2026-27, noting that children make up more than 40 percent of the population while public spending on child-focused services remains low. Speaking at a pre-budget roundtable convened by UNICEF with the SDGs Secretariat and SDPI, Barrister Danyal reviewed [more >>](#)

Parliamentary Secretary Urges Child Investments in Budget

Source: [News Desk](#), [Islamabad Mail](#), 2026-03-09

Barrister Danyal Chaudhry called for urgent prioritization of child investments in the upcoming federal budget while speaking at a pre-budget roundtable organised by UNICEF with the SDGs Secretariat and SDPI. He stressed that children make up more than 40 percent of Pakistan's population, yet public funding for child-focused sectors remains inadequate and misaligned with needs. Presenting r..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-09

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین، ارکان پارلیمنٹ اور پالیسی سازوں نے آئندہ بجٹ 2026-27 کی تیاری کے تناظر میں حکومت پر زور دیا ہے کہ بچوں کی تعلیم، صحت، غذائیت اور تحفظ سے متعلق سماجی شعبوں میں سرمایہ کاری کو ترجیح دی جائے کیونکہ..... [more >>](#)

Nutrition crisis is increasing due to wheat-based diet

Source: [Ali Imran Chatha](#), [Nazrana Times](#), 2026-03-20

Experts demand immediate shift from calorie-centric diet to nutrition-centric system. Change in nutrition system difficult without strong national framework and incentives to farmers: Expert Islamabad (20 March 2026) Ali Imran Chatha Experts said that improving the food system in Pakistan is not possible without a comprehensive national framework. Rapid urbanization, population growth, declin..... [more >>](#)

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پاکستان کا غذائی نظام: کیلوریز کی فراوانی کے باوجود غذائیت کی کمی چیلنج بن گئی، ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-20

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ تیزی سے بڑھتی ہوئی آبادی، شہری پھیلاؤ، زرعی پیداوار میں کمی اور قابل کاشت زمین کے سکڑنے جیسے سنگین چیلنجز کے باعث پاکستان کا غذائی نظام ایک نازک موڑ پر کھڑا ہے، اور ایک جا..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for Pakistan food system overhaul

Source: [DNA](#), [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD, MAR 20 /DNA/ – Pakistan's food system transformation is elusive sans a comprehensive national food system framework amid emerging challenges, including rapid urbanization, population growth, declining agricultural productivity, inefficient agricultural value chain, and shrinking cultivable land that are key barriers hindering the agrarian nation's progress to achieving..... [more >>](#)

Call to shift from calorie sufficiency to nutrition-centric foodSource: [Rasheed Khalid, The News, International](#), 2026-03-23

Islamabad: Dr Babar Shahbaz from Agriculture University, Faisalabad, described Pakistan's situation as a "calorie abundance but nutrition deficit" paradox. Dr Shahbaz was addressing a consultation on "Integrated roadmap for sustainable food systems transformation in Pakistan" organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) as part of a nationwide series..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

A battery policy worth its saltSource: [Dr Khalid Waleed, The News, International](#), 2026-03-02

Pakistan's decision to launch a National Lithium-Ion Battery Manufacturing Policy (2026–2031) is not a routine bureaucratic notification; it is a strategic signal. For the first time, storage is being treated as industrial architecture rather than as a technical appendix to the power sector. The endorsement of lithium iron phosphate (LFP) phased localisation targets, tariff rationalis..... [more >>](#)

Attack on Iran: The Global Chessboard and Pakistan's Delicate PositionSource: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-01

If one were to suggest that the recent actions by Israel and the United States against Iran are rooted in strategies conceived as far back as 1974, during the first Islamic Summit Conference in Lahore, and that these plans gained real momentum only after Pakistan emerged as a nuclear power in 1998, it may at first sound startling. Yet, if approached not as an emotional assertion but as a thoughtfu..... [more >>](#)

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ایران کے خلاف اسرائیل اور امریکہ کے حالیہ کارروائیوں پر اگر یہ کہا جائے کہ اس جنگ کی منصوبہ بندی 1974 میں لاہور میں ہونے والی پہلی اسلامی سربراہ کانفرنس کے بعد ہی شروع ہو گئی تھی مگر اسے مہمیز 1998 میں پاکستان کے ایٹمی طاقت بننے..... [more >>](#)

A Nation One Blockade AwaySource: [Abid Rasheed, ChatZyr](#), 2026-03-04

Nations are not destroyed by enemy invasions alone; they often collapse under the weight of their own negligence. At times, it is shortsighted decisions that drag entire peoples toward ruin. Such decline does not occur overnight. It is born of years of indifference, politics driven by narrow interests, and the relegation of national security to a secondary concern. News of a potential closure or [more >>](#)

آبنائے برمز کی بندش اور پاکستانSource: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-05

ملک صرف دشمن کے حملے سے ہی تباہ نہیں ہوتے بلکہ اپنی غفلت کے بوجھ سے بھی بیٹھ جاتے ہیں.... کبھی کبھی عاقبت نا اندیشانہ فیصلے بھی قوموں کو لے ڈوبتے ہیں۔ ایسا برسوں پر محیط لاپرواہی، مفادات کی سیاست اور قومی سلامتی کو ثانوی س..... [more >>](#)

High tobacco taxes alone not enoughSource: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

Pakistan stands at a decisive moment in its struggle against tobacco use. As a signatory to the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), the country has committed itself to using price and tax measures to reduce tobacco consumption, as outlined in Article 6. The evidence supporting this approach is overwhelming: higher tobacco taxes are among the most effec..... [more >>](#)

A Decisive Strategic Moment for the Islamic World and Pakistan

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The atmosphere in the Middle East today is heavy with the scent of gunpowder. The escalating tensions among Iran, Israel, and the United States have created a war-like environment whose consequences will not remain confined to the borders of a few states. Rather, they will affect the entire architecture of global politics, economics, and security. History repeatedly testifies that major wars are..... [more >>](#)

نئی عالمی بساط پر پاکستان کی حکمت عملی

Source: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-07

مشرق وسطیٰ کی فضا اس وقت بارود کی بو سے بوجھل ہے۔ ایران، اسرائیل اور امریکہ کے درمیان بڑھتی ہوئی کشیدگی نے ایک ایسی جنگی کیفیت کو جنم دے دیا ہے جس کے اثرات صرف چند ریاستوں کی سرحدوں تک محدود نہیں رہیں گے بلکہ عالمی سیاست، [more >>](#) □.....

The great grid exit

Source: [Sarim Zia, The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

A strange paradox has emerged in Pakistan's economy this February 2026. While the government celebrates a modest GDP recovery and the Pakistan Stock Exchange hits record highs, the national grid faces a silent, existential crisis as economic growth 'decouples' from grid demand. Data for early 2026 reveals that while the population expands and urban centres swell, grid electricity..... [more >>](#)

Weaponisation of Outer Space in South Asia: Security Challenges for Pakistan

Source: [Brigadier Mohammad Yasin \(Retired\), The Destination](#), 2026-03-10

With millions of satellites in outer space, security dynamics have become increasingly complex. The space ecosystem now widely supports military planning for command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. The South Asian scenario of the outer space has become most important for Pakistan because India is operating a large constellation of satellites, which, apart from economic [more >>](#)

The hunger challenge

Source: [Dr Kashif Salik & Yahya Gulraiz, The News, International](#), 2026-03-10

The 2025 Global Hunger Index ranks Pakistan 106th out of 123 countries, with a score of 26.0, indicating a serious hunger situation. Nutrition International reports that around 37.5 million people in Pakistan are unable to meet basic nutritional needs. Thus, undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, and related health issues result in annual economic losses of about three per cent of GDP or \$7..... [more >>](#)

Riding the oil shock

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed, The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

Wars in the Middle East have a persistent habit of spreading far beyond their geographic boundaries. They move through tankers, freight routes and financial markets, eventually landing on the balance sheets of distant economies. The recent US–Iran confrontation has triggered exactly such a moment. As tensions escalate across the Gulf, global oil prices have surged, pushing Brent crude toward..... [more >>](#)

Trading through tensions

Source: [Atteq ur Rehman, The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

In a region where geography shapes economic outcomes, Pakistan's prosperity depends on transforming its borders from choke points into efficient corridors of secure, predictable, and commercially viable trade. Cross-border trade is the traditional method of producing and manufacturing goods and services among individuals, businesses, or other legal entities from different countries. Cross-b..... [more >>](#)

جنوبی ایشیا میں خلا کی عسکری دوڑ: پاکستان کی سلامتی کے تقاضےSource: Brigadier Mohammad Yasin (Retired), [The Destination](#), 2026-03-10

خلا میں لاکھوں سیٹلائٹس کی موجودگی نے عالمی سلامتی کی حرکیات کو پہلے سے کہیں زیادہ پیچیدہ بنا دیا ہے۔ آج خلا کا نظام فوجی منصوبہ بندی کے لئے بھی وسیع پیمانے پر استعمال ہو رہا ہے۔ سیٹلائٹس کمانڈ اینڈ کنٹرول، انٹیلی جنس، نگ [more >>](#)..... □

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The tensions unfolding in the Middle East are not merely a war; they represent a grand contest spread across the chessboard of global politics. In this contest, major powers make decisions according to their own interests, while smaller and middle-sized states are often left to bear the consequences. For Pakistan, the most crucial lesson in this situation is to place its national interest and surv..... [more >>](#)

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مشرق وسطیٰ میں جاری کشیدگی صرف ایک جنگ نہیں بلکہ عالمی سیاست کی بساط پر بچھا ہوا ایک بڑا کھیل ہے۔ اس کھیل میں بڑی طاقتیں اپنے مفادات کے مطابق فیصلے کرتی ہیں اور اکثر چھوٹے یا درمیانے درجے کے ممالک کو ان کے نتائج بھگتنا پڑت [more >>](#).....

War-driven energy insecuritySource: Dr Khalid Waleed, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

“Volatility has become so extreme that suppliers are quoting prices valid for only an hour,” says Fahd Chinoy, CEO of Pakistan Cables, in an exclusive interview with Dawn last Friday. Constituting about 60 to 80 per cent of the cost of wire and cables, copper is an essential imported input. In the last six months, copper prices have surged from around \$10,000 per tonne to over \$13,0..... [more >>](#)

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India-EU trade deal and services shift: strategic lessons for PakistanSource: Asif Javed, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

The recently concluded European Union-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA), finalized in early 2026 after nearly two decades of negotiations, represents a structural shift in global trade architecture, one that places the services sector at the core of export competitiveness. For Pakistan, this agreement is not merely an economic development between third parties; it is a strategic benchmark that high..... [more >>](#)

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News emerging from the gunpowder-laden skies of the Persian Gulf and the rapidly shifting regional landscape has sent a shiver through the financial nerves of the world. That tremor stems from an economic structure that for more than half a century has sustained global politics and the trade of energy. Recent tensions surrounding the Strait of Hormuz and the strategic signals coming out of Iran ha..... [more >>](#)

تیل، طاقت اور کرنسی: بدلتی عالمی معیشت

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خلیج فارس کی بارود سے بوجھل فضاوں سے آنے والی اطلاعات اور بدلتی صورتحال نے دنیا کے مالیاتی اعصاب میں کپکپی دوڑا دی ہے۔ اس کپکپی کی وجہ وہ معاشی ڈھانچہ ہے جو گزشتہ نصف صدی سے عالمی سیاست اور توانائی کی تجارت کو سہارا دیے ہوئے..... [more >>](#)

Global freshwater bankruptcy

Source: [Naseer Memon](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-15

Two recent reports have revealed alarming data on rapidly worsening water balance of the world. United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health has just released a startling report: Living Beyond our Hydrological Means in the Post-Crisis Era. Prior to this, World Bank had released a report: Continental Drying: A Threat to Our Commo..... [more >>](#)

ضرورت ، مجبوری اور وقت کے تقاضے

Source: [Abid Rasheed](#), [The Destination](#), 2026-03-16

جنگوں اور جنگ جیسے حالات نے دنیا کے مسائل حل کرنے کے بجائے ہمیشہ ان میں اضافہ ہی کیا ہے...مسائل کی یہ پیداوار جنگوں کے بعد بھی جاری رہتی ہے اگر جنگوں سے مسائل حل ہوتے تو دو عالمی جنگوں کے ذریعے ”داد شجاعت“ پانے والے م..... [more >>](#)

The \$1 billion pulse problem

Source: [Dua Mobeen & Khansa Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-18

For millions of Pakistani households living below the poverty line, struggling with food inflation, malnutrition and limited dietary diversity, pulses remain an affordable source of protein and nutritional security. Despite their significance, the country relies heavily on imported pulses, with nearly 80 per cent of consumption being met through imports. That cost the economy close to \$1 billion [more >>](#)

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Reading Hemingway in a time of war

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-19

On February 28, I had just joined a Zoom meeting after landing and settling in a lounge at Doha airport, when phones around me began beeping and flashing emergency alerts, warning people to stay indoors. At first, many of us assumed it was a temporary disruption. That illusion did not last long. The messages kept coming: airport screens initially filled with delays, then cancellations and soon th..... [more >>](#)

Punjab must reform its way out

Source: [Junaid Zahid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

Punjab, Pakistan's largest and most politically consequential province, is under pressure to do more with less. It must expand access to health and education, improve infrastructure, respond to climate shocks, support vulnerable households and keep development moving in a fragile economic environment. But behind every policy promise lies an increasingly uncomfortable truth: Punjab's fi..... [more >>](#)

Talk slower

Source: [Brig \(Retd\) Mohammad Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

For a balanced comprehension, especially for senior citizens, the talking speed should be about 150 to 175 words per minute (WPM), that is about 2.5 words per second. This should be the standard. But, currently, the TV news anchors read the news at an overwhelming speed, resulting in a significant drop in comprehension. My strong suggestion would be that the reading or broadcasting speed of the n..... [more >>](#)

From relief to rights

Source: [Dr Mohsin Ali Kazmi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

Pakistan's education system has long been affected by poverty, inequality, and disparities in public service access, resulting in millions of children, particularly girls, being out of school despite constitutional assurances. In the past decade, social protection measures have become increasingly important to tackle this issue, often linking ca..... [more >>](#)

Pluriversal burden of tobacco

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

Tobacco in Pakistan sits at an intersection of commerce, public health, and national economics, a commodity that generates sizeable profits for manufacturers and excise revenues for the state, yet burdens individuals, families, public health systems, and the broader economy with costs that far outweigh what is gained financially. The story of tobacco..... [more >>](#)

A fragile future

Source: [Naseer Memon](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

The global freshwater stock is exposed to a twin menace; it is declining as well as degrading. The 2025 global water monitoring report of the World Bank, Continental Drying: A threat to our common future, depicts a grim picture of the world's hydro future. The report lists Pakistan among the countries under drying conditions responsible for the h..... [more >>](#)

Economics of rationing

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-23

The current geopolitical crises, especially the disruption in the Strait of Hormuz, offer a clear, real-time case study of the economics of rationing. The strait ordinarily carries about one-fifth of global oil and LNG trade and the present disruption has pushed crude oil high, creating a supply shock. In textbook economics, rationing occurs when prices fail to fully clear markets, either because..... [more >>](#)

Hydro war crime

Source: [Naseer Memon](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

WATER is as precious a commodity as oil for countries of the Middle East. In the absence of freshwater resources, the region relies heavily on expensive, desalinated water. During the current war in the Gulf, the protagonists have not only aimed projectiles at oil depots, they have also decimated two water purification plants. If more water plants are targeted, the fallout could be worse than the [more >>](#)

War in an age of climate crisis

Source: [Zainab Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-25

When missiles strike oil refineries, the damage does not end with the explosion. It travels through the atmosphere, settles on glaciers and eventually reaches dinner tables hundreds of miles away. In a warming world, the pollution of war can no longer remain invisible. Yet, the interconnectedness between war and environmental destruction represents a growing blind spot in global foreign policy. B..... [more >>](#)

تیل، طاقت اور تصادم میں چھپی سچائی

Source: [Abid Rasheed](#), [The Destination](#), 2026-03-25

ایک سچ آپ کا ہے... ایک سچ میرا ہے... ایک سچ وہ ہے جو "اصل سچ" ہے... یہی اصل سچ حقائق پر مبنی ہوتا ہے جو حقائق کے دریا میں ڈوبتا نہیں بلکہ موج بن کر ابھرتا ہے۔ اسے وقتی بیانیوں، طاقتور میڈیا اور سیاسی خطابات کے غب..... [more >>](#)

The Truth Hidden in Oil, Power, and Conflict

Source: [Abid Rasheed](#), [ChatZyr](#), 2026-03-25

The truth you are about to read does not fade easily. The deeper you reflect on it, the clearer the world begins to appear. There is a truth that is yours, a truth that is mine, and then there is the ultimate truth. This truth is rooted in facts. It does not drown in the flow of narratives but rises above them. It may be buried beneath layers of media influence, political rhetoric, and shifting p..... [more >>](#)

Powering through the polycrisis

Source: [Arfa Ijaz](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-30

Pakistan is facing a defining moment in its economic and industrial trajectory, where rising energy prices, geopolitical uncertainty and entrenched domestic inefficiencies have converged into a full-scale energy polycrisis. Yet, this moment of disruption also presents a rare and urgent opportunity to fundamentally reevaluate the future of energy in Pakistan, shifting from a fragile, import-depend..... [more >>](#)

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From Pakistan to Egypt, Iran war drives up prices in Global South

Source: [John Power](#), [AlJazeera](#), 2026-03-25

As the United States-Israeli war with Iran sends tremors through the global economy, the poorest members of the Global South are the most exposed to the fallout. In Asia, Africa and the Middle East, developing economies are bearing the brunt of surging energy costs prompted by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and attacks on oil and gas facilities across the Gulf. Recommended Stories list..... [more >>](#)

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A policy note by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, warns that the ongoing conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran could significantly strain Pakistan's fragile economy, primarily through surging global energy prices and their ripple effects on inflation, growth, and external balances. The report, prepared by economist Sajid Amin Javed of the Po..... [more >>](#)

Study on taxation: Salaried class pays 352pc higher tax than other sectorsSource: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD: At a time when the IMF is currently undertaking the third review of \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF) for Pakistan, a study on taxation reveals that the salaried class paid 3.5 times more in taxes — 352% higher — than the combined contribution of exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors During the roundtable dialogue arranged by Germany's Friedrich Ebe..... [more >>](#)

Salaried class pays 352% more tax than other sectors: studySource: Our Correspondent, [Geo News](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD: As the International Monetary Fund (IMF) conducts the third review of Pakistan's \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF), a new taxation study has found that the salaried class paid 3.5 times more in taxes, or 352% more, than the combined contribution of exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors, The News reported. Speaking at a roundtable organised by Germany's Frie..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's salaried class pays 352% more tax than traders, exporters combined: studySource: Monitoring Desk, [Profit](#), 2026-03-06

A study on Pakistan's taxation system has found that the salaried class is paying significantly higher taxes than several other economic groups, contributing 3.5 times more than exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors combined, The News reported. The findings were presented during a roundtable organised by Germany's Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) for the launch of the [more >>](#)

Salaried Class Pays 352% More Tax Than These 4 Key Business Sectors CombinedSource: Muhammad Bilal, [ProPakistani.com](#), 2026-03-06

A new study has found that Pakistan's salaried class paid 352 percent more taxes than exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors combined, highlighting a growing imbalance in the country's tax system as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) conducts the third review of Pakistan's \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility program. The findings were presented during a roundtable..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Salaried Class Pays 352% More Taxes Than Businesses: Study

Source: [Saman Siddiqui](#), [Bloom Pakistan](#), 2026-03-06

A new taxation study shows a significant imbalance in Pakistan's revenue system, revealing that the salaried class contributed 352% more in taxes than the combined payments of exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors, a trend experts say reflects systemic inequity rather than a one-off surge. The findings were unveiled on March 5, during a roundtable discussion held by Germany&r..... [more >>](#)

تنخواہ دار طبقے نے تاجروں کے مجموعی ٹیکس کی نسبت 352 فیصد زیادہ ٹیکس دیا

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2026-03-06

اسلام آباد(مہتاب حیدر) ایسے وقت میں جب بین الاقوامی مالیاتی فنڈ پاکستان کے لیے 7 ارب ڈالر کے ایکسٹینڈڈ فنڈ فیسیلٹی پروگرام کا تیسرا جائزہ لے رہا ہے، ٹیکسیشن سے متعلق ایک نئی تحقیق میں انکشاف ہوا ہے کہ تنخواہ دار طبقے نے بر..... [more >>](#)

Seminar News

Experts Seek Policy Reforms To Revive Pulses' Production & Strengthen Food System

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 10th Mar, 2026) Pakistan's growing reliance on pulses imports is costing nearly US\$1billionannually, which is a stark reflection of declining domestic production and widening food and protein crises, experts warned at a seminar. The seminar, titled: 'Developing Competitive and Inclusive Value Chains of Pulses in Pakistan', was or..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan spends \$1b annually on Pulses' import

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD, March 10 (SABAH): Pakistan's growing reliance on pulses import is costing nearly US\$1 billion annually, which is a stark reflection of declining domestic production and widening food and protein crises, experts warned at a seminar. The seminar, titled: 'Developing Competitive and Inclusive Value Chains of Pulses in Pakistan', organized by Sustainable Development Polic..... [more >>](#)

Rising reliance on pulses' import eats away \$1 billion annually: experts

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD: Expressing deep concern over Pakistan's rising import of pulses, experts at a seminar in Islamabad on Tuesday, called on the government to bring about urgent policy reforms and value chain development to revive the production of pulses and strengthen the country's food system. At a seminar on 'Developing Competitive and Inclusive Value Chains of Pulses in Pakistan & rsqu..... [more >>](#)

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دالوں کی پیداوار میں کمی پاکستان کی معیشت پر سالانہ ایک ارب ڈالر کا درآمدی بوجھ ہے، ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-10

اسلام آباد(صباح نیوز) پاکستان میں دالوں کی ملکی پیداوار میں 37 فیصد کمی کے باعث غذائی اور پروٹین کے بحران کا خطرہ بڑھ گیا ہے۔ ملک کو ہر سال تقریباً ایک ارب ڈالر مالیت کی دالیں درآمد کرنا پڑ رہی ہیں۔ ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ..... [more >>](#)

Tanveer highlights competitive value chain for pulses critical for food security

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain said that developing a competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, improving nutrition, and reducing Pakistan's reliance on imports, adding that even a 30 per cent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses import bill. He wa..... [more >>](#)

Rana Tanveer speaks at SPDI seminar: 'Competitive, inclusive value chain for pulses critical for ensuring food security'

Source: [Hamza Habib](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: A competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, and only a 30 percent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses imports. Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain stated this while speaking at a seminar, "Developing Competitive and Inclusive Value Chains of Pulses in [more >>](#)

Inclusive value chain for pulses key to food security, reduction in imports: Rana Tanveer

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-12

ISLAMABAD, Mar 12 (APP): Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has said that developing a competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, improving nutrition and reducing Pakistan's reliance on imports, thus only a 30 per cent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses imports. [more >>](#)

Inclusive value chain for pulses key to food security, reduction in imports: Rana Tanveer

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-12

ISLAMABAD, March 12 (SABAH): Rana Tanveer Hussain, the Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, has said that developing a competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, improving nutrition and reducing Pakistan's reliance on imports, thus only a 30 per cent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses..... [more >>](#)

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دالوں کی مضبوط ویلیو چین سے غذائی تحفظ بہتر، درآمدات پر انحصار میں کمی ممکن: رانا تنویر

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-03-13

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) وفاقی وزیر برائے قومی غذائی تحفظ و تحقیق رانا تنویر حسین نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں دالوں کی مضبوط ویلیو چین کے ذریعے غذائی تحفظ بہتر بنانے، غذائیت میں اضافہ کرنے اور درآمدات پر انحصار میں کمی مم..... [more >>](#)

مضبوط ویلیو چین سے بہتر غذائی تحفظ، دالوں کی درآمد میں کمی ممکن ہے: رانا تنویر حسین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-12

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دالوں کی پیداوار میں اضافہ ناگزیر

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Source: APP, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-03-12

اسلام آباد (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 12 مارچ 2026ء) وفاقی وزیر برائے قومی غذائی تحفظ و تحقیق رانا تنویر حسین نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں دالوں کی مضبوط ویلیو چین کے ذریعے غذائی تحفظ بہتر بنانے، غذائیت میں اضافہ کرنے [more >>](#)..... □

Pulses critical for food security: minister

Source: Rasheed Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2026-03-14

Islamabad: Rana Tanveer Hussain, Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, has said that developing a competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, improving nutrition and reducing Pakistan's reliance on imports as only a 30 per cent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses' imports. Mr Tanveer..... [more >>](#)

Pulse production crisis

Source: Editorial, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

EDITORIAL: Despite being an agrarian economy, Pakistan is increasingly dependent on imported pulses, spending nearly USD 1 billion annually — a troubling indicator of deep structural weaknesses in the country's agricultural policies and practices. Pulses such as lentils, chickpeas and beans are a vital source of affordable nutrition for millions of low-income households. Yet a country..... [more >>](#)

Experts propose construction of small dams to save rainwater

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD, Mar 31 (APP): Experts at a seminar proposed construction of small dams in collaboration with Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) to address water management challenges, informing that around 35 million acre-feet of water flowed into the Arabian Sea during last year's monsoon. The seminar titled "Monsoon Outlook 2026 and Need for Timely Action", was organized..... [more >>](#)

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رواں سال مون سون شدید خطرناک ہو سکتا ہے: ماہرین کا انتباہ

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-31

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین نے بارش کے پانی کو محفوظ بنانے کے لئے چھوٹے ڈیموں کی تعمیر کی تجویز پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ گزشتہ سال کے مون سون کے دوران بحیرہ عرب میں جا گرنے والے تقریباً 35 ملین ایکڑ فٹ پانی کو موثر حکمت عملی [more >>](#).....

Experts call for urgent shift from calorie sufficiency to nutrition-centric food system

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD, March 20 (SABAH): Pakistan's food system transformation is elusive sans a comprehensive national food system framework amid emerging challenges, including rapid urbanization, population growth, declining

agricultural productivity, inefficient agricultural value chain, and shrinking cultivable land that are key barriers hindering the agrarian nation's progress to achieving f..... [more >>](#)

Special Discussion

Water management, population critical challenges for developing countries: Expert

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ISLAMABAD, Mar 26 (APP): Dr Jose A. Puppim De Oliveira, a renowned Brazilian climate expert and the Chair in Climate Change Governance and Global Development at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, has said that water resource management and population explosion are critical emerging challenges for developing countries. He was speaking at a special ceremony hosted jointly by [more >>](#)

Water Management, Population Critical Challenges For Developing Countries: Expert

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-26

اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز) برازیل کے موسمیاتی تبدیلی کے معروف ماہر ڈاکٹر جوزے اے پیم ڈی اولیویرا نے پاکستان اور عالمی تحقیقی اداروں کے درمیان موسمیاتی حکمرانی اور شہری تحقیق کے شعبوں میں تعاون کے وسیع امکانات پر زور دیتے ہوئے [more >>](#).....

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Source: [Sufyan Paracha](#), [Daily Mudabbir](#), 2026-03-27

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'Water mismanagement, population surge major threats'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-28

Islamabad: Dr Jose A Puppim de Oliveira, Chair in Climate Change Governance and Global Development, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, has said that water resource management and population explosion are critical emerging challenges for developing countries. Dr Oliveira was speaking at a ceremony jointly hosted here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and In..... [more >>](#)

Webinar News

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 2nd Mar, 2026) Climate experts, policymakers and development practitioners have stressed the need to transform Pakistan's waste sector into a strategic pillar of its climate mitigation agenda under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by setting up robust data systems, life-cycle based emissions accounting, and formal integration [more >>](#)

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Need to transform waste sector into strategic pillar of climate agenda

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-04

Islamabad: Arif Goheer, Executive Director, Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC), has said the waste sector sits at the intersection of climate science, urban governance and sustainable development, yet remains 'one of the most under-recognised but high-impact mitigation opportunities' for Pakistan. Mr Goheer was addressing a webinar on "Waste sector emissions & bottom..... [more >>](#)

Call to embed climate adaptation within governance structures at grass roots level

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD, Mar 05 (APP): Experts at a webinar on Thursday called for embedding climate adaptation within the governance structures at grass roots level, as Pakistan advances district-level adaptation planning under its National Adaptation Plan. The webinar, titled: "Strengthening Local-Led Climate Adaptation in Pakistan: Beyond Optics," was organized by Sustainable Development Policy I..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 5th Mar, 2026) Experts at a webinar on Thursday called for embedding climate adaptation within the governance structures at grass roots level, as Pakistan advances district-level adaptation planning under its National Adaptation Plan. The webinar, titled: "Strengthening Local-Led Climate Adaptation in Pakistan: Beyond Optics," was orga..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Adnan Rafique](#), [Daily Mail](#), 2026-03-05

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Advancing Climate Adaptation at District Level

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Peak Point](#), 2026-03-05

Experts at a webinar urged embedding climate adaptation within local governance as Pakistan moves to district-level planning under its National Adaptation Plan. Organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute in partnership with the NAP team and supported by UNEP and the Green Climate Fund, the discussion brought together federal and provincial officials, UN agencies and civil society to..... [more >>](#)

Climate adaptation must translate into tangible results for farmers, vulnerable populations: Experts

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-08

ISLAMABAD, Mar 08 (APP): Experts at a webinar have proposed encouraging provincial challenge funds, reforming procurement rules to accommodate SMEs and tech entrepreneurs, and conducting joint studies to identify barriers to scaling successful local solutions, ensuring adaptation at the community level. They also called for embedding climate adaptation within the governance structures at grass r..... [more >>](#)

Rising energy costs threat to industry, say experts

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD, Mar 11 (APP): Experts at a webinar called for a gradual shift from gas to electricity and renewable energy to safeguard long-term industrial competitiveness, as Pakistan's industrial sector is under severe pressure due to rising global energy costs prices, structural inefficiencies, and policy constraints. The webinar, titled "Rising Energy Costs and the Future of Sustainab..... [more >>](#)

Rising Energy Costs Threat To Industry, Say Experts

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 11th Mar, 2026) Experts at a webinar called for a gradual shift from gas to electricity and renewable energy to safeguard long-term industrial competitiveness, as Pakistan's industrial sector is under severe pressure due to rising global energy costs prices, structural inefficiencies, and policy constraints. The webinar, titled "Ri..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-11

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) عالمی توانائی بحران اور تیل و گیس کی بڑھتی قیمتوں نے پاکستان کے صنعتی شعبے کو شدید دباؤ میں ڈال دیا ہے۔ ماہرین نے خیردار کیا ہے کہ تیل کی ممکنہ بلند عالمی قیمتیں، ایل این جی کی فراہمی میں غیر یقینی صور..... [more >>](#)

Workshop News

Call to shift from gas to electricity and renewable energy

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-13

Islamabad: Syed Mohammed Osama Rizvi, Global Market and Product Strategist at Primary Vision, said the country's refining configuration is misaligned with demand. S Rizvi was addressing a webinar on "Rising energy costs and the future of sustainable industry in Pakistan" was organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). S Rizvi said most refineries still oper..... [more >>](#)

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