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About SDPI

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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About the Newsletter

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

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

Media Sources Covered

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

Dawn

The News

The Express Tribune

The Nation

Business Recorder

Daily Times

Pakistan Observer

Pakistan Today

Urdu Point

China Daily

Thematic Focus Areas

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

1. Energy and Power Sector Developments
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3. Sustainability and Climate-Responsive Energy Solutions
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Editor's Note:

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

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

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

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

Pakistan's Energy Transition

Energy Governance

Rs 9.1m in fines imposed on electricity thieves in April 2026: IESCO

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD - Chief Executive Officer IESCO, Engineer Chaudhry Khalid Mehmood, while sharing details of the ongoing crackdown against electricity thieves, stated that operations are being carried out continuously and without discrimination across all operation circles. The objective of these actions is to eliminate the menace of electricity theft from the IESCO region. He stated that during April 2..... [more >>](#)

68 illegal petrol pumps sealed in Quetta

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-31

Quetta: District authorities in Quetta have finally swung into action against illegal Iranian petrol sellers, sealing 68 mini-petrol pumps and arresting 52 individuals. However, the move has drawn sharp criticism from public circles, who have demanded that officials responsible for the two-week delay in acting on complaints also be held accountable. According to an official statement issued by the..... [more >>](#)

UAE quits oil cartel

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-01

United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced its decision to leave the 13-member Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), including Iran, as well as OPEC+ (an additional 10 member countries, including Russia) this Tuesday effective 1 May to “focus on national interests” and “reflects the UAE’s long-term strategic and economic vision and evolving energy profile.&rdq..... [more >>](#)

Hormuz tensions: Pakistan scrambles for spot LNG supplies as Qatar cargoes stall

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-05-06

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan may procure additional liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes through fresh tenders after Qatar Energy showed reluctance to allow two scheduled shipments to pass through the Strait of Hormuz amid escalating tensions in the Middle East. In a key development, the government has directed Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) to seek bids for spot LNG cargoes to ensure continuity of supply. The [more >>](#)

The Oil Market

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-23

The recent surge in oil prices, driven by investor skepticism regarding a breakthrough in US-Iran peace talks, is a stark indicator of a global order in decay. As the prospect of a diplomatic resolution recedes, the market is reacting to the increasing likelihood of prolonged instability in the Middle East. This is not merely a fluctuation in commodity pricing; it is a direct economic manifestatio..... [more >>](#)

'Gulf crisis represents severe disruptions to global energy systems'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid, The News, International](#), 2026-05-27

Islamabad: Dr Omar al-Ubaydli, Research Director, Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies, has said that recent geopolitical tensions significantly intensified existing vulnerabilities in global supply chains warning that the crisis represents one of the most severe disruptions to global energy systems in recent history. Dr Omar was addressing a webinar on “Strait of H..... [more >>](#)

Mideast war reshaping national energy strategies: IEA

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-30

PARIS: The Middle East war is pushing countries to open new supply routes and turn to domestic resources to tide over the world's biggest energy crisis, the International Energy Agency said Thursday. "We are in the midst of the largest energy security crisis the world has ever faced — and I believe this will reshape investment strategies globally, with parallels to the major..... [more >>](#)

IMF, WB, others warn ME war straining energy supplies

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-30

WASHINGTON: The heads of the International Energy Agency, International Monetary Fund, World Bank and World Trade Organisation warned on Friday that the war in the Middle East was straining global energy supplies and hitting vulnerable economies hardest. The US-Israel war on Iran has disrupted trade, rattled financial markets and raised concerns over global energy supplies, particularly throu..... [more >>](#)

FCC moved against sharp fuel price increase

Source: [Nasir Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD: A citizen has approached the Federal Constitution Court (FCC), seeking relief against the sharp increase in petrol and diesel prices. Moved under Article 175(E) of the Constitution, Advocate Zulfikar Ahmed Bhutta, in his petition, sought directions from the court for the government to withdraw the recent price hike in petroleum products, which, according to the petitioner, was impose..... [more >>](#)

Private petroleum company;FCC suspends SHC's order regarding subsidy payment within a week

Source: [Terence J Sigamony](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-22

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Constitutional Court suspended a Sindh High Court (SHC) order regarding the payment billions of rupees in subsidy to a private petroleum company within one week. A two-member bench comprising Justice Aminuddin Khan and Justice Ali Baqar Najafi on Thursday heard the federal government petition against the SHC's order. The court accepted the federal government's..... [more >>](#)

Federal govt, OGRA put on notice in fuel price hike petition

Source: [Amjad Safi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-24

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Saturday issued notices to the federal government, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), and other relevant parties in a petition challenging the increase in petroleum product prices. A two-member bench comprising Justice Ijaz Anwar and Justice Farah Jamshed heard the case. During the hearing, Advocate Ahmad Farooq Khattak, representing petitio..... [more >>](#)

Opposition in NA assails fuel price hike, demands relief for masses

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-12

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary party meeting of the opposition parties in the National Assembly Monday expressed grave concern over recent hike in oil prices and said this would further compound financial problems of the masses. The meeting was held here at the Parliament House under the chairmanship of Leader of the Opposition Mehmood Khan Achakzai, and it was attended by PTI Chairman Barrister Goha..... [more >>](#)

Mohmand, Dasu dams costs surge by Rs1.6tr

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-14

ISLAMABAD: The construction cost of the Mohmand Dam and Dasu Hydropower Project has increased by a combined Rs1.607 trillion, pushing the total estimated cost of the two mega hydropower projects from around Rs800 billion to nearly Rs2.4 trillion. According to documents presented by the Ministry of Water Resources in the National Assembly, the estimated construction cost of the Mohmand Dam Hydrop..... [more >>](#)

Constitution and gas

Source: [Asad UI Mulk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

THE Constitution of Pakistan in palpable terms, accords 'precedence' to a province, where the 'well-head' of natural gas is situated, so as to meet its requirements from that 'well-head' before gas can be transmitted to other provinces. Alas, this constitutional dictum has invariably been passed over. Not all constitutions deal with hydrocarbons. Among the ol..... [more >>](#)

Central Development Working Party lashes out at Wapda over delay in dam projects

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-22

ISLAMABAD: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) on Thursday came under severe criticism at a meeting of the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) over poor project management, lack of transparency, weak oversight mechanisms, massive cost overruns and delays in two mega critical water projects worth over Rs802 billion — Diamer-Bhasha Dam and Tarbela 5th Extension. The technic..... [more >>](#)

NSCL revival near as govt okays 40 MMCFD of gas supply

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

ISLAMABAD: The revival of National Steel Complex Ltd (NSCL), formerly Tuwairqi Steel Mills Ltd (TSML), appears imminent as the government has agreed to supply 40 MMCFD gas for processing and captive power generation at industrial tariff, subject to availability, after years of prolonged efforts and unsuccessful international litigation by the company, sources close to the Petroleum Minister told B..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric urges precaution as heatwave grips Karachi

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-04

KARACHI - K-Electric (KE) has urged its customers to take all precautions and avoid unnecessary excursions or strenuous activities between 11am and 4pm – the “peak heat hours” – as the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has issued a heatwave alert in Karachi and advised taking all necessary remedial actions to minimise the impact of heatwave conditions. K-Elect..... [more >>](#)

Kerosene cut, light diesel surges

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD: The government has revised petroleum product prices, reducing the price of kerosene while significantly increasing that of light diesel. According to a notification issued by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), the price of kerosene decreased by Rs4.45 per litre, bringing the new rate to Rs360.76 per litre. In contrast, light diesel oil became costlier by Rs17.03 per litre, [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices hit above Rs399 per litre

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD - The federal government raised petrol and high-speed diesel prices by Rs 6.51 and Rs 19.39 per litre, respectively, one day before the scheduled review. This marks the second increase in six days, aimed at stopping panic buying as most petrol pumps across the country halted sales expecting a sharp rise in prices. The Government of Pakistan has revised the prices of the petroleum produ..... [more >>](#)

KP govt accelerates mini hydropower projects in Upper Dir

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-01

Peshawar - The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has intensified monitoring of ongoing mini micro-hydropower projects in Upper Dir to ensure their timely completion and provide uninterrupted, low-cost electricity to remote communities. Secretary Energy and Power Nisar Ahmad said the provision of affordable electricity to underdeveloped areas remained a top priority of the provincial government, parti..... [more >>](#)

5pc of energy sector organisations set to achieve full digitalisation in 2 years: Study

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD - Nearly three-quarters (or 75 percent) of organisations in energy sector are expecting to achieve full digitalisation in just two years, a study has revealed. According to the joint Kaspersky and VDC research report, 'Powering Cyber Resilience in the Energy Sector', less than 5% of energy organizations can be considered fully digital nowadays. Yet, in just two years, that nu..... [more >>](#)

Awais Leghari announces end to power loadshedding

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Power Awais Leghari Friday announced the end of electricity load management following the arrival of spot liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies. In a recorded in a recorded televised message, the minister said the country had received LNG shipments a day earlier, enabling authorities to restore normal electricity supply. He noted that intermittent load shedding exp..... [more >>](#)

Eols for 3 DISCOs will be floated after approval: PC

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD: The Privatisation Commission (PC) has stated that Expressions of Interest (Eols) for three power distribution companies (DISCOs) will be floated after formal approval from the Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCoP) and the Federal Cabinet. Talking to Business Recorder, a PC official said that the transaction structure and restructuring plans for Faisalabad Electric Supply Compan..... [more >>](#)

Nepra approves Rs35.514bn 4-year 'DIP' for MEPCO

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved a Distribution Investment Plan (DIP) of Rs 35.514 billion for Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) for the 2025–29 period, significantly lower than the revised request of Rs 86.463 billion. According to NEPRA's determination, MEPCO submitted its DIP on October 25, 2024, for the Multi-Year Tariff (MYT)..... [more >>](#)

Improved hydel generation; No load management during peak hours on 29th: PD

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD: Power Division (PD) said on Thursday that the country witnessed no load management during peak hours on the night of April 29 (Wednesday) due to improved hydel generation. In a statement on Thursday, the spokesperson said that hydropower generation reached 6,000 megawatts, out of the country's total installed hydel capacity of 11,500 megawatts. Electricity output also increas..... [more >>](#)

LNG supplies arrive, load-shedding ends: Leghari

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Division, Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari on Friday announced that scheduled electricity load management across the country has been brought to an end following the arrival of liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies. Addressing a press briefing, the minister said the country received LNG shipments a day earlier, enabling authorities to restore normal electricity su..... [more >>](#)

Energy entities must digitalise to fight cyber threats: Kaspersky

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD: A global cyber security company has warned that the energy organizations in Pakistan must timely prepare themselves to counter cyber incidents/cyber attacks after achieving full digitalization in the next two years. According to the joint Kaspersky and VDC research report, 'Powering Cyber Resilience in the Energy Sector' issued on Friday, less than 5% of energy organiza..... [more >>](#)

Power crisis, familiar failures

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

Pakistan's power shortfall crossing 11,000MW again exposes the old fault line in the sector: generation has been expanded while distribution, transmission, and system management remain unable to carry the load. The latest crisis has been triggered by zero RLNG supply, plant outages and constraints in moving surplus power across the grid, but the deeper failure is more than a decade old. [more >>](#)

Fuel hits Rs400 per litre as govt passes on global impact

Source: [Syed Irfan RazaKhaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday raised petrol and diesel prices while simultaneously extending fuel subsidies for motorcyclists and the transport sector, seeking to cushion the impact of rising global oil costs on vulnerable consumers. With the concurrence of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Shehbaz Sharif government has increased the prices of petrol and diesel by Rs6.51 and Rs..... [more >>](#)

Hazara Electric Supply Company disconnects power supply to Haripur tubewells

Source: [A Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-01

HARIPUR: The Hazara Electric Supply Company (Hazeco) disconnected power supply to all tubewells under Tehsil Municipal Administration exposing residents across Haripur city to shortage of potable water as the civic body failed to clear Rs450 million dues, official sources and former local government representatives toldDawn. According to Hazeco sources, the TMA supplies potable water to its consu..... [more >>](#)

Minister pledges end to power outages after LNG arrival

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD: Power Minister Awais Leghari on Friday announced the end of a month-long period of loadshedding, following the arrival of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipment in Pakistan a day earlier. The minister made the announcement in a recorded televised message, stating that the recent power outages were caused by a gas shortage linked to the US-Israel war on Iran, rather than "incompet..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan seeks Iranian facilitation for safe passage of two LNG cargoes via Hormuz

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#) , 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is moving quickly to secure two liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes from Qatar, with authorities actively engaged in diplomatic and operational coordination to ensure the safe passage of vessels currently positioned near the mouth of Strait of Hormuz. According to well-placed officials in the Energy Ministry, the two ships are already loaded with LNG and waiting at the chokepo..... [more >>](#)

Shehbaz orders strategy formulation to stabilise electricity tariffs

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

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, while chairing a meeting on energy sector reforms on Saturday, directed the authorities to formulate a comprehensive strategy to stabilise electricity tariffs. He stressed the need to provide relief to both industrial and domestic electricity consumers and instructed officials to take concrete measures. He also called for significant improvements in the powe..... [more >>](#)

Refinery output up 10.7%, OMC sales down 7%

Source: [Shazia Tasneem Farooqi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-05

KARACHI: Pakistan's oil supply chain delivered a mixed but telling performance in April 2026, reflecting contrasting trends across upstream and downstream segments. While refinery operations strengthened on the back of improved product output and higher utilisation, retail fuel demand came under pressure due to elevated prices and shifting consumption patterns amid geopolitical uncertainty. T..... [more >>](#)

MEPCO losses worry regulator

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-05

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has aired serious concern over greater losses and funding under-utilisation as well as found fault with the multibillion-rupee investment plan submitted by Multan Electric Power Company (Mepco) under its five-year programme spanning 2025-26 to 2029-30. According to the regulator, Mepco failed to justify its Rs119.4 billion five-..... [more >>](#)

Business leaders oppose 286% gas tariff hike

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

KARACHI: Business leaders have strongly opposed the Sui Southern Gas Company's petition to the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) for a substantial increase in gas tariffs for FY2026-27, urging the regulator to reject the proposal in the interest of industrial sustainability, according to a statement issued on Saturday. Chairman Businessmen Group Zubair Motiwala and President Karachi Ch..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric slammed over 'unbearable' load-shedding

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-05

KARACHI: The Muttahida Qaumi Movement - Pakistan has strongly criticised K-Electric over what it termed "unbearable" electricity outages during extreme heat, calling for urgent federal intervention. The party's spokesperson said prolonged loadshedding has made life miserable for citizens, particularly students currently appearing in examinations. "Due to K-Electric's ineff..... [more >>](#)

GO records highest-ever 24-hour sales at COCO stations

Source: [Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-05

KARACHI - Gas & Oil Pakistan Limited (GO) has announced the highest-ever sales achieved within a 24-hour period across its Company Owned, Company Operated (COCO) stations, marking a significant operational milestone for the company. This achievement underscores the continued trust of GOÆs customers and reflects the commitment and coordinated efforts of its teams across the network to en..... [more >>](#)

PM orders formulation of strategy to stabilise electricity tariffs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-03

LAHORE - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, while chairing a meeting on energy sector reforms on Saturday, directed the authorities concerned to formulate a comprehensive strategy to stabilise electricity tariffs. During the meeting, the prime minister stressed the need to provide relief to both industrial and domestic electricity consumers and instructed officials concerned to take concrete measures..... [more >>](#)

The making of the LNG crisis

Source: [Yousuf Nazar, The News, International](#), 2026-05-06

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) has evolved into a cornerstone of Pakistan's energy infrastructure, critical to both the power grid and the national budget. The annual import costs for LNG, fluctuating between \$3.5 billion and \$5 billion, represent one of the country's most significant and volatile external financial obligations. In volume terms, LNG accounts for around one-third of total..... [more >>](#)

Govt offers token energy relief with LPG cut, power refund

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-05-06

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's energy regulators offered token relief Tuesday, trimming liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) prices by 31 paises per kilogram for May while granting electricity consumers a rare refund of 1 paisa per unit on March fuel charges. As per the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), new LPG consumer price has been fixed at Rs303.81 per kilogram for May, down from Rs304.12 in Apr..... [more >>](#)

Asia battles rising, uneven toll of energy crisis caused by Iran war

Source: [Reuters](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-06

SINGAPORE: Governments in Asia, the top oil importing region, are scrambling to find alternatives and insulate their economies from the worst of the energy crisis triggered by the Iran war, but the pain is getting increasingly costly. The disruption spurred the Asian Development Bank to cut its growth forecast for developing Asia and the Pacific to 4.7 per cent this year and 4.8 per cent in 2027,..... [more >>](#)

Energy crisis reflects policy failures: Miftah Ismail

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-06

KARACHI: Pakistan has some of the most expensive electricity and gas in the region and among its peer countries, said Miftah Ismail, former federal minister for finance and revenue. "This is not a technical failure. It is a policy failure. The rational path requires privatisation, the creation of wholesale markets for both power and gas, and a pro-consumer regulatory approach at the retail [more >>](#)

Ogra, Nepra announce marginal cuts in LPG, power tariffs

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's energy regulators, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) and National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), have announced slight reductions in LPG and electricity prices. The OGRA has decreased LPG prices by Rs0.31 per kilogramme for the month of May. Meanwhile, the NEPRA has directed distribution companies (DISCOs) and K-Electric to refund Rs0.01 per unit t..... [more >>](#)

Energy sector: between policy turbulence and system reform

Source: [Abis Husein](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

The power sector in Pakistan has been experiencing unexpected doubts recently. There have been a series of policy announcements that have followed closely, such as the replacement of net metering by net billing, the adoption of fixed charges depending on authorised load, continuing tariff restructuring debates, and the growth of digital infrastructures such as artificial intelligence computing and..... [more >>](#)

Oil extends slide as Trump indicates possible Iran peace deal

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

Oil prices fell for a second day on Wednesday on expectations that bottled-up supply from the key Middle East producing region could resume flowing after US President Donald Trump indicated a possible peace deal may be reached to end the war with Iran. Brent crude futures fell \$1.89, or 1.7%, to \$107.98 a barrel as of 0340 GMT, after dropping 4% in the previous session. US West Texas Int..... [more >>](#)

EMO violations; PM orders action against DISCOs

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday called for cutting the country's reliance on imported fuel and vowed zero tolerance for electricity theft, signalling a push to reform a sector long beset by inefficiency and corruption. Chairing a meeting on reform measures in the power sector, the prime minister emphasised the need for a comprehensive strategy to meet future energy r..... [more >>](#)

March FCA; Nepra approves Re0.0102 per unit relief

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved a negative fuel charges adjustment (FCA) of Rs 0.0102 per unit for March 2026 for consumers across the country, including those served by K-Electric. NEPRA held a public hearing on April 28, 2026, on the FCA request submitted by the Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G), which had sought a positive [more >>](#)

Alleged EMO violations; Nepra ends withholding of NGC funds

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has decided to discontinue the longstanding practice of withholding financial amounts from the National Grid Company (NGC), formerly known as NTDC, on account of alleged Economic Merit Order (EMO) violations, while initiating separate proceedings over its failure to remove transmission constraints. The decision was issued in comp..... [more >>](#)

Adjustment of claims exceeding Rs58bn; Nepra to hold public hearing on KE's request

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) is set to hold a public hearing on May 12, 2026, on a request by K-Electric (KE) seeking adjustment of claims exceeding Rs58 billion under its seven-year Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) for FY2017–2023, after a delay of about three years. According to a notice issued by Nepra, KE has sought an End of Term Adjustment (EoTA) amountin..... [more >>](#)

LESCO sets up informative stall at Expo Centre

Source: [Saeed Akhtar Baloch](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has established a dedicated informative stall at the Expo Centre Lahore to raise awareness about its modern services and commitment to customer service excellence. The stall has been established on the occasion of the 42nd annual general meeting of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Pakistan which has attracted a large numb..... [more >>](#)

Fuel sales decline

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

The Oil Marketing Companies April data reveals a 7 percent decline in sales year-on-year and a 6 percent decline from March 2026 due to global oil supply disruptions as a consequence of the ongoing Middle East war. The impact of a rise in oil prices on householders no doubt contributed significantly to the decline in sales; however, what must be a source of serious concern to not only the authorit..... [more >>](#)

Power consumers to get Rs1.75 per unit relief in next three months

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-07

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani power consumers may get relief of around Rs1.75 per unit on electricity bills over the next three months as distribution companies have petitioned the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority to refund nearly Rs64 billion under the first quarterly tariff adjustments (QTA) of CY2026. These utilities have asked Nepra to authorize them to return Rs63.94 billion to consumers [more >>](#)

Fuel control tightened: Private OMCs barred from HSD imports; only PSO allowed

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-07

ISLAMABAD: In a move aimed at tightening control over fuel imports and easing pressure on the country's external account, the federal government has barred private oil marketing companies (OMCs) from importing high-speed diesel (HSD), allowing only Pakistan State Oil (PSO) to continue procurement. The decision, taken at a recent meeting of the National Coordination and Management Council (NCM)..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan seeks spot LNG as Hormuz tensions hit supplies

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-07

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has moved into emergency mode to secure liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies, as disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz have delayed expected cargoes from QatarEnergy, forcing the government to turn to the expensive spot market. Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) on Wednesday issued tenders seeking bids from international LNG suppliers for two cargoes to be delivered between May 12-14 an..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price seen rising by Rs4.75 per litre

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2026-05-07

KARACHI: Petrol prices are estimated to rise by Rs4.75 per litre, while high-speed diesel (HSD) is expected to remain largely stable in the next pricing review, provided the government does not impose additional petroleum levy. Latest internal calculations by the oil industry indicate an increase in petrol prices for the upcoming cycle, while HSD is likely to see minimal change in the absence of [more >>](#)

Power consumers likely to get Rs1.75 per unit relief

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-07

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's electricity consumers are likely to get a relief of Rs1.75 per unit as ex-Wapda power distribution companies (Discos) have sought NEPRA's nod for refunding Rs64 billion to consumers on account of quarterly tariff adjustment. In a petition filed with NEPRA, Discos have reported a saving of Rs63.936 billion during the first quarter (January-March) of calendar year [more >>](#)

Pakistan floats tender for purchase of two LNG cargoes from spot market

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-07

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has floated tender for the purchase of two LNG cargoes from the spot market to meet increased electricity demand amid surging temperature, with delivery scheduled between May 12-26, 2026. The state-owned Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) Wednesday floated urgent tenders to import two LNG cargoes from spot market for delivery windows between May 12-14 and May 24-26 amid surging tempe..... [more >>](#)

Urgent LNG tenders issued

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-07

ISLAMABAD: State-run Pakistan LNG Ltd (PLL) on Wednesday floated urgent tenders for the import of two liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes for delivery between May 12-14 and May 24-26 amid rising temperatures and power shortfall. The company set Thursday (May 7) as the deadline for bids, which will be opened the same day, given the urgent need to meet the power demand expected to spike again as th..... [more >>](#)

Govt hikes petrol price by Rs14.92, high-speed diesel by Rs15

Source: [Zaigham Naqvi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-08

The federal government on Friday hiked the price of petrol by Rs14.92 and that of high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs15 for the next week amid the fuel crisis triggered by the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz amid the war between the United States and Iran. According to a press release from the Petroleum Division, the new petrol price is Rs414.78 and the new HSD price is Rs414.58 per litre. The ne..... [more >>](#)

Oil prices jump on renewed US-Iran hostilities

Source: [Reuters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-08

Oil prices rose about 1% on Friday after renewed fighting broke out between the US and Iran, threatening a shaky ceasefire and dashing hopes for progress on a reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, a key transit route for oil and liquefied natural gas. Brent crude futures were up \$1.20, or 1.2%, at \$101.26 a barrel. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) USCrude futures rose by 85 cents, or 0.9%, t..... [more >>](#)

Oil prices fall sharply to two-week lows

Source: [Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-07

NEW YORK: Oil prices fell sharply to two-week lows on Wednesday as optimism grew about a possible end to the war in the Middle East, with reports the United States and Iran were nearing an initial peace deal. Brent crude futures settled USD8.60, or 7.83 percent, lower at USD101.27 a barrel, having earlier dropped below USD100 for the first time since April 22. US West Texas Intermediate crude..... [more >>](#)

Pricing headlines

Source: [Shahab Jafry, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-07

Oil traders are once again behaving as though peace has broken out somewhere between a White House briefing and a futures screen. Brent crude has slipped back below the \$100 mark after reports that Washington and Tehran may be inching toward some form of understanding, with the latest headlines speaking of “progress”, “frameworks” and “de-escalation”. Markets, p..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan must ‘electrify’ now

Source: [Samana Mehmood, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-07

The recent closure of Strait of Hormuz was a reminder that our entire mobility is impacted by global events. It disrupted almost 20 per cent of the global oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) flows, causing Brent Crude to soar above USD 120 per barrel. For Pakistan, a country which is structurally reliant on this particular maritime artery, it is not merely a market fluctuation; in fact, a full-sca..... [more >>](#)

CCP clears Liberty Daharki Power’s stake in EPCL from Mitsubishi

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-07

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan has approved the acquisition of shareholding in Engro Polymers and Chemicals Limited by Liberty Daharki Power Limited from Mitsubishi Corporation, following a Phase-I review under Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010. The approval follows a transaction announced earlier this year in which Mitsubishi Corporation, a Tokyo-based global integra..... [more >>](#)

Oil imports on CIF basis; SBP extends relaxation to July 10

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

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan has extended permission for the import of crude oil and petroleum products on Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) basis until July 10, 2026 to facilitate uninterrupted fuel supplies amid continued volatility in international oil markets. In a circular issued to authorized dealers, the State Bank said the relaxation granted through EPD Circular Letter No. 04 d..... [more >>](#)

Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan

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

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has raised several questions on the proposed Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2025-35, according to which Pakistan’s installed power generation capacity is projected to increase by 49 percent, reaching 64,035 MW by 2035, up from 43,069 MW in 2024, according to IGCEP 2025-35. A comparison between l..... [more >>](#)

Paying for oil, again

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

Pakistan’s weekly oil bill surging to around USD 800 million as the Middle East conflict intensifies has once again exposed a structural vulnerability that has been acknowledged repeatedly but rarely addressed with any seriousness. The immediate fallout is already visible. Petrol prices have been raised again, diesel even more sharply, and the familiar cycle of passing global volatility into..... [more >>](#)

Sustainable energy policies needed to accelerate solar expansion: Hemnani

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-08

KARACHI - Sindh Government Spokesperson Sukhdev Hemnani on Thursday called for a stronger and more consistent national push towards renewable energy, stating that Pakistan’s long-term energy security de-pends on stable policies, expanded solar adoption, and sustained support for renewable energy con-sumers. In a statement, Sindh Govt spokesperson said that amid rising electricity costs and i..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices hiked by Rs15 per litre each

Source: [Saif Ur Rehman](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-09

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has increased petrol and diesel prices by nearly Rs15 per litre each for the next week. In a notification issued on Friday, the Petroleum Division said new fuel rates will come into effect from May 9. The price of petrol has jumped from Rs399.86 to Rs414.78, while the HSD price increased from Rs399.58 to Rs414.58 per litre. This marks the third consecutive incr..... [more >>](#)

Power bills to show subsidy details under new transparency drive

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power distribution companies will begin disclosing the exact amount of government electricity subsidy provided to eligible consumers on monthly bills, as the authorities move to improve transparency and ensure relief reaches low-income households. The Power Division said electricity bills will now carry a dedicated subsidy breakdown alongside a QR code, allowing consum..... [more >>](#)

Bids for LNG rejected

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday rejected the two lowest bids from BP Singapore and Total Energies for the import of liquefied natural gas (LNG) at \$17.2848 and \$16.98 per million British thermal units (mmBtu) for delivery next week and the last week of the current month. State-run Pakistan LNG Ltd (PLL) received a total of seven bids: three cargoes for May 12-14 and four for May 24-26, in re..... [more >>](#)

Removing subsidies

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-09

The government's commitment to the IMF to scrap untargeted residential electricity subsidies from next year and replace them with a targeted support mechanism through the Benazir Income Support Programme is politically fraught but economically difficult to avoid any longer. It is also important to end untargeted subsidies because high tariffs have created powerful incentives for consumers..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price shock ripples across country Govt faces backlash as transport costs surge

Source: [Imran Adnan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-10

LAHORE: A sharp increase in petroleum prices has triggered a fresh wave of economic anxiety across Pakistan, with transporters raising fares, businesses warning of mounting operational costs, and ordinary citizens bracing for another inflationary shock in an economy already under severe strain. Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Saturday strongly criticised the government over the la..... [more >>](#)

PPL brings Faiz X-1 well on stream after decade

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-10

KARACHI: Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has successfully commissioned Faiz X-1 Deep (Basal Sand) at its operated Gambat South Block in Sanghar, Sindh, according to a statement issued on Saturday. Production was ramped up in stages since its commissioning on February 25, 2026, currently flowing about 3.6 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscfd) of gas and 750 barrels per day (bpd) of conden..... [more >>](#)

KP leaders lambast fuel price hike

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-10

Peshawar - Shafi Jan on Saturday strongly criticised the federal government over the latest increase in petrol and diesel prices, describing the move as another blow to an already burdened public and evidence of what he called worsening economic oppression. In a statement, Mr Jan said the "Form-47 government", which he claimed lacked a genuine public mandate, was exploiting citizens t..... [more >>](#)

Governor criticises Centre over CNG policy, calls for swift justice in May 9 casesSource: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

Peshawar - Faisal Karim Kundi on Saturday criticised what he described as the federal government's "inappropriate" attitude towards CNG associations, saying Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was being subjected to injustice in the matter. Speaking to the media, the Governor stressed the need to resolve issues confronting the transport sector and improve public facilities linked to the CNG indu..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan floats another urgent tender to import 2 LNG cargoes from spot marketSource: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-10

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has issued its third tender in under two weeks to buy two LNG cargoes from the spot market to meet increasing electricity demand amid surging temperature, with delivery scheduled between May 12-28. The state-owned Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) Saturday floated urgent tender to import two LNG cargoes from spot market for delivery windows between May 12-16 and May 24-28. "Bi..... [more >>](#)

Fuel prices hiked under IMF commitment, says ministerSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-10

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervez Malik Saturday said the government increased the fuel prices in line with commitments made to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), while assuring the public that rates would be reduced once international oil prices decline. Speaking alongside Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb in a televised address, Malik said the decision was taken to ma..... [more >>](#)

Geography of gasSource: [Dr Farrukh Saleem](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-10

Pakistan imports nearly \$17 billion worth of oil, LNG, LPG and coal every year. Yet our power plants run below capacity. Our fertiliser plants cry for feedstock. Our industry waits for predictable energy. LNG is expensive. Spot cargoes are risky. The energy gap is real, growing and costly – in lost output, idle factories, pressure on the rupee and foreign exchange spent at the worst possible..... [more >>](#)

A neglected lifelineSource: [Engineer Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-11

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times", wrote Charles Dickens, a line that aptly captures Pakistan's present energy predicament. Recent disruptions in global oil and gas supply chains, triggered by tensions involving the US/Israel and Iran, have once again exposed the country's vulnerability to external shocks. These developments reinforce the urgency of susta..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan returns to spot LNG market amid ME tensionsSource: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-11

ISLAMABAD: In a welcoming development, Al Kharaitiyat carrier, carrying 216,300 cubic meters of LNG, is expected to dock at Port Qasim, top government officials confirmed. More importantly, another LNG vessel, Fuwairit, with a capacity of 138,000 cubic meters of LNG, is also reported to be en route to Pakistan. Energy sector sources say the anticipated arrival of these cargoes has already begun [more >>](#)

Petrol pain doubles ride faresSource: [Fatima S Attarwala](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

KARACHI: "The rates seem to have doubled," said Namrah, who used to pay Rs600-650 to commute from Nazimabad to Tipu Sultan using ride-sharing services. After the first jump in petrol prices following the US and Israel's attack on Iran, fares surged to as high as Rs1,800 during peak hours. At the time, the easiest explanation lay in the first fuel price hike triggered by the wa..... [more >>](#)

Gas supply suspended after pipeline damaged in Karachi Red Line construction

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-10

KARACHI: Gas supply was disrupted in major parts of the city on Saturday evening after the Red Line construction work damaged a high-pressure gas pipeline near Jail Chowrangi. A spokesperson for the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) said that a 12-inch diameter high-pressure pipeline was hit during excavation for the bus rapid transit (BRT) project. The spokesperson said as a result the gas supply [more >>](#)

Battery boom to reduce bills, grid burden: Leghari

Source: [Munawar Hasan, The News, International](#), 2026-05-12

LAHORE: The power battery storage revolution has begun in the county and it will benefit both the consumers and the national grid, Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Awais Leghari said Monday. In a major policy statement, Energy Minister said cheaper daytime power is going to drive battery adoption nationwide and this phenomena of electricity storage rollout tends to ease grid, cuts bil..... [more >>](#)

Second Qatari LNG tanker heads to Pakistan via Hormuz

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2026-05-12

LONDON: A second Qatari liquefied natural gas tanker is transiting the Strait of Hormuz days after the first such cargo crossed under an arrangement involving Iran and Pakistan, highlighting how cargoes are crossing the waterway on a case-by-case basis amid ongoing conflict risks. The vessel, Mihzem, with capacity of 174,000 cubic metres, departed Ras Laffan and is heading northeast toward Port Q..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan pushes refinery upgrades amid fuel fears

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-05-12

ISLAMABAD: Citing rising threats to regional fuel supply routes from the escalating US-Iran conflict, the Pakistan government on Monday pushed to break a years-long stalemate over refinery upgrades, warning that the country's dependence on imported fuel and external supply chains has become a major energy security vulnerability. Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik said domestic refineries..... [more >>](#)

Govt dusts off oil refining policy as Hormuz disruptions bite

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-12

ISLAMABAD: The oil disruption in the wake of the US-Iran war has compelled the government to dust off its petroleum refining policy, which was passed almost three years ago but could not be enforced due to flawed negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The government has now assured the refining sector of corrective measures in the upcoming budget to revive \$6 billion..... [more >>](#)

Stability as strategy in an energy crisis

Source: [Dr Manzoor Ahmad, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

This is the third global energy shock in less than two decades. For Pakistan, where imported fuel underpins much of the economy, the impact is invariably sharper than for most peers. The previous shocks in 2008 and 2022 did more than raise prices. They destabilised growth, strained external balances and reshaped politics. As the current crisis unfolds, the central question is whether policymakers [more >>](#)

Petrol & HSD; PL hiked to meet IMF 'terms'

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-10

ISLAMABAD: To meet IMF conditions, the government has increased the Petroleum Levy (PL) on petrol and High-Speed Diesel (HSD) by Rs 13.91 per litre each. This move is expected to worsen cost-push inflation, which is already under pressure. The weekly Sensitive Price Index (SPI) surged by 15.16 percent year-on-year for the week ending May 7, primarily due to rising fuel costs. Effective May 9,..... [more >>](#)

PPEPCA welcomes downward revision of captive gas levy

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-10

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Petroleum Exploration & Production Companies Association (PPEPCA) welcomed the federal government's decision of downward revision of captive gas levy. While talking to Business Recorder, Secretary General PPEPCA Ibrar Khan said till May the Captive Power Plant levy stood at Rs1,303 per mmBtu, anchored to the peak B3 industrial electricity tariff under a methodolo..... [more >>](#)

Business community says concerned at hike in fuel prices

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-10

KARACHI: The business community has expressed serious concerns over the continued increase in petroleum prices in the domestic market, terming it a major threat to the industrial sector and overall economic competitiveness. Senior Vice President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Saquib Fayyaz Magoon said that the business community was expecting relief in..... [more >>](#)

Tariff subsidies, surcharges; PD to sign PSO-Discos deals

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division is to sign Public Service Obligations (PSO) agreements with the power Distribution Companies (DISCOs) on management and administration of tariff subsidies and relief packages and collection and deposit of surcharges under the NEPRA Act, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Sharing details, sources said that pursuant to the State-Owned Enterprises (Govern..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum pricing: RSF inflows come with a cost

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

Petroleum prices have been revised upward again. Both petrol and HSD now sit at Rs415 per litre. Before the war, petrol was at Rs258. HSD at Rs275. That is not a rounding error. That is a structural shock. The government tried to absorb the hit. For a month, it held prices artificially low — burning through close to Rs125 billion in the process. The calculation was simple: wait out the [more >>](#)

Pakistan's gas upstream crisis

Source: [Nadeem ul Haque and Shahid Sattar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

Pakistan's gas crisis is usually narrated as a story of depletion. Fields matured, reservoirs declined, demand rose, LNG entered the system, and circular debt followed. That story is not false, but it is dangerously incomplete. The deeper failure is not geology. It is credibility. Pakistan once created an upstream gas policy that worked. It made exploration commercially intelligible, attract..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-12

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PEDO opposes exclusion of two hydropower projects from IGCEP

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-12

ISLAMABAD: The Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organisation (PEDO), a provincial entity mandated to develop hydropower and other renewable energy projects, has challenged the exclusion of its two hydropower projects from the Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2025–35 in the Islamabad High Court. The court has admitted the petition, filed through Advocate Irfan Mu..... [more >>](#)

Brownfield refinery upgradation policy; Petroleum Division to draft proposals aimed at addressing hurdles

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-12

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division is set to draft a comprehensive proposal addressing sales tax hurdles and other operational challenges regarding the Brownfield Refinery Upgradation Policy. This proposal will be submitted to the relevant authorities for review ahead of the finalisation of the upcoming budget. In this connection, Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik chaired a high..... [more >>](#)

Senate panel informed of PL hike before IMF meeting

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-12

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan fulfilled the prerequisite of increasing the petroleum levy to Rs 160 per litre ahead of the IMF Board of Directors meeting, a move that secured the release of a USD1.2 billion tranche. Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik informed a parliamentary panel on Monday. Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum held here under chairman Umer Farooq. Among 18 surveyed cou..... [more >>](#)

Nepra to hold public hearing today; KCCI opposes KE's Rs59bn EOTA claims for FY2017-23

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-12

ISLAMABAD: The Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has opposed, in its entirety, K-Electric's (KE) End of Term Adjustment (EOTA) claims of about Rs59 billion filed under its Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) for FY2017–2023. National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) is scheduled to hold a public hearing on KE's petition on Tuesday (today) K-Electric submitt..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL seeks Ogra's nod for downward revised average prescribed price of Rs1701.10 per MMBTU for next FY

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

ISLAMABAD - Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) has sought OGRA's nod for a downward revised average prescribed price of Rs1701.10 per MMBTU, Rs83.4/MMBTU less than the previously claimed prescribed price for the next fiscal year, effective from July 1, 2026. SNGPL has also claimed Rs68.344 billion on account of RLNG cost of service or Rs382.29/MMBTU for the next fiscal year 2026-27. [more >>](#)

Huge majority of SNGPL consumers won't be able to attend Ogra hearing

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

ISLAMABAD - A huge majority of SNGPL consumers (approximately 99 percent) will be deprived to attend the OGRA hearing for determination of average prescribed gas prices due to venue selection and lack of online access. Millions of domestic and commercial gas consumers will be unable to participate in OGRA hearing on SNGPL petition for determination of estimated revenue requirement/prescribed pric..... [more >>](#)

Refineries to provide fuel to armed forces, Haj flights at pre-war rates

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-14

ISLAMABAD: In a highstakes move to stabilise national security operations and religious obligations against the backdrop of a volatile global energy market, Pakistan's oil refining sector has agreed to a multi-billion rupee relief package. Under a landmark agreement reached with the federal government, refineries will supply critical fuels to the armed forces and Haj flight operations at hea..... [more >>](#)

Ogra directs oil firms to ensure timely lifting of fuel from refineries

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-14

KARACHI: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has directed oil marketing companies (OMCs) to ensure timely uplift of petroleum products from domestic refineries, warning that delays could disrupt refinery operations and fuel availability across the country. According to an official communication, local refineries remain a critical part of Pakistan's National Oil Supply Chain (NOSC)..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan assures IMF Rs140bn gas cross-subsidy to end by Jan 2027Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD: The government has committed to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to abolish the Rs140 billion cross-subsidy currently provided to protected and some non-protected gas consumers, replacing the existing consumption-based support system with targeted subsidies based on household income through the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). Senior Petroleum Division officials told The N..... [more >>](#)

Govt earns Rs145 from one litre of petrolSource: [Ansar Abbasi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD: Consumers in Pakistan are paying almost Rs145 per litre in taxes on petrol, according to a price composition shared by Mountain Ventures based on official data from the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) and Ministry of Energy. The breakdown, based on prices effective from May 9, 2026, shows that the maximum depot price of petrol stands at Rs414.78 per litre, of which Rs144.26 or [more >>](#)

Govt working to secure additional gas supplies: ministerSource: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-15

Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik said on Thursday that the government was making efforts to secure additional gas supplies, expressing gratitude to Qatar for its timely facilitation in ensuring liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies, reports Geo. The minister made the remarks during a meeting with Qatar's Ambassador to Pakistan Ali bin Mubarak Al-Khater at the Petroleum Division, read a s..... [more >>](#)

Govt criticised for power, gas load-sheddingSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-14

KARACHI: Pakistan Muslim League-Functional (PML-F) Sindh Secretary General Sardar Abdul Rahim has expressed serious concern over worsening electricity and gas load shedding, as well as on the inflated utility bills being sent to the consumers in Karachi and other parts of Sindh during the ongoing heatwave. He said the public is already struggling under severe inflation, while additional financia..... [more >>](#)

Fuel levy yields lowest fiscal deficit in nearly three decadesSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD: Supported by higher-than-targeted provincial contributions, strong petroleum levy collections and lower interest payments during the first three quarters of the current fiscal year, Pakistan recorded its lowest fiscal deficit in at least 27 years at 0.7 per cent of GDP, despite a decline in revenue ratios and increases in most expenditure heads except debt servicing. According to offic..... [more >>](#)

Govt opposes KE's Rs60bn backdated claimsSource: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD: The federal government and the Karachi-based consumer segments on Tuesday opposed allowing about Rs60 billion in claims to K-Electric under End-of-Term (EoT) adjustments for the multi-year tariff (MYT) period 2017-23. At the conclusion of the public hearing on Tuesday, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) said KE's petition regarding EoT adjustments was within..... [more >>](#)

Nepra tasked to probe IPPs performance, payments amid surging electricity costsSource: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary committee on Tuesday directed the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to conduct comprehensive investigations into the performance of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) as

well as capacity payments, energy payments, and extensions granted to these IPPs. Directions were also issued to Nepra to submit a detailed comparative report to the committee. P..... [more >>](#)

Iesco imposed Rs9 million fine on pilferers in April

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD: During crackdown against electricity pilferage, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) imposed a fine of Rs9.1 million on pilferers in April. Chief Executive Officer Iesco Engineer Chaudhry Khalid Mehmood, while sharing details of the ongoing crackdown against electricity pilferers, stated that operations were being carried out continuously and without discrimination across all oper..... [more >>](#)

Longstanding disputes; Karachi leadership proposes PD-KE-Neptra talks

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD: Karachi's industrial and political leadership on Tuesday proposed a tripartite session involving the Power Division, K-Electric (KE), and the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to resolve long-standing disputes, including prolonged litigation, inconsistent financial burden on consumers, and approval of what they termed "judicious claims." The pro..... [more >>](#)

Oil's perplexing calm

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

The oil market is behaving like a man standing in a burning room insisting the fire alarm is probably faulty. Three months into the Middle East conflict, with the Strait of Hormuz effectively constrained and inventories drawing down at an alarming pace, crude prices remain elevated but nowhere near the once-feared \$150-plus apocalypse. Brent briefly surged above \$120/bbl earlier in the [more >>](#)

Second Qatari LNG tanker

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

The second Qatari Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) tanker docked at Port Qasim, Karachi, yesterday, a major diplomatic achievement for Pakistan. Reports suggest very high level Pakistani, Iranian, and Qatari leadership were involved to ensure safe passage of the two tankers, and therefore it is baffling as to why this news item is sourced to a British news agency rather than the Foreign Office sharing [more >>](#)

LESCO uncovers power theft at petrol pumps, schools, tube wells

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-14

LAHORE: Raiding teams from the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), in major operations against electricity theft in various areas of Lahore and Sheikhpura, unearthed illegal power usage at petrol pumps, private schools, tube wells, and other consumer connections. According to LESCO officials, a tube well connection owned by Chaudhry Ashiq in Manga Mandi in suburban Lahore was found tampe..... [more >>](#)

PM forms task force to devise policy on waste-to-energy projects

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

ISLAMABAD: Following the release of a \$1.1 billion tranche for Pakistan, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has identified Pakistan's economic exposure to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) as its most acute external vulnerability. In its staff report, the lender warned that "the war weighs on the near-term outlook as Pakistan is highly exposed to energy imports and remittan..... [more >>](#)

Nepra approves tariff for electricity import from Iran

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved tariff with the range of 12.40 Cents/kWh for import of 104 MW electricity and an additional 100 MW from Iran's state-owned power company, TAVANIR, while expressing serious concerns over procedural violations and lack of long-term planning by Pakistani authorities. The decision comes in response to an applic..... [more >>](#)

Power tariffs: Industrial consumption revival brings respite

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

Pakistan's power sector is set to record its largest ever negative quarterly adjustment in 3QFY26, driven by an unusual but analytically important combination of incremental industrial demand, captive load migration, and a broad-based improvement in consumption across nearly all distribution companies. The emerging pattern suggests that the system is finally experiencing a meaningful rebound..... [more >>](#)

Punjab seeks proposals for viable energy projects

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

LAHORE: The Punjab government has directed the provincial energy department and energy companies to submit proposals for affordable and commercially viable energy projects across the province. The directive was issued during a high-level meeting chaired by Punjab Energy Minister Faisal Ayub Khokhar on Thursday. Representatives of various energy companies, senior officials of the provincial en..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices cut by Rs5/litre amid global surge

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan slashed diesel and petrol prices by Rs5 per liter each effective Saturday, but the token relief came as global crude oil prices surged more than 4 per cent on mounting Middle East tensions, threatening to swiftly erode any gains for millions of cash-strapped consumers already battered by inflation. The Ministry of Energy announced Friday that high-speed diesel would drop from [more >>](#)

Rs1.34tr petroleum levy collected in 10 months

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-05-16

SLAMABAD: The finance ministry told the National Assembly on Friday that the government had collected Rs1.34 trillion during the first 10 months (July 2025-April 2026) of the current fiscal year. In a written reply to a question of Dr Sharmila Faruqi, the finance ministry said petroleum imports made around one-fourth of the total import bill. During the first nine months (July-March) of FY2026,..... [more >>](#)

Iesco, Gepco, Fesco up for sale, offer up to 100pc stakes

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan approved the sale of majority stakes in three of its largest electricity distribution companies (Discos) Friday, offering between 51 percent and full ownership to private buyers in the most sweeping structural overhaul power sector in decades, the government announced. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, chairing a meeting of the Cabinet Comm..... [more >>](#)

Rs3.4tr gas circular debt Pakistan's biggest energy threat: IMF

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's latest review under the International Monetary Fund's Extended Fund Facility (EFF) reveals an economy that has regained short-term macroeconomic stability but remains trapped in a deeply fragile and politically combustible energy structure, with the IMF flagging the alarmingly rapid rise in gas-sector circular debt as one of the country's most serious emergi..... [more >>](#)

The oil shock

Source: [Haroon Sharif, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

THE oil shock is real, with the whole of the Middle East affected, oil and financial markets shaken, consumer prices shooting up, and several economies struggling to deal with the wider repercussions of the war between US-Israel and Iran. The intersection of oil is a defining factor in the ongoing conflict that will reshape global geopolitics and economic partnerships. It is crucial to und..... [more >>](#)

Petrol, diesel prices cut by Rs5 per litre

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday reduced prices of petrol and diesel by Rs5 per litre each, with immediate effect, for the week ending May 22, owing to lower global prices over the past week. The ex-depot price of high-speed diesel (HSD) was fixed at Rs409.58 per litre for next week, down from Rs414.58, a decrease of 1.2 per cent or Rs5 per litre. Diesel prices have fallen from a peak of [more >>](#)

Energy leaders warn against expanding fossil fuels amid Hormuz shock

Source: [Zaki Abbas, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD: As energy disruptions caused by the Strait of Hormuz's closure create a worldwide crisis, a new study by the Energy Transitions Commission (ETC) warned against expanding fossil fuel infrastructure and called for accelerating renewable energy to build resilience against future shocks. The study by the ETC, a coalition of energy leaders aiming to achieve net-zero by 2050, said foss..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's energy transition vital to combat climate change, smog crisis: Experts

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD - Amid worsening smog, rising temperatures and growing climate pressures, experts and policymakers have stressed the urgent need for Pakistan to shift towards cleaner, affordable and sustainable energy resources to secure the country's economic and environmental future. They said Pakistan could no longer rely heavily on imported fossil fuels and expensive conventional energy syste..... [more >>](#)

IESCO notifies power suspension programme

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Friday issued a power suspension programme for today (Saturday) in various areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development work. According to an IESCO spokesperson, the electricity supply in Islamabad Circle will remain suspended from 7:00 am to 11:00 am in areas fed by Khana Dak, Burma, Waheedabad, Rehman Enclav..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's power, gas circular debt surges to Rs5.20tr

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's circular debt in the power and gas sectors has surged to Rs5.206 trillion. According to the IMF's third review under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) and second review under the Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF), the power sector's circular debt stood at an estimated Rs1.764 trillion as of early 2026, while the gas sector's circular debt re..... [more >>](#)

Cost overruns; Another USD300m sought from WB for 'T4HP'

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The government has sought a second additional financing of USD 300 million from the World Bank for the Tarbela Fourth Extension Hydropower Project (T4HP) to address cost overruns in the Tarbela Fifth Extension Hydropower Project (T5HP). Official documents revealed that T5HP is at an advanced stage of construction, with progress described as highly satisfactory and commissioning of [more >>](#)

KE's EoT adjustment claims draw serious concerns

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-17

ISLAMABAD: Serious concerns have been raised over K-Electric's End of Term (EoT) adjustment claims under the Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) 2016-23, with stakeholders accusing the utility of introducing undisclosed claims and withholding critical information during regulatory proceedings. In a formal representation submitted to National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), a stakeholder..... [more >>](#)

Reduction in CD flow; IMF cuts power subsidy volume to 0.6pc of GDP

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has slashed the volume of power subsidy from 0.7 of GDP to 0.6 per cent of GDP for FY 2026-27 due to reduction in flow of Circular Debt, owing to ongoing improvements in operational efficiency and performance. According to the Fund's third review under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) and second review under the resilience and sustainabil..... [more >>](#)

Gas sector CD touches Rs3.442trn early 2026: IMF

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The IMF noted gas sector Circular Debt (CD) has reached an estimated Rs 3.442 trillion as of early 2026. While regular tariff hikes have halted the growth of new principal debt, late payment surcharges on the existing stock continue to drive the overall balance upward. IMF report on Third Review under the Extended Arrangement under the Extended Fund Facility and Second Review under..... [more >>](#)

Govt will proceed ahead with planned power subsidy reform, IMF told

Source: [Sardar Sikander Shaheen](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has assured the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to proceed ahead with the planned electricity subsidy reform that will replace the budgeted tariff differential subsidy and cross-subsidy system with a targeted budgeted subsidy framework for low-income consumers via Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), revealed the IMF's latest staff report on Pakistan released on Fri..... [more >>](#)

POL products; Country spends nearly one-fourth of total import bill: minister

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb has said that Pakistan spends nearly one-fourth of its total import bill on petroleum imports. The Minister said that Rs 1.342 trillion was collected through the petroleum levy from July 2025 to April 2026. In a written reply to a question in the National Assembly's question hour on Friday, the Minister said tha..... [more >>](#)

Industrial electrification to reduce energy expense by 36pc, halve emissions

Source: [Zaki Abbas](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan can avoid more than 36 per cent in energy expenditure and cut its greenhouse gas emissions by over 50 per cent by 2050 by electrifying its industry, which is heavily reliant on natural gas for heat processes, said a new study. The study, which outlines a roadmap for industrial electrification, is conducted by Berlin-based Agora Energiewende and Islamabad-based Policy Researc..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum demand seen rising to 20.9m tonnes by FY30

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-17

KARACHI: Pakistan's petroleum demand is expected to record steady growth over the next five years, with total consumption projected to rise from 18.64 million metric tonnes in FY2025-26 to 20.92 million metric tonnes by FY2029-30, according to an oil sector report. The projections point to rising demand for major petroleum products, particularly motor gasoline (mogas) and high-speed diese..... [more >>](#)

Running on empty

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#), 2026-05-18

The pain of paying your gas bill on time only to find that the gas is either not coming or the pressure is too low when you try to use the stove is one that most Pakistanis are all too familiar with. While these struggles may have been exacerbated by the ongoing fallout of the Middle East conflict, they are not limited to crisis times. In fact, the latest IMF staff report on Pakistan suggests that..... [more >>](#)

IMF questions Pakistan's Rs3.4tr gas circular debt plan, seeks clarifications

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-05-18

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised concerns over Pakistan's proposed gas circular debt management plan, questioning key measures including a proposed petroleum levy and the use of state-owned company dividends to retire liabilities, officials familiar with the discussions said. The government recently presented a plan to the IMF as part of ongoing negotiations und..... [more >>](#)

Balochistan to get additional 100MW electricity from Iran

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-05-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has approved the import of an additional 100 megawatts of electricity from Iran, increasing total electricity supply for Balochistan's coastal region to 204MW. The move aims to improve electricity availability in Gwadar and nearby districts, where national grid currently supplies only 40-45MW continuously. In a decision on May 13, the National Electric Power Regulatory [more >>](#)

Govt plans settlement with K-Electric, IPPs to cut circular debt by Rs300bn IMF informed about details

Source: [Rana Ghulam Qadir, The News, International](#), 2026-05-18

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has prepared a plan to resolve the legal dispute with K-Electric and finalise agreements with all Independent Power Producers (IPPs) as part of efforts to reduce the country's circular debt burden. The government estimates that these measures could reduce the annual flow of circular debt by up to Rs300 billion. The government has shared details of the plan [more >>](#)

Power consumers to get Rs63.9bn relief in 3 months

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-05-20

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers across Pakistan, including K-Electric customers, are set to receive a potential relief of about Rs63.94 billion in three months as the power regulator reviews a quarterly adjustment request for the first quarter (Jan-March) of 2026. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Tuesday held a public hearing on the Discos adjustment petitions covering..... [more >>](#)

Govt launches international outreach for Discos sale

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-05-20

ISLAMABAD: The government of Pakistan has formally invited expressions of interest (EOIs) from local and international investors for the privatisation of three major electricity distribution companies: Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (Fesco); Gujranwala Electric Power Company (Gepco); and Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco). The three entities, collectively designated as the 'Batch..... [more >>](#)

OMCs fall short of fuel uplift targets

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2026-05-20

KARACHI: Oil marketing companies (OMCs) are failing to uplift petroleum products from local refineries in line with commitments made during the Product Review Meeting (PRM) for May. Despite directives issued by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), the situation has shown little improvement, according to sources in the oil sector. The upliftment of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) remai..... [more >>](#)

BMG urges Ogra to reject SSGC tariff hike

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-20

KARACHI: Chairperson of the Businessmen Group (BMG) Zubair Motiwala has urged the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) to reject the Estimated Revenue Requirement (ERR) petition submitted by Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) for FY2026-27, warning that any further increase in gas tariffs would damage industry, exports and the wider economy. Speaking at a public hearing on SSGC's ERR petiti..... [more >>](#)

Oil ministry seeks Rs1tr levy cap Warns higher levies risk social stability as petrol tax hits Rs118 per litre

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division has opposed increasing the petroleum levy tax target and suggested cutting it to Rs1 trillion while reducing the rate to Rs50 per litre until global prices remain high, warning that higher levies were creating affordability issues and threatening social stability. The division has submitted its budget 2026-27 recommendations to the finance ministry. Discussions [more >>](#)

Pakistan reopens offshore exploration frontier after two decades

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-20

Pakistan formally reopened its offshore exploration frontier after nearly two decades on Wednesday as the government signed Production Sharing Agreements (PSAs) and Exploration Licences (ELs) for offshore blocks awarded under the Offshore Bid Round 2025. Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik witnessed the signing ceremony for the offshore exploration blocks, which are located in the Indus and [more >>](#)

CNG stations in K-P set to reopen today

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday announced that Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations across the province will resume operations from Thursday (today), bringing much-needed relief to transporters, motorists, and the general public after weeks of disruption. Addressing a joint press conference in Islamabad alongside K-P opposition leader Dr Ebadullah and Prov..... [more >>](#)

Jamaat-i-Islami assails petroleum levy in FCC

Source: [Nasir Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-19

ISLAMABAD: Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Monday approached the Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) against the petroleum levy, arguing that the government had effectively granted itself unrestricted power to tax citizens through executive notifications without parliamentary oversight. The government had announced a petroleum and carbon levy on June 14, [more >>](#)

Wapda hydel output crosses 6,100MW

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-19

LAHORE: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) has said that hydel generation hit 6,118 megawatts during Sunday night's peak hours, crossing 6,100MW after the Indus River System Authority (Irsa) raised water releases from reservoirs. According to a spokesperson for Wapda, the Tarbela Hydel Power Station contributed 2,332MW, Tarbela 4th Extension 1,095MW, Ghazi Barotha 1,160MW, Ma..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan can buy Russian oil

Source: [Anwar Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-20

WASHINGTON: Pakistan is among the countries that could benefit from a new United States temporary licence allowing selected energy-importing nations to access Russian oil, diplomatic sources told Dawn. The US has introduced a 30-day general licence issued by the US Department of the Treasury to ease immediate supply pressures in global crude markets and provide relief to energy-vulnerable countri..... [more >>](#)

OGDC wins eight strategic sea blocks for oil, gas exploration

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-05-22

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has secured eight offshore exploration blocks under the government's Offshore Bid Round 2025, marking Pakistan's renewed push to revive offshore energy exploration after nearly two decades and tap untapped hydrocarbon reserves in the Arabian Sea. The development was formalised during a high-level signing ceremony held at the M..... [more >>](#)

Parliamentary forum warns fuel levy surge deepens inflation

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-05-22

KARACHI: The Parliamentary Forum on Energy and Economy on Thursday warned that steep increases in the Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) have significantly fuelled inflation, disproportionately burdened low-income households and exposed structural weaknesses in Pakistan's energy and fiscal governance, particularly in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf crisis. It added that the petroleum levy s..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan reopens offshore oil hunt after 18-year pause

Source: [Israr Khan & Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Wednesday reopened its offshore energy frontier to oil and gas exploration after an almost 18-year pause, signing agreements for 23 deepwater blocks in a major push to reshape the country's economic future and reduce dependence on imported fuel. The agreements secure an immediate investment commitment of \$82 million for seismic and geological studies, with the potenti..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan secures \$1.2bn oil facility from KSA

Source: [Mateen Haider, The News, International](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has availed itself of \$1.2 billion oil facility from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), as the country received \$100 million per month from May 2025 to April 2026. "Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) provided an oil facility of \$1.2 billion from May 2025 till April 2026. The SFD provided \$100 million per month basis. The last tranche of this oil facility has just been avai..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan seeks AIIB backing for power grid expansion

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Wednesday sought fresh investment from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for a major north-south electricity transmission corridor aimed at moving surplus low-cost power from the country's south to energy-starved northern regions. Federal Power Minister Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari made the pitch during talks with a high-level AIIB delegation led by K..... [more >>](#)

Power generation falls 9.6pc in April

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-05-21

KARACHI: Power generation in Pakistan fell 9.6 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in April 2026 to 9,499 GWh, compared with 10,513 GWh in the same month last year, amid fuel supply disruptions and subdued electricity demand. According to industry data, total power generation during the first 10 months of FY2026 reached 102,630 GWh, marking a modest 2.0 per cent increase from a year earlier. On a month-o..... [more >>](#)

Grid electricity sales fall 11pc over three years: report

Source: [Waqar Gillani, The News, International](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's grid electricity sales have declined by 11 per cent over the past three years as consumers increasingly shift to solar power systems, according to the Pakistan Electricity Review 2026. The annual report, published by Renewables First, an Islamabad-based energy and environment think tank, said grid electricity sales fell from 125 terawatt-hours (TWh) in the fiscal year [more >>](#)

KP to resume CNG station operations after gas supply agreement

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-20

Faisal Karim Kundi has announced that CNG stations across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will resume operations from Thursday, following an agreement on gas supply allocation. Speaking at a joint press conference with Opposition Leader Dr Ibadullah and provincial finance adviser Muzammil Aslam, the governor said all stakeholders had agreed to resolve public issues despite political differences. Punjab P..... [more >>](#)

Energy Independence

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-22

Pakistan's energy crisis cannot be solved through temporary relief alone. Favourable supply deals may ease pressure for a few months, and the rapid spread of solar panels may reduce some household dependence on the grid. But as long as the country remains structurally dependent on imported fossil fuels, its economy will remain exposed to global shocks, foreign exchange pressures and geopolit..... [more >>](#)

Temporary shutdown of gas in several areas of Karachi

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-23

SSGC has announced gas load-shedding in several areas of Karachi due to pipeline work started at Trans Karachi's request. According to the utility company, the project involves lowering a 20-inch high-pressure gas pipeline near the BRT route at Nipa. SSGC said the work is scheduled to begin on Saturday at 10:00 PM and continue until Sunday at 5:00 AM as part of a planned shutdown. How..... [more >>](#)

Govt cuts petrol, diesel prices again Petrol down by Rs6, diesel by Rs6.80 per litre

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-23

ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday slashed the prices of petrol and diesel by up to Rs6.80 per litre for the next fortnight effective from May 23. This is the second week the consumers are enjoying reduction in prices of high speed diesel and petrol. Even, after the fresh reduction, the prices of petrol and high speed diesel stood still above the Rs 400 per litre. The Ministry of Energy's..... [more >>](#)

Fake electricity subsidy links spread online

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-23

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Energy's Power Division on Friday warned electricity consumers against fraudulent schemes involving fake links and QR codes being circulated by criminal elements to steal personal data under the guise of the government's electricity subsidy programme. In an advisory, the Power Division said consumers were being lured into clicking suspicious links and completin..... [more >>](#)

Govt cuts petrol price by Rs6, diesel by Rs6.80

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-23

The federal government on Friday reduced the price of petrol by Rs6 per litre and high-speed diesel by Rs6.80 per litre for the next week, according to a notification issued by the Petroleum Division. Under the revised prices, petrol will now be available at Rs402.98 per litre, while high-speed diesel will cost Rs403.58 per litre. The Petroleum Division said the revised prices would take effect [more >>](#)

Sins of elites and high energy costs

Source: [Imtiaz Gul/Engineer Arshad H Abbasi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-23

When the sixth-largest global nuclear power blames the IMF or Chinese IPPs for high energy prices and austerity measures that hit the poor the hardest, something must be fundamentally wrong. The IMF did not create Pakistan's circular debt, but the suit-donning, greedy, self-serving executioners in Islamabad did. The real rot began when the PML-N government cleared Rs480 billion in circular de..... [more >>](#)

'USD53bn' ISP 2025-35; PTI slams govt's bid to secure approval from Nepra

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-22

ISLAMABAD: The opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Thursday criticised the government's attempt to secure approval from the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) for a USD 53 billion Integrated System Plan (ISP) 2025-2035, saying it lacked independent verification and posed risks to the country's energy sector. Talking to reporters, PTI spokesman Sheikh Waq..... [more >>](#)

The UAE's oil paradox: more production today, less dependence tomorrow

Source: [Zahid Maqsood Sheikh](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-22

The United Arab Emirates' decision to leave OPEC and OPEC+ signals a shift toward greater control over its economic future. For decades, the UAE has worked to reduce its dependence on oil, but oil wealth remains essential to financing its transition to a more diversified economy. This decision comes at a critical time. The ongoing Iran-Israel-US conflict has escalated regional instabili..... [more >>](#)

Bhasha, Tarbela projects; Minister concerned at manifold increase in projects' costs

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-22

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal expressed serious concern and strong resentment over a Rs 5 billion cost escalation caused by delays in the PC-I approval of the Diamer Bhasha Dam Project and weak project management. The minister also expressed resentment over the increase in originally estimated expenditures, which have risen from Rs 8..... [more >>](#)

'No third-party validation'; Nepra's nod sought for USD53bn ISP 2025-35

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday sought National Electric Power Regulatory Authority's approval for the Integrated System Plan (ISP) 2025-35, estimated at over USD53 billion, without third-party validation, amid concerns of a potential increase of around Rs4 per unit in electricity prices and criticism from industry stakeholders. The two-day public hearing was presided over by NEP..... [more >>](#)

Centre agrees to provide gas to KP CNG sector

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

PESHAWAR: Federal government has agreed to provide 35 MMCFD natural gas to CNG sectors of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and reopening of CNG stations from today (Thursday). This was announced by Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi after holding successful negotiations with a federal committee over gas supply issues. Addressing a joint press conference here on Wednesday along Leader of th..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's gas market cannot survive reform delay

Source: [Dr. Nadeem ul Haque and Shahid Sattar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

Pakistan's gas sector is no longer facing a temporary imbalance. It has entered a structural decline. The continued failure to reform SNGPL and SSGC is damaging industrial competitiveness, discouraging exploration investment, increasing LNG dependence and weakening Pakistan's long-term energy security. For years, policymakers treated the gas crisis as a supply shortage problem. It..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's accidental energy revolution

Source: [Saqib Ur Rehman Mughal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

When conflict escalated in the Middle East earlier this year and the Strait of Hormuz came under threat, most energy-importing nations braced for severe disruption. Pakistan, remarkably, did not. There were no prolonged fuel shortages, no return to the crippling load shedding of 2022. The reason was neither government preparedness nor diplomacy. It was solar panels — installed by millions of..... [more >>](#)

Power generation stutters

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

Pakistan's national grid power generation continues to recover at a frustratingly slow pace. At 99 billion kilowatt hours during 10MFY26, cumulative generation remained nearly 8 percent below the peak recorded in the same period of FY22. Output was even lower than FY21 levels and only marginally higher than last year, underscoring how far the system still is from reclaiming earlier demand hi..... [more >>](#)

Burshane LPG (Pakistan) Limited

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

Burshane LPG (Pakistan) Limited (PSX: BPL) was incorporated in Pakistan as a limited liability company. The company is engaged in the storing, marketing and trading of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) throughout Pakistan and trading of low pressure regulators (LPR). Pattern of Shareholding As of June 30, 2025, BPL has a total of 22.489 million shares outstanding which are held by 1175 share..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's petroleum revenue machine gears up

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-20

Pakistan's fiscal dependence on petroleum consumers is no longer cyclical. It is becoming structural. The latest IMF country report lays bare the scale of that dependence. By FY27, cumulative revenues from Petroleum Levy (PL), and the newly introduced carbon levy (CL) are projected to touch nearly Rs1.8 trillion, more than six times the level seen just five years ago. Excluding customs [more >>](#)

Consumers set to receive Rs1.93/unit relief for 3 months

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-20

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers across the country, including Karachi, are set to receive relief of Rs1.93 per unit in their bills for three months after the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) approved, in principle, a negative adjustment of about Rs64 billion for the first quarter (January–March) of 2026. The relief is primarily driven by higher electricity consumpti..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price cut by Rs6, diesel Rs6.80 per litre

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-23

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has decreased the petrol and diesel prices by Rs6 and Rs6.80 per litre, respectively, for the next week. In a notification issued on Friday, the Petroleum Division said new fuel rates will come into effect from May 23. Following the decrease, the price of petrol stands at Rs403.78 per litre and HSD at Rs402.78. In the previous weekly review, the government sl..... [more >>](#)

Crude oil imports jump 38pc

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-23

KARACHI: Pakistan's crude oil imports rose sharply in April 2026 after the country maintained supplies despite disruptions linked to tensions affecting shipping routes in the Gulf, according to oil industry data. The data showed that Pakistan imported 1.059 million tonnes of crude oil in April, compared with 765,263 tonnes in March, reflecting an increase of around 38 per cent month-on-month..... [more >>](#)

Fake subsidy links

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-23

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Energy's Power Division on Friday warned electricity consumers against fraudulent activities being carried out by hackers and criminal elements under the guise of a government subsidy scheme. In an advisory issued for consumers, the Power Division spokesperson said certain elements were attempting to steal users' personal information through fake QR codes an..... [more >>](#)

FPCCI rejects govt's power plan

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-24

LAHORE: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has objected to the Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2025-35, submitting its observations to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) following a public hearing on May 20. In a letter through its Energy Advisory Committee, the FPCCI said the PLEXOS costing methodology underpinning IGC..... [more >>](#)

Parliamentary caucus warns against using fuel levy as revenue measure

Source: [Zaki Abbas, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-22

ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentary Forum on Energy and Economy warned that steep increases in the Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) in the wake of the war in Iran have significantly fuelled inflation, disproportionately burdened low-income households, and exposed deep structural failures in Pakistan's energy and fiscal governance. Speaking at a high-level policy briefing, the forum said that the p..... [more >>](#)

Lesco labs recover over 14.7m pending units thru advanced system

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#) , 2026-05-25

LAHORE: The Metering and Testing (M&T) East and West data downloading labs have demonstrated outstanding performance by recovering a total of 14,724,144 pending units from replaced meters since January this year, under the directives of Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) Chief Executive Officer Engineer M Ramzan Butt. According to a Lesco spokesperson, this major recovery drive was closel..... [more >>](#)

Energy security

Source: [Omais Abdur Rehman, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-25

EVERY conflict eventually finds its own narrative of victory. The US-Iran confrontation will follow the same script, with both sides claiming strategic success. Yet, for Pakistan, the risk of becoming collateral damage in a geopolitical conflict needs serious consideration. Since 1963, from the Arab-Israeli conflict to the OPEC embargo, each disturbance has jolted Pakistan's economy as fuel [more >>](#)

Govt plans Wapda security force for water projects

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-25

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to create a new "Wapda Security Force" to provide dedicated security to major water sector infrastructure projects across the country and associated workers, particularly those from China. The force is being created through the Wapda Security Force Act, 2026, which has already been forwarded to parliament. "The Wapda Security Force is being..... [more >>](#)

Energy security

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-25

The recent push to establish a strategic oil reserve is a much-needed solution that would have been timely about 20 years ago, when the country was flush with dollars, and several economists had floated the idea. Back then, the country was also dealing with record-high oil prices, but the ruling class decided that it was better to ride out the wave rather than build a buffer to protect the poor. T..... [more >>](#)

IESCO notifies power suspension programme

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-24

ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Saturday issued a power suspension programme for Sunday in various areas of its region due to necessary maintenance and routine development work. According to an IESCO spokesperson, electricity supply will remain suspended in Rawalpindi Cantt Circle, from 6:00 am to 11:00 am, from Mehboob Shaheed, Ex Lawyer, Mohra Nagyal, Fouji Foundatio..... [more >>](#)

Govt collects more through petroleum levy than 2 IMF packages

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-25

ISLAMABAD - The incumbent government's collection of Rs2.725 trillion (or approximately \$9.8 billion) on account of petroleum levy has surpassed the combined Rs2,340 billion (\$8.4 billion) value of Pakistan's two ongoing IMF loan programmes. The federal government collected a massive Rs2.725 trillion in petroleum levy on various petroleum products in two years, from April 2024 to March..... [more >>](#)

Vessels carrying ME oil, LNG exit Hormuz, head for Pakistan, China

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-26

SINGAPORE: Two liquefied natural gas tankers are exiting the Strait of Hormuz on Monday, heading to Pakistan and China, while a supertanker with Iraqi crude for China left the Gulf on Saturday after being stranded for nearly three months, shipping data showed. The US-Israeli war on Iran that began on February 28 has severely curtailed shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, through which around..... [more >>](#)

EoT adjustments for MYT

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-26

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has raised serious objections to K-Electric's proposed claims amounting to nearly Rs100 billion under the End of Term (EoT) adjustments for the Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) period 2017-23, arguing that the bulk of the utility's requests lack merit and do not justify further regulatory consideration. According to well-informed sources in the Power Pla..... [more >>](#)

Nepra approves Rs2.818bn DIP for HAZECO for FY26

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-25

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved a Distribution Investment Plan (DIP) of Rs 2.818 billion, along with provisional transmission and distribution (T&D) loss targets, for Hazara Electric Supply Company Limited (HAZECO) for FY 2025-26, against the company's revised proposal of Rs 4.268 billion. HAZECO had initially submitted its DIP on June 14..... [more >>](#)

The two-tariff solution

Source: [Dr Miftah Ismail](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-26

Governments globally either directly provide, or tightly regulate, the provision of electricity but not the provision of other important commodities such as flour, milk or soap. The logic for this is that the cost of electricity distribution, as opposed to most commodities, including those mentioned above, drastically decreases as more and more consumers are added to the network; societies want t..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan plans oil reserves, storage push as Hormuz constraints expose vulnerabilities

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-26

Pakistan plans to boost domestic storage for crude oil and refined products to increase its energy security, according to a government document that was shared with oil producers and some of the world's leading trading firms. Despite depending on supplies through the Strait of Hormuz for up to 90% of its oil and liquefied natural gas imports, Pakistan has no strategic petroleum res..... [more >>](#)

S M Tanveer urges Nepra to reject Indicative System Plan 2025-35

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-26

ISLAMABAD - S M Tanveer, Patron-in-Chief of the United Business Group (UBG) and former Caretaker Provincial Minister, has strongly urged the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to reject the Indicative System Plan (ISP) 2025-35, calling for a fundamental redesign of the flawed energy roadmap. In a press statement, Tanveer highlighted that Pakistan already holds 40,000MW of install..... [more >>](#)

Crude oil and refined products; Govt plans to boost storage

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-27

KARACHI: Pakistan plans to boost domestic storage for crude oil and refined products to increase its energy security, according to a government document that was shared with oil producers and some of the world's leading trading firms. Despite depending on supplies through the Strait of Hormuz for up to 90% of its oil and liquefied natural gas imports, Pakistan has no strategic petroleum..... [more >>](#)

FESCO sets up emergency response centers

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-26

FAISALABAD: On the directives of the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), Chief Executive Officer of Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO), Engr Muhammad Aamer has established emergency response centers across the region to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply during the Eid-ul-Azha holidays. All field staff have been assigned special duties, while a central control room has been set [more >>](#)

'Iesco ensures uninterrupted power supply'

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-26

ISLAMABAD: Iesco Chief Executive Engineer Ch. Khalid Mahmood has extended Eid-ul-Adha greetings to valued consumers and stated that, as always, all possible measures have been finalised to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply across the entire IESCO region during the joyous occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. He said that a central control room established in Islamabad will monitor 114 grid stations,..... [more >>](#)

Jl chief slams petroleum levy, accuses rulers of lavish spending amid economic crisis

Source: [Jamal Khurshid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-24

Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Friday criticised the government for rising petroleum levies, saying that the rulers were burdening ordinary citizens with excessive taxation while continuing with extravagant spending. Addressing a press conference at the Idara Noor-e-Haq, the Karachi JI headquarters, he said his party had already launched a countrywide movement against inflation..... [more >>](#)

Solar boom challenges coal reliance: report

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-24

KARACHI: The share of renewable energy in Pakistan's power mix has grown from negligible levels to a substantial contribution within a few years, but the country has yet to signal a clear commitment to the rapid transition away from coal that is underway globally. According to Boom and Bust 2026, the Global Energy Monitor's (GEM) annual report on the global coal fleet, Pakistan is wit..... [more >>](#)

Petrol pump owners urge PM to scrap weekly fuel pricing cycle

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's national association of petrol pump operators on Saturday urged Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to abandon the government's weekly fuel-pricing mechanism, saying that constant price swings are destabilising thousands of fuel stations and undermining confidence in the country's petroleum market. In a letter addressed directly to the prime minister, Vice Chairp..... [more >>](#)

PL rates adjusted without altering revenue target

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-24

ISLAMABAD: The government has maintained its overall revenue target while adjusting the petroleum levy (PL) rates. The levy on petrol has been reduced, while the rate for High-Speed Diesel (HSD) has been increased with effect from May 23, 2026 in a weekly review of petroleum products prices. According to the notification, the petroleum levy on HSD has jumped by Rs 15.40, rising to Rs 58 per l..... [more >>](#)

KE CEO vows to resolve issues facing SITE industries

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-24

KARACHI: Committing to curbing illegal electricity connections and power theft while accelerating infrastructure upgrades for SITE industries, newly appointed K-Electric Chief Executive Officer Syed Muhammad Taha pledged significant improvements in the utility's service delivery and vowed swift resolution of long-standing grievances of industrialists during a visit to the SITE Association of..... [more >>](#)

Steep increases in PDL significantly fuelled inflation: Parliamentary Forum

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-22

ISLAMABAD - The Parliamentary Forum on Energy and Economy on Thursday pointed out that steep increases in the Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) have significantly fuelled inflation, disproportionately burdened low income households. It also exposed deep structural failures in Pakistan's energy and fiscal governance, particularly in the wake of the Persian Gulf crisis, saying that under no cir..... [more >>](#)

Energy Independence

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-22

Pakistan's energy crisis cannot be solved through temporary relief alone. Favourable supply deals may ease pressure for a few months, and the rapid spread of solar panels may reduce some household dependence on the grid. But as long as the country remains structurally dependent on imported fossil fuels, its economy will remain exposed to global shocks, foreign exchange pressures and geopolit..... [more >>](#)

Minister assures uninterrupted supply of gas, electricity on Eid

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-29

LAHORE: Minister for Housing & Urban Development Bilal Yasin said that all cabinet members and officers will remain present in the field during all three days of Eidul Azha and animal waste will be collected from every doorstep. The uninterrupted supply of gas, electricity, and water will also be ensured. The minister shared this information while addressing a press conference at Wasa Headqua..... [more >>](#)

Islamabad plans oil reserves, storage push

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-27

KARACHI: Pakistan plans to boost domestic storage for crude oil and refined products to increase its energy security, according to a government document that was shared with oil producers and some of the world's leading trading firms. Despite depending on supplies through the Strait of Hormuz for up to 90 per cent of its oil and liquefied natural gas imports, Pakistan has no strategic petro..... [more >>](#)

Govt cuts petrol, diesel prices by Rs22

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-30

The government announced a reduction of Rs22 per litre in the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) each on Friday. Last week, the government cut the prices of petrol and diesel by Rs6-7 per litre each with immediate effect for the week ending May 29 owing to lower global prices. Following the last reduction, the price of HSD stood at Rs402.78 per litre and that of petrol at Rs403.78 per [more >>](#)

PM announces reduction of Rs22 in petrol, diesel prices

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-30

ISLAMABAD: The government cut petrol and diesel prices by Rs22 per litre each on Friday, as tumbling global crude markets gave Islamabad room to deliver on promise of public relief. Effective May 30, petrol will sell at Rs381.78 per litre, down from Rs403.78, while high-speed diesel (HSD) drops to Rs380.78 from Rs402.78. It follows more modest cuts of Rs6 and Rs6.80 per litre respectively just [more >>](#)

Petroleum exports stay resilient in July-April period

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2026-05-30

KARACHI: Petroleum exports remained robust during the period from July 2025 to April 2026, with strong shipment activity recorded for fuel oil, naphtha and condensate products. The latest export figures showed steady performance from the country's major export terminals, including Keamari and FOTCO, despite challenges in the international energy market. High sulphur fuel oil (HSFO) remained..... [more >>](#)

COMMENT: Why circular debt surge as tariff increases

Source: [Mansoor Ahmad, The News, International](#), 2026-05-30

LAHORE: The increase in circular debt with every tariff increase belies logic. Circular debt should have vanished had the energy sector in Pakistan operated on global best practices. Pakistan's power consumers continue to suffer under crushing electricity bills, yet the country's circular debt keeps expanding like a bottomless pit. Every few months' tariffs are increased in the [more >>](#)

Govt slashes jet fuel price by Rs48 per litre

Source: [Aftab Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-30

KARACHI: The government on Saturday provided major relief to airlines and aviation companies by reducing the price of jet fuel for large aircraft by Rs48.80 per litre. A day earlier, the government announced a reduction in petroleum prices, slashing both petrol and high-speed diesel by Rs22 per litre, in a move that was presented as an "Eidul Azha gift" for the public on the third [more >>](#)

Petrol, HSD prices cut by Rs22 per litre each

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-30

ISLAMABAD: In a major relief to consumers, the government has announced a 5.5 percent reduction in the prices of petrol and High-Speed Diesel (HSD), cutting both by Rs22 per litre. The decision, managed within the country's petroleum levy budgetary targets, comes on the back of falling international crude prices and a strengthening Pakistani rupee. Effective May 30, the new price of pet..... [more >>](#)

The tide is turning

Source: [Dr Farrukh Saleem, The News, International](#), 2026-05-31

Twenty years. That is how long Pakistan went without opening its offshore frontier to new bids. On Wednesday, May 20, the government awarded 23 exploration blocks covering approximately 54,600 square kilometres of the country's maritime waters. Initial investment into phase one: \$82 million. Projected investment into phase two: \$1 billion. Now consider this. Since its independence, 78 years..... [more >>](#)

Asif highlights power consumers' plight

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2026-05-31

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif has drawn attention to the difficulties faced by ordinary electricity consumers by sharing a personal account from his domestic worker's village, where residents had to collect donations to pay for transformer repairs despite being regular bill payers. In a post on X, he wrote: "The transformer in my domestic worker's village bur..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price be reduced to Rs250 per litre, demands Naeem

Source: [Jamal Khurshid, The News, International](#), 2026-05-31

Jamaat-e-islami (JI) Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Saturday demanded that petrol prices be reduced to Rs250 per litre, industrial electricity tariffs be fixed at nine cents per unit as per regional average, and gas prices be substantially lowered and frozen for at least three years to stabilise the industry and economy. Addressing a press conference at Karachi JI headquarter, Idara Noor-e-Haq, the..... [more >>](#)

ICMA warns rising reliance on imported fuels threatens energy security

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-05-31

KARACHI: The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA) has warned that the country's increasing reliance on imported oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) is heightening economic and energy security risks. In its report on Pakistan's fossil fuel import industry, the ICMA observed that declining domestic energy reserves and rising demand have made the country increa..... [more >>](#)

Imported fuels spark energy security fears

Source: [Shahram Haq, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-31

LAHORE: Pakistan's increasing dependence on imported fossil fuels is exposing the economy to mounting fiscal and energy security risks amid declining domestic gas reserves and rising industrial demand. A detailed report and SWOT analysis released by the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA) highlighted that Pakistan's energy mix continues to rely heavily on oil,..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum imports up by 1.63pc to \$13.5b in 10 months

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-31

ISLAMABAD - The imports of the overall petroleum group witnessed an increase of 1.63 percent during the first ten months of the current fiscal year (2025-26) as compared to the corresponding months of the last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. The total imports of the petroleum group during July-April (2025-26) stood at \$13,517.296 million against the imports of \$13,300.214 m..... [more >>](#)

Waste-to-energy; 18-member task force to design policy

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-31

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has constituted an 18-member task force to develop a comprehensive national policy on waste-to-energy (WtE), aimed at addressing regulatory gaps and promoting investment in the sector. According to an official notification issued by the Power Division, the task force has been formed on the directives of the Prime Minister to review the existing framework and [more >>](#)

Lesco asks officers to achieve recovery targets

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-31

LAHORE: The management of the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has assigned special monitoring responsibilities to various officers as part of efforts to strengthen its recovery campaign and ensure the achievement of financial targets before the end of the fiscal year. According to a LESCO spokesperson, under a recently issued schedule, the designated officers will monitor running defau..... [more >>](#)

Tokenising Pakistan's energy crisis

Source: [Dr Sardar Mohazzam, The News, International](#), 2026-05-31

The power sector in Pakistan remains in a tailspin. The so-called circular debt has been maintained above the Rs 2.4 trillion level since early 2025 and the country continues to pay huge fixed capacity charges to the independent power producers. Home and business solar installations are the new trend. This has led to a shrinking paying customer base [more >>](#)

Power at night, water by day: Hyd tries new fix for old crisis

Source: [Z Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-26

HYDERABAD: In yet another attempt to break the cycle of blame and breakdowns, authorities in Hyderabad have proposed an unusual fix for the city's worsening water crisis - uninterrupted nighttime electricity supply to water pumping stations - but the plan raises as many questions as it seeks to answer. The proposal emerged from a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Zainul Abedin Memon on [more >>](#)

ME crisis poses significant risks to Pakistan's macroeconomic stability, warns NA panel

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD - National Assembly Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue on Thursday observed that the ongoing Middle East crisis poses significant risks to Pakistan's macroeconomic stability through potential disruptions in global oil markets, supply chains, and trade routes, contributing to inflationary pressures, rising import and freight costs, and continued strain on foreign exchange res..... [more >>](#)

Senate panel voices grave concerns over high power tariffs, over-invoicing

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD - A Senate panel on Tuesday voiced grave concerns over surging electricity tariffs and allegations of over-invoicing in the power sector, calling for a comprehensive investigation into all independent power producers (IPPs) and directing National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to submit a detailed report on capacity payments, energy payments and agreement extensions of the p..... [more >>](#)

NA panel concerned over growing burden of circular debt, slow pace of reforms in SOEs

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-26

ISLAMABAD - National Assembly Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue on Monday expressed concern over the growing burden of circular debt, the slow pace of reforms in state-owned enterprises and the rising socioeconomic pressures caused by inflation, unemployment, and poverty. Committee Chairman Syed Naveed Qamar observed that continued reliance on indirect taxation and petroleum levies instea..... [more >>](#)

KSA praised for helping Pakistan meet energy needs

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

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki appreciated Pakistan's constructive role in promoting peace and regional stability, and acknowledged Pakistan's continued efforts towards fostering stability in the region. Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik held a meeting with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They discussed matters of mutu..... [more >>](#)

Kuwait, Pakistan eye strategic fuel storage

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD: Kuwait agreed on Tuesday to "explore new opportunities" to build strategic storage in Pakistan's petroleum sector, according to a statement from the Petroleum Division, which added that the initiative could result in mutual benefit for both sides. The assurance came during a meeting between Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik and Kuwait's Ambassador to Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

Rising fuel prices drive surge in demand for e-bikes in Rawalpindi

Source: [Aamir Yasin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-18

With petrol prices soaring, more and more people, especially from the middle class, have found electronic bikes to be a cheaper substitute for petrol-driven motorcycles. The growing sale of e-bikes has also increased production. Locally manufactured e-bikes are available from Rs130,000 to Rs300,000 and are cheaper than many petrol-driven bikes. Walking from Waris Khan Police Station to Banni..... [more >>](#)

Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project advancing towards carbon market registration

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD - The Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project (T5) is advancing towards carbon market registration and has achieved a significant milestone in WAPDA's engagement with international carbon markets. The Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project (T5) has achieved a significant milestone in WAPDA's engagement with international carbon markets, said a statement issued here Thursda..... [more >>](#)

Renewable and Clean Energy Technologies

Lessons from US-Iran War - alternative energy

Source: [Inam Ul Haque](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-14

Last week we began discussing lessons from the US-Israeli war on Iran. The Pakistan-mediated peace effort has hit roadblocks. This week's Irani demands of lifting US maritime blockade, recognition of Irani sovereignty over Hormuz, sanctions relief, guarantees about permanent peace, simultaneous cessation of hostilities in Lebanon and war reparations to Iran have been rejected by Washington, wh..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz charts course for renewable-led energy future

Source: [Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-06

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday chaired a high-level review meeting on reform measures in the power sector, directing authorities to formulate a comprehensive strategy to meet future energy needs through renewable sources. Chairing the meeting at the Prime Minister's Office, the prime minister emphasised that increased electricity generation from hydropower, solar energy..... [more >>](#)

Cost of inconsistency

Source: [Fasih Ahmed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-07

The lesson hit home for many. Hundreds of thousands of Pakistanis – middle-income households, shopkeepers and small business owners – invested in rooftop solar power on a simple promise. They would be able to offset their investment by providing surplus electricity to the national grid through net metering, a unit-for-unit exchange. It was a win-win. Then the government floated the id..... [more >>](#)

500MW floating solar project planned

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-07

SLAMABAD: The government has planned a 500 megawatt floating solar power project at Keenjhar Lake in Sindh to generate clean, renewable energy and reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels, according to official documents. The \$243.63 million project will generate about 861.91 gigawatt-hours of electricity annually, with a capacity factor of 19.6%, and will supply power to K-Electric under a long..... [more >>](#)

Battery storage system is missing link in Pakistan's solar revolution

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

ISLAMABAD: Solarisation shielded Pakistan from the energy crisis that engulfed the globe following the US-Israel's war on Iran, energy experts said, hoping that the ongoing crunch — described by one panelist as the 'black swan event' — would spur a battery storage revolution in the country. Speaking at a panel discussion titled 'Empowering Pakistan's..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan sees sharp shift in power mix as solar capacity climbs: analysis

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-14

KARACHI: Pakistan's electricity mix is undergoing a rapid transformation, with fossil fuel generation losing share while nuclear and decentralised solar capacity expand at an accelerating pace, according to an analysis published on X by independent analyst Chris Meder on Tuesday. The share of fossil fuels in Pakistan's power generation mix has declined to about 44 per cent from rough..... [more >>](#)

Bring the sailors home

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

Over three weeks have passed since the oil tanker MT Honour 25 was hijacked by Somali pirates and taken to the coast of Eyl in Puntland, a semi-autonomous region of Somalia. From there, the pirates have been demanding

ransom payments from the countries from which the ship's crew hail, and from the owners of the ship itself. After being boarded by about 50 pirates, supplies onboard meant for th..... [more >>](#)

PM for road map to generate power from solid waste

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday ordered the development of a comprehensive roadmap to generate electricity from solid waste, as part of efforts to modernise waste management and promote renewable energy in the country. Chairing a high-level meeting on solid waste management, the prime minister directed the formation of a dedicated task force to propose a detailed strategy [more >>](#)

'Lahore bio-gas plant to produce 3,200 kgs of fuel-grade gas daily'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-13

LAHORE: A compressed bio-gas plant established in Lahore will have the capacity of producing approximately 3,200 kilograms of fuel-grade gas daily, provincial energy department officials said on Tuesday. Punjab Minister for Energy Faisal Ayub Khokhar visited the compressed bio-gas plant located in Gujjar Colony, Lahore, where Chief Executive Officer Adnan Mudassar briefed him on the facility&..... [more >>](#)

PM forms task force to develop national waste-to-energy policy

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday approved the formation of a task force to develop a national waste-to-energy policy, aimed at promoting sustainable energy solutions and encouraging private sector investment. According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office, the task force will review the existing framework for waste-to-energy projects in the country, e..... [more >>](#)

The sun rises over Gilgit: A solar bet on Pakistan's northern frontier

Source: [Mehru Nisa Javed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-16

When Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif stood in Gilgit on 7 May 2026 and pinned a firm completion date of mid 2027 on the 100 megawatt solar scheme for Gilgit-Baltistan, it was easy to dismiss the moment as another ribbon cutting in a long calendar of them. Pakistan does not lack for inaugurations. What it lacks is delivery. So the meaningful question is not whether the Prime Minister visited GB. It i..... [more >>](#)

Waste-to-Energy

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

The formation of a task force to devise a policy on waste-to-energy projects is a strategic admission that the country's waste management is an untapped resource. This initiative is a commendable step, as it addresses two of the nation's most chronic failures simultaneously: an overburdened, polluting waste system and a fragile, expensive energy grid. The necessity of exploring inno..... [more >>](#)

Questioning watts — a flawed pricing system

Source: [Abis Husein](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-18

Pakistan's solar market has grown rapidly in recent years. Rising electricity tariffs, falling panel prices, and growing concerns over unreliable power supply have pushed homes, businesses, and industries towards solar energy. This is a positive shift. Solar can reduce bills, improve energy security, and support the country's long-term energy transition. But as the market has grown, o..... [more >>](#)

Existing solar consumers: IMF shows concerns over net metering policy

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has expressed concerns over net metering policy for existing solar consumers in Pakistan, while describing net billing model as being in line with international standards. According to IMF, existing solar consumers have been exempted from new model, which means cross-subsidisation from electricity grid to solar users will continue. The IMF report [more >>](#)

Govt orders solar backlog clearance

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-22

ISLAMABAD: Taking serious notice of unnecessary delays in energising net-metered solar connections, the Power Division on Thursday ordered the clearance of the backlog of 1,355 applications within 10 days. According to an order seen by Dawn, the Power Information Technology Company (PITC) — a subsidiary of the Power Division — reported on Wednesday that ex-Wapda distribution company..... [more >>](#)

Lithium batteries: Solar's Second Act

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-25

Pakistan's solar story is no longer about explosive takeoff. That phase is over. What comes next may prove even more consequential. By the end of 10MFY26, Pakistan's cumulative solar panel imports had reached 54,711MW, quietly surpassing the country's entire grid-based installed power capacity from just a year ago. The sheer scale is staggering for a market that, until recent..... [more >>](#)

Renewable energy, mining assets can transform capital markets: ICMA

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-05-26

KARACHI: Pakistan can unlock a new era of capital market growth by channelling investment in renewable energy and mineral resources into structured financial instruments, according to a study released by the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA). The research, published in ICMA's Chartered Management Accountant Journal, highlighted that the country's rapidly [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagements

High-Level Meeting with IMF Resident Representative

MENAP region: ME conflict may create 'significant' economic slowdown: IMF

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD: Dr Mahir Binici, Resident Representative of International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Pakistan, has said that the ongoing Middle East conflict is likely to create a significant economic slowdown and heightened risks across the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MENAP) region. He was speaking at an outreach session here at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), wh..... [more >>](#)

IMF official warns ME conflict to affect regional growth

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-02

Islamabad: Dr Mahir Binici, Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Pakistan, has said that the ongoing Middle East conflict is likely to create a significant economic slowdown and heightened risks across the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MENAP) region. Dr Binici was speaking at a session to present "IMF's April 2026 Regional Economic Outlo..... [more >>](#)

IMF official Dr. Mahir Binici warns ME conflict to affect regional growth, asks Pakistan to implement continued reforms

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD, May 01 (SABAH): Dr. Mahir Binici, Resident Representative of International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Pakistan, has said that the ongoing Middle East conflict is likely to create a significant economic slowdown and heightened risks across the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MENAP) region. Dr. Mahir Binici was speaking at an outreach session here at Sustainable Developm..... [more >>](#)

IMF warns of economic slowdown

Source: [Irshad Ansari](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has warned that the ongoing Middle East conflict will significantly slow economic growth across the MENAP region in 2026, posing serious risks to countries like Pakistan. The MENAP region, which stands for Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, is a strategically important economic corridor connecting three continents. The warning [more >>](#)

ME conflict to slow MENAP economies: IMF

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD: The ongoing Middle East conflict is likely to create a significant economic slowdown and heightened risks across the MENAP region, IMF Resident Representative Dr Mahir Binici said at an outreach session at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). The outbreak of war on February 28 has triggered a severe shock, disrupting energy markets, trade routes and financial conditi..... [more >>](#)

Cautious policies, reforms essential for economic stability in Pakistan: IMF representative

Source: [Dunya News](#), [Dunya News](#), 2026-05-02

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News) - The Resident Representative of International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Pakistan Dr Mahir Binici on Friday said that for economic stability in Pakistan, cautious fiscal policy, strict monetary discipline, and ongoing reforms are essential. He said that the ongoing Middle East conflict is likely to create a significant economic slowdown and heightened risks across the Middle E..... [more >>](#)

IMF asks Pakistan to implement reforms amid ME war effects

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2026-05-02

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IMF urges Pakistan to deepen reforms amid MENAP shockSource: [News Desk](#), [Peak Point](#), 2026-05-01

Dr Mahir Binici, the IMF Resident Representative in Pakistan, told an outreach session at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute that the Middle East conflict since February 28 has produced a sharp and multifaceted shock across the MENAP region, with concrete economic consequences for Pakistan. The conflict has disrupted energy markets, trade routes near the Strait of Hormuz and global logi..... [more >>](#)

IMF asks Pakistan to continue reforms implementation amid Middle East crisisSource: [Mrs Anjum Shahnawaz](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD, May 1, 2026 – The International Monetary Fund has urged Pakistan to press ahead with economic reforms to maintain stability as rising tensions in the Middle East create uncertainty across regional and global markets. The IMF's Resident Representative in Pakistan, Mahir Binici, said the ongoing conflict in the Middle East is expected to slow economic activity and increase [more >>](#)

IMF warns Middle East war could deepen Pakistan's economic vulnerabilitiesSource: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD: The ongoing Middle East conflict is expected to trigger a significant economic slowdown and heighten risks across the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MENAP) region, International Monetary Fund (IMF) Resident Representative in Pakistan Dr Mahir Binici said on Thursday. Speaking at an outreach session at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Dr Binici..... [more >>](#)

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IMF Official Warns ME Conflict To Affect Regional Growth, Asks Pakistan To Implement Continued ReformsSource: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-01

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 1st May, 2026) The Resident Representative of International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Pakistan Dr Mahir Binici has said that the ongoing Middle East conflict is likely to create a significant economic slowdown and heightened risks across the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MENAP) region. He was speaking at an outreach session here [more >>](#)

Cautious fiscal policy vital for Pakistan's economic stability: IMF representativeSource: [Shakeel Ahmed](#), [Samaa tv](#), 2026-05-01

The International Monetary Fund's representative in Pakistan, Mahir Binici, has said that cautious fiscal policy and strict monetary discipline are essential for economic stability. Addressing an event organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), he warned that tensions in the Middle East pose risks to the global economy, including Pakistan. He said the conflict has aff..... [more >>](#)

Middle East war poses risks to Pakistan economy, IMF representative warnsSource: [News Desk](#), [24/7News tv](#), 2026-05-01

Rising tensions in the Middle East pose significant risks to both the global and Pakistani economies, an International Monetary Fund (IMF) representative said on Friday. Maher Benyounes, speaking at an event hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), said the ongoing regional conflict had already disrupted key economic channels, increasing uncertainty for countries reliant on [more >>](#)

IMF Official Warns Middle East Conflict Could Slow Regional Growth, Urges Pakistan to Implement Continued ReformsSource: [Bureau Report](#), [Daily Mutik](#), 2026-05-02..... [more >>](#)

مشرق وسطیٰ کشیدگی، خطے اور پاکستان کی معیشت خطرے سے دوچار آئی ایم ایف

Source: [Tanveer Hashmi, Daily Jang](#), 2026-05-02

اسلام آباد(تنویر ہاشمی) آئی ایم ایف نے کہا ہے کہ مشرق وسطیٰ میں کشیدگی کی صورتحال کے باعث خطے اور پاکستان کی معیشت خطرے سے دوچار ہے، پاکستان سمیت تیل درآمد کرنے والے ممالک کو توانائی و خوراک کی بڑھتی قیمتوں، ترسیلات زر [more >>](#)..... □

جنگ کے باعث خوراک، توانائی کی بڑھتی قیمتیں، پاکستان جیسے ممالک کیلئے سنگین خطرہ: آئی ایم ایف

Source: [Staff Reporter, Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-05-02

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) آئی ایم ایف نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ مشرق وسطیٰ میں جاری جنگ 2026 کے دوران میناپ خطے کی معاشی ترقی کو نمایاں طور پر سست کر دے گی اور پاکستان سمیت تیل درآمد کرنے والے ممالک کو توانائی و خوراک کی بڑھتی قیمتیں [more >>](#)..... □

مشرق وسطیٰ جنگ کے اثرات: پاکستان سمیت خطے کی معیشت کو خطرات، آئی ایم ایف کا انتباہ

Source: [SABAH, SABAH News](#), 2026-05-01

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) عالمی مالیاتی فنڈ (آئی ایم ایف) نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ مشرق وسطیٰ میں جاری جنگ 2026 کے دوران میناپ خطے کی معاشی ترقی کو نمایاں طور پر سست کر دے گی اور پاکستان سمیت تیل درآمد کرنے والے ممالک کو توانائی و خوراک [more >>](#)..... □

ایس ڈی پی آئی میں مشرق وسطیٰ کی صورتحال پر ایک خصوصی نشست کا انعقاد

Source: [APP, Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-01

اسلام آباد(اردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - آن لائن۔ 01 مئی 2026ء) ایس ڈی پی آئی میں مشرق وسطیٰ کی صورتحال پر ایک خصوصی نشست کا انعقاد کیا گیا، جس میں عالمی مالیاتی فنڈ (آئی ایم ایف) کے نمائندے ڈاکٹر ماہر بینجی سمیت ماہرین [more >>](#)..... □

مشرقی وسطیٰ جنگ: پاکستان میں معاشی استحکام کے لئے اصلاحات ناگزیر؛ آئی ایم ایف

Source: [APP, Dunya News](#), 2026-05-02

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امریکا-ایران جنگ کے باعث مہنگائی میں اضافہ سمیت سنگین خطرات کا سامنا کرنا ہوگا، آئی ایم ایف

Source: [Irshad Ansari, Express News](#), 2026-05-01

عالمی مالیاتی ادارہ (آئی ایم ایف) نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ امریکا-اسرائیل-ایران جنگ خطے کی معاشی ترقی کو نمایاں طور پر سست کر دے گی اور پاکستان سمیت تیل درآمد کرنے والے ممالک کو توانائی و خوراک کی بڑھتی قیمتوں، ترسیلات زر میں [more >>](#)..... □

مشرق وسطیٰ میں کشیدگی : پاکستان کو بھی توانائی اور خوراک کی بڑھتی قیمتوں کا سامنا کرنا پڑے گا؛ آئی ایم ایف

Source: [News Desk, 24/7News tv](#), 2026-05-01

سٹی 42: مشرق وسطیٰ میں کشیدگی، عالمی و پاکستانی معیشت کے لیے خطرہ قرار دی گئی۔ پاکستان میں آئی ایم ایف کے نمائندے ماہر بینجی نے آئی ایم ایف کی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا تنازعہ سے توانائی کی منڈیاں، تجارتی راستے اور ما [more >>](#)..... □

مشرقی وسطیٰ میں کشیدگی عالمی وپاکستانی معیشت میں خطرے میں: آئی ایم ایف

Source: [Bureau Report, Daily Mutik](#), 2026-05-02

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IMF official warns Middle East conflict to slow growth, raise risks for Pakistan

Source: [News Desk, Profit](#), 2026-05-02

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IMF flags Pakistan risks amid MENAP slowdown

Source: [MLN, Mettis Global News](#), 2026-05-02

May 02, 2026 (MLN):The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has warned that the ongoing Middle East conflict is likely to slow economic growth across the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MENAP) region, with Pakistan facing heightened risks due to rising energy and food import costs, potential declines in remittances and tighter financial conditions. Presenting the IMF's Apr..... [more >>](#)

مشرق وسطیٰ کشیدگی سے پاکستانی معیشت خطرے میں

Source: [Rarozaan Report](#), [Farozaan](#), 2026-05-05

اسلام آباد: عالمی مالیاتی فنڈ (آئی ایم ایف) نے خبردار کیا ہے۔ مشرق وسطیٰ میں جاری کشیدگی سنگین خطرات پیدا کر سکتی ہے۔ یہ خطرات پاکستان سمیت تیل درآمد کرنے والے ممالک کو متاثر کریں گے۔ آئی ایم ایف کے مطابق توانائی اور خور..... [more >>](#)

SDPI awarded the World Health Organization's (WHO) World No Tobacco Day Award 2026

SDPI receives WHO WNTD award 2026

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-25

ISLAMABAD, May 25 (APP): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has been awarded the World Health Organization's (WHO) World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award 2026. The award, one of the highest global honours in tobacco control, was conferred in recognition to the organization's exceptional services in advancing evidence-based policies that protect current and future generation..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 25th May, 2026) The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has been awarded the World Health Organization's (WHO) World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award 2026. The award, one of the highest global honours in tobacco control, was conferred in recognition to the organization's exceptional services in advancing evidence-based policie..... [more >>](#)

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عالمی ادارہ صحت کا ورلڈ نو ٹو بیکو ڈے ایوارڈ 2026 ایس ڈی پی آئی کے نام

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2026-05-25

سلام آباد (نامہ نگار) پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی، (ایس ڈی پی آئی) کو تمباکو نوشی کے خلاف عالمی سطح پر نمایاں خدمات کے اعتراف میں عالمی ادارہ صحت (ٹبلیو ایچ او) نے "ورلڈ نو ٹو بیکو ڈے ایوارڈ 2026" سے نوازا ہے..... [more >>](#)

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عالمی ادارہ صحت کا "ورلڈ نو ٹو بیکو ڈے ایوارڈ 2026" ایس ڈی پی آئی کے نام

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-25

اسلام آباد (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبار تازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 25 مئی 2026ء) پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی (ایس ڈی پی آئی) کو تمباکو نوشی کے خلاف عالمی سطح پر نمایاں خدمات کے اعتراف میں عالمی ادارہ صحت (ٹبلیو ایچ او) نے "ورلڈ نو ٹو بیکو ڈے ایوارڈ 2026" سے نوازا ہے..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's conference on "Energy Debate: Way Forward for Fiscal Discipline"

Targeted subsidies, clean energy to fight crisis

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), Islamabad, 2026-05-20

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentarians and experts, at a debate on Wednesday, warned that geopolitical tensions, particularly the Middle East conflict and disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz, have exposed Pakistan's vulnerability to external energy shocks, thus there is an urgent need for structural reforms in the energy sector. At a seminar titled "The Great Energy Debate: Way Forward for F..... [more >>](#)

Fuel supply ensured despite global energy crisis: Ali Pervaiz

Source: [APP](#), [Dunya News](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD (APP) - Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik on Wednesday said that Pakistan successfully ensured uninterrupted fuel supplies and maintained market stability despite unprecedented global challenges in the energy sector. Speaking at SDPI's conference titled "Energy Debate: Way Forward for Fiscal Discipline," the minister said the government effectively managed..... [more >>](#)

Targeted subsidies, clean energy reforms urged amid external energy risks

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2026-05-21

Speakers at an Islamabad energy seminar said Middle East tensions and Strait of Hormuz disruptions have exposed Pakistan's vulnerability to external shocks. They called for targeted subsidies, transparent policymaking and faster investment in local and renewable energy. ISLAMABAD: Parliamentarians, ministers and policy experts said on Wednesday that rising geopolitical tensions, especially [more >>](#)

Policy Consistency, Local Resource Mobilization Key To Energy Security: Experts

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-20

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Pakistan maintained fuel supplies despite global crisis: Ali Pervaiz Malik

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Policy consistency, local resource mobilization key to energy security: experts

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-20

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Driving Energy Security Through Reforms in Pakistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [Peak Point](#), 2026-05-20

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute convened a high-level debate on fiscal discipline and energy policy where parliamentarians and experts warned that escalating regional tensions, especially the Middle East crisis and disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz, have exposed Pakistan to external energy shocks and underscored the urgency of structural reforms to protect energy security. Ali [more >>](#)

توانائی کیلئے 300 ارب ڈالر سرمایہ کاری درکار، وزیر پٹرولیم

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Dunya](#), 2026-05-21

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار) وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم علی پرویز ملک نے کہا کہ حکومت نے آبنائے ہرمز کے بحران اور عالمی دباؤ کے باوجود ملک میں ایندھن کی فراہمی بلا تعطل برقرار رکھی اور آئل سیکٹر کے گوردشی قرضے میں اضافہ نہیں ہونے دیا۔ مض [more >>](#) □.....

پاکستان میں مضبوط توانائی نظام قائم کرنے کیلئے روایتی اور قابل تجدید توانائی میں متوازن منتقلی درکار ہے، علی پرویز ملک

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-20

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) عالمی سیاسی کشیدگی، مشرق وسطیٰ میں بڑھتی ہوئی جنگی صورتحال اور آبنائے ہرمز کے گرد پیدا ہونے والے خدشات کے تناظر میں ماہرین معیشت، پالیسی سازوں اور توانائی شعبے سے وابستہ شخصیات نے اس امر پر زور دیا..... [more >>](#)

قابل تجدید توانائی کے لئے 300 ارب ڈالر تک سرمایہ کاری کی ضرورت؛ علی پرویز ملک

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Express](#), 2026-05-21

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حکومت نے توانائی کے شعبے میں عالمی سطح پر غیر معمولی چیلنجز کے باوجود ملک بھر میں ایندھن کی بلا تعطل فراہمی اور مارکیٹ کے استحکام کو یقینی بنایا، علی پرویز ملک

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-20

اسلام آباد-20 مئی (اے پی پی): وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم علی پرویز ملک نے کہا ہے کہ حکومت نے توانائی کے شعبے میں عالمی سطح پر غیر معمولی چیلنجز کے باوجود ملک بھر میں ایندھن کی بلا تعطل فراہمی اور مارکیٹ کے استحکام کو یقینی بنایا، پاکس..... [more >>](#)

توانائی کا پورا عالمی نظام تبدیلی کے مرحلے سے گزر رہا ہے: علی پرویز ملک

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Ausaf](#), 2026-05-20

اسلام آباد (نیوز ڈیسک) وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم علی پرویز ملک نے کہا کہ توانائی کا پورا عالمی نظام تبدیلی کے مرحلے سے گزر رہا ہے، آبنائے ہرمز کی حالیہ بندش سے سپلائی چین متاثر ہوئی۔ اسلام آباد میں وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم علی پرویز ملک..... [more >>](#)

توانائی بحران سے نمٹنے کیلئے شفاف اور مقامی وسائل پر مبنی اصلاحات ناگزیر، ماہرین

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily BBC Report](#), 2026-05-21

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Experts Cite Policy Consistency, Local Resources as Keys to Energy Security

Source: [Sohail Majeed](#), [Global News](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD (GNP): Parliamentarians and experts, at a great debate on Wednesday, warned that geopolitical tensions, particularly the Middle East conflict and disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz, have exposed Pakistan's vulnerability to external energy shocks, stressing an urgent need for structural reforms in the energy sector. The Great Energy Debate: Way Forward for Fiscal Discipline w..... [more >>](#)

عالمی توانائی نظام میں تبدیلی، پاکستان کو مؤثر حکمت عملی اور ادارہ جاتی ہم آہنگی کی ضرورت ہے، علی پرویز ملک

Source: [Web Desk](#), [World Echo News](#), 2026-05-20

وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم علی پرویز ملک نے اسلام آباد میں ایک تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ عالمی توانائی کا نظام اس وقت ایک بنیادی اور ساختی تبدیلی کے عمل سے گزر رہا ہے، جس کے لیے پالیسی سطح پر مضبوط مکالمہ اور حقائق پر مبنی..... [more >>](#)

Pre-budget consultation jointly organized by SDPI and Pakistan Dairy Association

Govt urged to reduce tax on milk

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD: At a pre-budget consultation on structural reforms in the dairy sector, the government was urged to reduce the general sales tax on milk as safe milk is essential for child development. Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain, while participating in the consultations, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute and the Pakistan Dairy Associat..... [more >>](#)

Rana Tanveer for rationalising taxes, bringing structural reforms in dairy sector

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has noted that reducing General Sales Tax (GST) on milk was not difficult and said that proposals for pilot projects for pasteurization and the establishment of "safe milk cities" are under consideration. While speaking at a pre-budget consultation jointly organized by Sustainable Development P..... [more >>](#)

Minister for structural reforms to boost dairy sector

Source: [APP](#), [Dunya News](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD (APP) - Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has underscored the need for rationalizing taxes and bringing about structural reforms in the dairy sector to improve affordability, ensure safe nutrition, and support farmers in the country. He was speaking at a pre-budget consultation jointly organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDP)..... [more >>](#)

Cut in sales tax on milk in budget: Food security minister proposes Tax Policy Unit of MoF, FBR

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has strongly proposed Tax Policy Unit of the Ministry of Finance and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to reduce sales tax on milk in budget (2026-27) keeping in view alternate taxation measures and projects for pasteurisation for establishment of "safe milk cities". He was speaking at a pre-budget c..... [more >>](#)

Minister For Tax Rationalization, Structural Reforms To Boost Dairy Sector, Ensure Safe Nutrition

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 3rd May, 2026)FederalMinister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has underscored the need for rationalizing taxes and bringing about structural reforms in the dairy sector to improve affordability, ensure safe nutrition, and support farmers in the country. He was speaking at a pre-budget consultation jointly organized b..... [more >>](#)

Minister for tax rationalization, structural reforms to boost dairy sector, ensure safe nutrition

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-03

ISLAMABAD, May 03 (APP): Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has underscored the need for rationalizing taxes and bringing about structural reforms in the dairy sector to improve affordability, ensure safe nutrition, and support farmers in the country. He was speaking at a pre-budget consultation jointly organized by Sustainable Development Policy Insti..... [more >>](#)

Minister urges dairy sector tax reforms

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD: Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has underscored the need for rationalizing taxes and bringing about structural reforms in the dairy sector to improve affordability, ensure safe nutrition, and support farmers in the country. He was speaking at a pre-budget consultation jointly organised by SDPI and PDA, a statement issued on Sunday said. The minist..... [more >>](#)

Minister for tax rationalization, structural reforms to boost dairy sector, ensure safe nutrition

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD, May 03 (SABAH): Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has underscored the need for rationalizing taxes and bringing about structural reforms in the dairy sector to improve affordability, ensure safe nutrition, and support farmers in the country. Rana Tanveer Hussain was speaking at a pre-budget consultation jointly organized by Sustainable Devel..... [more >>](#)

Rana Tanveer calls for dairy sector tax reforms to boost nutrition, affordability

Source: [Mrs. Anjum Shahnawaz](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2026-05-04

Islamabad, May 3, 2026 – Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has emphasized the need for dairy sector tax reforms in Pakistan, calling for rationalized taxation and structural changes to improve affordability, ensure safe nutrition, and support farmers. He made these remarks during a pre-budget 2026-27 consultation jointly organized by the Sustain..... [more >>](#)

Tanveer for structural reforms in livestock sector to support farmers

Source: [Radio Pakistan](#), [Radio Pakistan](#), 2026-05-04

Minister for National Food Security Rana Tanveer Hussain has underlined the need for rationalizing taxes and bringing about structural reforms in livestock sector to support farmers and ensure affordability. Speaking at a pre-budget consultation in Islamabad, the Minister said livestock accounts for nearly sixty percent of the agriculture sector and holds significant potential for both domestic n..... [more >>](#)

Rana Tanveer for rationalising taxes, bringing structural reforms in dairy sectorSource: [The Nation](#), [MSN](#), 2026-05-04

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Food security experts urge govt to slash milk taxesSource: [News Desk](#), [The Current](#), 2026-05-04

Pakistan's dairy industry and food security experts are calling for a significant reduction in General Sales Tax (GST) on milk, citing a 27 percent decline in the formal sector since the tax was implemented. During a pre-budget consultation held by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the Pakistan Dairy Association (PDA), stakeholders warned that the current 18 percent GS..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Dairy Sector Reforms: Minister Calls for Tax CutsSource: [Sohail Majeed](#), [Global News](#), 2026-05-04

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Minister for structural reforms to boost dairy sectorSource: [APP](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2026-05-04..... [more >>](#)**Minister for structural reforms to boost dairy sector**Source: [DNA](#), [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2026-05-04..... [more >>](#)

ڈیری شعبے پر غیر متوازن ٹیکس اس صنعت کی ترقی میں رکاوٹ ہے، رانا تنویر

Source: [Sajid Chaudhry](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2026-05-04

اسلام آباد (ساجد چوہدری) وفاقی وزیر قومی غذائی تحفظ رانا تنویر حسین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں ڈیری شعبے پر غیر متوازن ٹیکس نظام نہ صرف اس صنعت کی ترقی میں رکاوٹ بن رہا ہے بلکہ غذائی تحفظ اور بچوں کی نشوونما جیسے سن..... [more >>](#)

پیداوار بڑھانے کیلئے ڈیری مصنوعات پر ٹیکس کم کیا جا نے، رانا تنویر

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-04

اسلام آباد (صباح نیوز) وفاقی وزیر برائے قومی غذائی تحفظ رانا تنویر حسین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں ڈیری شعبے پر غیر متوازن ٹیکس نظام نہ صرف اس صنعت کی ترقی میں رکاوٹ بن رہا ہے بلکہ غذائی تحفظ اور بچوں کی نشوونما جیسے س..... [more >>](#)

پیداوار بڑھانے کیلئے ڈیری مصنوعات پر ٹیکس کم کیا جا نے، جی ایس ٹی میں نرمی سے ڈیری شعبہ مستحکم ہو سکتا ہے، وفاقی وزیر رانا تنویر حسین

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-03

اسلام آباد (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبار تازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 03 مئی 2026ء) وفاقی وزیر برائے قومی غذائی تحفظ رانا تنویر حسین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں ڈیری شعبے پر غیر متوازن ٹیکس نظام نہ صرف اس صنعت کی ترقی میں رکاوٹ بن رہا ہے بلکہ غ..... [more >>](#)

دیہی معیشت بچانے کیلئے ڈیری سیکٹر میں پالیسی تبدیلیوں کا عندیہ

Source: [Web Desk](#), [City42.tv](#), 2026-05-04

ویب ڈیسک: پری بجٹ سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وفاقی وزیر برائے قومی غذائی تحفظ رانا تنویر حسین نے کہا کہ حکومت ڈبے کے دودھ پر سیلز ٹیکس میں کمی کے امکانات کا سنجیدگی سے جائزہ لے رہی ہے۔ ان کے مطابق موجودہ ٹیکسز نے نہ صرف ڈیری م..... [more >>](#)

پیداوار بڑھانے کیلئے ڈیری مصنوعات پر ٹیکس کم کیا جانے: رانا تنویر حسین

Source: [NNI](#), [Daily Pakistan](#), 2026-05-04

اسلام آباد (این این آئی) وفاقی وزیر برائے قومی غذائی تحفظ رانا تنویر حسین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں ڈیری شعبے پر غیر متوازن ٹیکس نظام نہ صرف اس صنعت کی ترقی میں رکاوٹ بن رہا ہے بلکہ غذائی تحفظ اور بچوں کی نشوونما جیسے [more >>](#)..... □

غیر متوازن ٹیکس نظام ڈیری شعبہ کی ترقی میں رکاوٹ ، رانا تنویر

Source: [Staff Reporter, Daily Dunya](#), 2026-05-04

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار) وفاقی وزیر قومی غذائی تحفظ رانا تنویر حسین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں ڈیری شعبے پر غیر متوازن ٹیکس نظام نہ صرف اس صنعت کی ترقی میں رکاوٹ بن رہا ہے بلکہ غذائی تحفظ اور بچوں کی نشوونما جیسے سنگین مس [more >>](#)..... □

حکومت کی ٹیکس پالیسیاں، دیہی سطح پر دودھ جمع کرنے کے مراکز بند ہو رہے ہیں

Source: [Shoib Nizami, ARY News](#), 2026-05-04

اسلام آباد (04 مئی 2026): اسلام آباد میں منعقدہ ڈیری سیکٹر سے متعلق پری بجٹ سیمینار میں ٹیکس پالیسیوں کے اثرات پر تفصیلی بحث کی گئی، جہاں وفاقی وزیر برائے قومی غذائی تحفظ رانا تنویر حسین نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے آئندہ مالی سال کے بج [more >>](#)..... □

رانا تنویر حسین کا لائیو سٹاک شعبے میں ڈھانچہ جاتی اصلاحات کی ضرورت پر زور

Source: [Radio Pakistan, Radio Pakistan](#), 2026-05-04

قومی غذائی تحفظ کے وزیر رانا تنویر حسین نے افزائش حیوانات کے شعبے میں ٹیکسوں کو معقول بنانے اور ڈھانچہ جاتی اصلاحات متعارف کرانے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا ہے تاکہ کسانوں کی معاونت کی جا سکے اور ایشیا کی قیمتیں قابل برداشت رہیں [more >>](#)..... □

Consultation on “How Pakistan Can Compete for China’s Green Manufacturing FDI”

Fiscal incentives sought to attract foreign investments in solar energy, EV

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-05

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a policy consultation highlighted Pakistan’s great potential in solar energy and electric vehicles (EV) sectors stressing on the need for fiscal incentives to attract foreign investments. For this purpose, the experts stressed Pakistan must undertake structural reforms, ensure policy consistency, and offer competitive incentives to attract Chinese private sector inve..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan lacks clear industrialization roadmap and needs stable policies to attract Chinese green investments: Experts

Source: [APP, Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD, May 04 (APP): Experts at a policy consultation said that Pakistan must undertake structural reforms, ensure policy consistency, and offer competitive incentives to attract Chinese private sector investment, particularly in emerging sectors such as renewable energy, electric vehicles (EVs), and green manufacturing. The consultation on “How Pakistan Can Compete for China’s Gre..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan Lacks Clear Industrialization Roadmap And Needs Stable Policies To Attract Chinese Green Investments: Experts

Source: [APP, Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 4th May 2026) Experts at a policy consultation said that Pakistan must undertake structural reforms, ensure policy consistency, and offer competitive incentives to attract Chinese private sector investment, particularly in emerging sectors such as renewable energy, electric vehicles (EVs), and green manufacturing. The consultation on “How P..... [more >>](#)

Stable policies to attract Chinese green investmentsSource: DNA, [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2026-05-05..... [more >>](#)**Pakistan Lacks a Clear Industrialization Roadmap and Needs Stable Policies to Attract Chinese Green Investments: Experts**Source: Special Correspondent, [Daily Mutik](#), 2026-05-05..... [more >>](#)

متبادل توانائی سے چلنے والی گاڑیوں کی چینی سرمایہ کاری کیلئے اصلاحات کرنا ہونگی ، ماہرین

Source: Commerce Reporter, [Daily Jang](#), 2026-05-05اسلام آباد (کامرس رپورٹر) معاشی ماہرین اور پالیسی سازوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ اگر پاکستان ماحول دوست صنعت، شمسی اور ہوا سے بجلی بنانے اور بیٹری سے چلنے والی گاڑیوں کے شعبوں میں چینی نجی شعبے کی سرمایہ کاری حاصل کرنا چاہتا ہے..... [more >>](#)

چینی نجی سرمایہ کاری کے لیے اصلاحات اور پالیسی تسلسل ناگزیر: ماہرین

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-04اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) معاشی ماہرین اور پالیسی سازوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ اگر پاکستان ماحول دوست صنعت، شمسی اور ہوا سے بجلی بنانے، اور بیٹری سے چلنے والی گاڑیوں کے شعبوں میں چینی نجی شعبے کی سرمایہ کاری حاصل کرنا چاہتا ہے تو..... [more >>](#)

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Source: APP, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-04اسلام آباد (اردو پوائنٹ اخبار تازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 04 مئی 2026ء) معاشی ماہرین اور پالیسی سازوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ اگر پاکستان ماحول دوست صنعت، شمسی اور ہوا سے بجلی بنانے اور بیٹری سے چلنے والی گاڑیوں کے شعبوں میں چینی نجی شعبے کی..... [more >>](#)**Reforms, policy consistency, incentives vital for luring Chinese investors, say experts**Source: News Wire, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-05ISLAMABAD - Experts at a policy consultation said that Pakistan must undertake structural reforms, ensure policy consistency and offer competitive incentives to attract Chinese private sector investment, particularly in emerging sectors such as renewable energy, electric vehicles (EVs), and green manufacturing. The consultation on 'How Pakistan Can Compete for China's Green Manufacturing'..... [more >>](#)**Experts Warn Pakistan Needs A Clear Industrialization Roadmap And Stable Policies To Attract Chinese Green Investment, Say Speakers At The Sustainable Development Policy Institute Consultation**Source: S.S. Dev, [Solar Quarter](#), 2026-05-05A recent policy consultation in Islamabad underscored growing concern among experts that Pakistan lacks a clear industrialization strategy and must stabilize its policies to attract increasing levels of Chinese green investment. The discussion, held on 04 May 2026 and organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, focused on how Pakistan can position itself to secure Chinese investment..... [more >>](#)

ای وی ٹرانسپورٹ: کیا پاکستان فوری تبدیلی نہ لایا تو معاشی بحران مزید بڑھے گا؟

Source: Frozaan Report, [Farozaan](#), 2026-05-06اسلام آباد میں ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان کو درپیش معاشی اور توانائی خطرات کے باعث ٹرانسپورٹ نظام کو فوری طور پر برقی گاڑیوں (ای وی) کی طرف منتقل کرنا ناگزیر ہو چکا ہے۔ یہ مطالبہ پائیدار ترقی کے پالیسی ادارے کے ذریعے..... [more >>](#)**Structural reforms urged to attract Chinese investment in green industry**Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2026-05-06Islamabad: Pakistan must undertake structural reforms, ensure policy consistency and offer competitive incentives to attract Chinese private sector investment, particularly in emerging sectors such as renewable energy, electric vehicles (EVs) and green manufacturing. Experts expressed these views at a consultation on "How Pakistan can compete for China's Green Manufacturing FDI"..... [more >>](#)

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Dialogue News

Experts propose energy reforms to cut power losses

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-24

ISLAMABAD - Energy experts have proposed sector coupling reforms, smart demand-side management, renewable energy integration and localised manufacturing to address Pakistan’s mounting power sector losses, reduce wind energy curtailment and unlock investment opportunities for the Chinese investors under China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC). The call was made at a policy dialogue, titled: “..... [more >>](#)

Sector coupling reforms, renewable integration proposed to overcome power losses

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ISLAMABAD, May 22 (SABAH): Energy experts have proposed sector coupling reforms, smart demand-side management, renewable energy integration and localized manufacturing to address Pakistan’s mounting power sector losses, reduce wind energy curtailment and unlock investment opportunities for the Chinese investors under China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC). The call was made at a policy dialogue..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, May 23 (APP): Energy experts have proposed sector coupling reforms, smart demand-side management, renewable energy integration and localized manufacturing to address Pakistan’s mounting power sector losses, reduce wind energy curtailment and unlock investment opportunities for the Chinese investors under the China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC). The call was made at a policy dial..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Dialogue Highlights Renewable Integration as Key to Energy Sector Revival

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-23

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی (SDPI) اسلام آباد کے تحت پروگرام میں توانائی ماہرین، پالیسی سازوں اور صنعتی نمائندوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان کا بجلی کا شعبہ بڑھتے ہوئے مالی نقصانات، ہوا سے پیدا ہونے..... [more >>](#)

پاکستان روایتی پاور پلانٹس کے بجائے قابل تجدید توانائی انضمام پر توجہ دے، ماہرین

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-23

سلام آباد (اردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 23 مئی 2026ء) توانائی ماہرین، پالیسی سازوں اور صنعتی نمائندوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان کا بجلی کا شعبہ بڑھتے ہوئے مالی نقصانات، ہوا سے پیدا ہونے والی توانائی کے ضیاع، کمزور..... [more >>](#)

Heavy tobacco taxes urged ahead of budget 2026-27

Source: [News Desk](#), [ARY News](#), 2026-05-07

Speakers at a policy seminar called for stronger and more consistent tobacco taxation, elimination of two-tier tax structure, and targeted measures to curb youth smoking, as part of recommendations for the Federal Budget 2026–27. The policy dialogue, titled: “Strengthening Tobacco Taxation for Public Health and Fiscal Gains: Preparing for the 2026-27 Budget, was organized by Sustainab..... [more >>](#)

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Strengthening Tobacco Taxation Ahead of BudgetSource: [News Desk](#), [Daily Peak Point](#), 2026-05-07

Speakers at a policy seminar in Islamabad urged immediate reforms to tobacco taxation, calling for a single-tier system, youth-focused measures and stronger enforcement ahead of the Federal Budget 2026–27. Organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), the dialogue stressed that improved tobacco taxation can deliver both public health gains and substantial domestic revenue..... [more >>](#)

SDPI recommends higher tobacco taxes in Budget 2026-27Source: [Shahnawaz Akher](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2026-05-07

ISLAMABAD, May 7, 2026 – Policy experts at a seminar hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute on Thursday called on Pakistan’s government to raise tobacco taxes in the 2026-27 federal budget, saying stronger taxation could reduce smoking rates, improve public health and increase revenue collection. The policy dialogue, titled “Strengthening Tobacco Taxation for P..... [more >>](#)

Tobacco Taxation Reforms Urged for Budget 2026-27Source: [Web Desk](#), [Photo News](#), 2026-05-08

Experts urged stronger tobacco taxation in Pakistan’s Federal Budget 2026-27, saying tighter cigarette taxes could improve public health and raise domestic revenue. Participants made the recommendation at a Sustainable Development Policy Institute policy dialogue in Islamabad on Thursday. Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi, Senior Research Associate at SDPI, said a one-percentage-point reduction in smok..... [more >>](#)

بجٹ 2026-27: تمباکو ٹیکس میں نمایاں اضافے کی تجویزSource: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-07

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) معیشت، صحت عامہ کے ماہرین اور پالیسی سازوں نے وفاقی بجٹ-2026-27 سے قبل حکومت پر زور دیا ہے کہ تمباکو مصنوعات پر ٹیکس میں نمایاں اضافہ کرتے ہوئے دو درجوں پر مشتمل موجودہ ٹیکس نظام ختم کیا جائے، نوجوانوں..... [more >>](#)

تمباکو پر ٹیکس میں بڑے اضافے اور دو درجہ ٹیکس نظام کے خاتمے کی تجویز 2026-27 بجٹSource: [Sufyan Paracha](#), [Daily Mudabbir](#), 2026-05-08..... [more >>](#)**2026-27 بجٹ - 27 تمباکو ٹیکس میں بڑے اضافے کی تجویز**Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily BBC Report](#), 2026-05-07..... [more >>](#)**Policy coherence, domestic resources a must to ensure just energy transition**Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-10

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Driving Pakistan's Just Energy Transition

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Islamabad, 10 May 2026 — A policy dialogue convened by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute and UNESCAP stressed that a successful energy transition in Pakistan depends on policy coherence, domestic resource mobilisation and targeted social protection to shield vulnerable communities. The event, held to discuss Socioeconomic Prosperity amid the Transition to an Environmentally Susta..... [more >>](#)

Policy Coherence Drives Pakistan Energy Transition

Source: [News Desk](#), [Islamabad Mail](#), 2026-05-10

Experts at a policy dialogue in Islamabad warned that policy coherence, domestic resource mobilization and targeted social protection are essential to ensure a just and sustainable energy transition in Pakistan. The event, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute and UNESCAP, also showcased the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2026. Dr Shezra Mansab Ali Khan K..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2026-05-11

اسلام آباد (اپنے نامہ نگار سے) وزیر مملکت برائے موسمیاتی تبدیلی ڈاکٹر شزرہ منصب علی خان کھل نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں منصفانہ اور پائیدار توانائی منتقلی کے لئے مربوط پالیسی سازی، مقامی وسائل کو متحرک کرنا، نجی سرمایہ [more >>](#)..... □

توانائی منتقلی کو معاشی ترقی سے ہم آہنگ کرنا ضروری، شزرہ منصب

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Public Private Dialogue on

“Building the 5G Economy: Industry 4.0, Enterprise Uptake, and Ecosystem Preparedness

Pakistan can't afford to miss emerging knowledge economy: Senator

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-14

ISLAMABAD, May 14 (APP): Senator Dr Afnan Ullah Khan, Member of Senate Standing Committee on IT and Telecommunications, has warned that Pakistan cannot afford to miss the emerging knowledge economy after historically missing earlier industrial revolutions, as digital infrastructure and related legislation are critical for the future competitiveness. Pakistan can't afford to miss emerging kno..... [more >>](#)

Experts for demand-driven 5G policies, tax reforms & stronger industry-academia linkages

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\$20 Billion Opportunity: Experts Call for Urgent Tax Reforms to Launch 5G in Pakistan

Source: [TWA](#), [The World Ambassador](#), 2026-05-14

ISLAMABAD — Leading policymakers, health and education experts, and telecom industry giants warned today that Pakistan risks falling behind in the global digital race without urgent tax reforms and infrastructure upgrades. Speaking at a seminar hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), stakeholders revealed that a successful 5G rollout could contribute up to \$20 billion [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH, SABAH News](#), 2026-05-14

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین، پالیسی سازوں اور ٹیلی کام صنعت کے نمائندوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ اگر پاکستان نے فانیو جی ٹیکنالوجی کو صنعت، زراعت، تعلیم، صحت اور کاروباری شعبوں کے ساتھ موثر انداز میں نہ جوڑا تو ملک ایک بار پھ..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH, SABAH News](#), 2026-05-12

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ای ایس جی، پائیداری، فن ٹیک اور موسمیاتی مزاحمت 2026 کے موضوع پر منعقدہ بین الاقوامی کانفرنس کے موقع پر پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی (ایس ڈی پی آئی) اور شہید بینظیر بھٹو یونیورسٹی، شہید بینظیر اب..... [more >>](#)

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Roundtable Discussion

Pakistan urged to leverage shifting geopolitics amid US-Iran conflict

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-05-19

ISLAMABAD: Former senator Mushahid Hussain Syed has urged Pakistan to capitalise on the evolving geopolitical environment created by the US-Iran conflict and focus on economic recovery, regional connectivity and strategic partnerships, particularly with Mr. Hussain also advocated the revival of the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project to ensure uninterrupted and affordable energy supplies for the [more >>](#)

Pakistan Must Ensure Energy Reset, Fiscal Recalibration Amid Fallout Of US-Iran Conflict: Experts

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 18th May, 2026) Speakers at a high-level roundtable on Monday warned that the ongoing US-Iran conflict has triggered deep geopolitical and economic shocks, thus Pakistan needs to immediately reset its energy, fiscal and strategic planning frameworks to withstand the emerging global uncertainties. The roundtable, titled, 'Dynamics of Iran C..... [more >>](#)

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حکومت توانائی، مالیاتی اور تزویراتی پالیسیوں پر از سرنو غور کرے، ماہرین

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ایران تنازع سے پاکستان پر سنگین معاشی اثرات کا خدشہ: ماہرین

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سلام آباد(نامہ نگار) ایران تنازع کے باعث پیدا ہونے والے عالمی توانائی، خوراک اور مالیاتی بحران کے پاکستان پر سنگین اثرات مرتب ہونے کا خدشہ ظاہر کرتے ہوئے ماہرین نے حکومت پر زور دیا ہے کہ وہ فوری طور پر توانائی، مالیاتی اور..... [more >>](#)

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Mushahid advocates revival of Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project

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Islamabad: Former Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed has emphasised that Pakistan should capitalise on the Former Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed evolving geopolitical environment by focusing on economic recovery, regional connectivity and strategic partnerships, particularly with China. Mushahid was addressing a roundtable on “Dynamics of Iran conflict: implications and choices” organised by..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to reduce tax on milk

Source: [Amin Ahmed, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-04

ISLAMABAD: At a pre-budget consultation on structural reforms in the dairy sector, the government was urged to reduce the general sales tax on milk as safe milk is essential for child development. Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain, while participating in the consultations, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute and the Pakistan Dairy Association..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Researchers Articles

Pakistan's hydrogen puzzle

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed, The News, International](#), 2026-05-04

Pakistan's hydrogen conversation is gradually shifting from aspiration to arithmetic. The question is no longer whether hydrogen fits into the energy transition narrative. The question is whether the numbers, the institutions, and the incentives align sufficiently to make it viable within Pakistan's uniquely constrained political economy. At the level of physics and engineering, the p..... [more >>](#)

Peace and livelihood

Source: [Dua Mobeen, The News, International](#), 2026-05-03

The US-Iran has proved to be a nuisance for the world, driven largely by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz through which roughly 20 per cent of global oil trade passes and the surge in Brent crude prices, which soared past \$130 per barrel. Along with the rest of the world, Pakistan has also felt the burden of this war. Over the past few months, the country has been subjected to sharp fluctuations..... [more >>](#)

Time to fully entrench tobacco track and trace system

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-05

The recent debate on discontinuing Pakistan's Tobacco Track and Trace System (TTS) demands sober reflection, not administrative haste. Illicit tobacco trade is not merely a fiscal inconvenience; it is an administrative issue, a structural assault on the national economy, public health governance, and the rule of law. At stake is not simply a contract but the architecture of supply chain..... [more >>](#)

The case for energy independence

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, The News, International](#), 2026-05-06

With petrol and high-speed diesel both close to Rs400 a litre, Pakistan, like many other fuel-importing developing countries, has entered a difficult phase of economic management. The State Bank of Pakistan's increase in the policy rate to 11.5 per cent has added another layer of pressure, felt equally by citizens and the government of Pakistan. While citizens are bearing the brunt of inflation..... [more >>](#)

Water stewardship for resilience

Source: [Zainab Naeem & Ebadat Ur Rehman Babar, The News, International](#), 2026-05-08

Pakistan is not running out of water the way conventional narratives suggest; rather, it is running out of the capacity to manage, govern and equitably distribute what it already has. This distinction is precisely why water stewardship must now be treated as a central pillar of national policy rather than a peripheral sustainability concept. A country that once had more than 5,000 cubic meters of..... [more >>](#)

From clipboards to cloud

Source: [Yahya Gulraiz & Dr Kashif Salik](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-11

Pakistan's food safety system stands at a critical inflexion point. Rapid urbanisation, increasingly complex supply chains and persistent challenges such as adulteration and mislabeling have exposed the limits of traditional regulatory approaches. For decades, food safety enforcement has relied on paper-based inspections, fragmented reporting, and reactive interventions. While these methods..... [more >>](#)

War inflation

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One is familiar with different types of charges, surcharges and super surcharges, especially in the energy bills. Successive governments have been using these 'charges' effectively to raise revenue through indirect taxation, albeit with an inflationary impact. We are once again witnessing a spike in inflation, but not due to a deliberate [more >>](#)

Economics of energy arbitrage

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-18

Arbitrage is a simple economic idea with powerful consequences. It means buying something when it is cheap and using or selling it when it is expensive. A trader who buys wheat in a surplus market and sells it in a deficit market is doing arbitrage. A shopkeeper who buys stock before prices rise and sells later is also doing arbitrage. The profit comes from the price difference, but the wider eco..... [more >>](#)

The IMF and the elephant in the energy sector

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-18

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is not wrong to say that Pakistan's power sector subsidy regime needs reform. Any serious policy practitioner knows that the present tariff structure is fiscally expensive, administratively weak, and vulnerable to misuse. But the IMF is wrong in how it has framed the problem, sequenced the solution, and identified the culprit. Under the Resilience and S..... [more >>](#)

Our cryosphere emergency

Source: [Zainab Naeem & Nelam Pari](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-18

The collapse of Pakistan's cryosphere is no longer simply about melting ice in remote mountains. It is rapidly becoming a structural threat to water security, food production, energy systems, economic stability and disaster resilience across the country. The Hindu Kush, Karakoram and Himalayan mountain ranges, often referred to as the Water Tower of Asia, are now undergoing accelerated ecol..... [more >>](#)

Ruling Elites Must Foster a Need-based research culture in the country

Source: [Brigadier Mohammad Yasin \(Retired\)](#), [The Destination](#), 2026-05-19

Research is a pre-requisite for development. That's why research and development (R&D) in any progressive state and society go parallel with each other. Only those countries are now called the developing states which focused on research to strengthen their institutions. Unfortunately, research was not the priority in Pakistan, as less than 0.16% of its GDP is spent on research. Despite [more >>](#)

حکمران اشرافیہ ملک میں ضرورت پر مبنی تحقیقی کلچر کو فروغ دے

Source: [Brigadier Mohammad Yasin \(Retired\)](#), [The Destination](#), 2026-05-19

ایک دوسرے کے ساتھ ساتھ چلتے ہیں۔ آج (R&D) تحقیق ترقی کی بنیادی ضرورت ہے۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ دنیا کے ترقی یافتہ ممالک میں تحقیق اور ترقی [more >>](#)

Megawatt nationalism is over

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-22

Pakistan's federal budget is an energy policy statement, a climate policy statement and a fiscal survival plan. The central question before the budget makers is not how much money should be allocated to the power sector, but what kind of power sector public money should be allowed to create. For decades, Pakistan's Public Sector Development Programme treated electricity development [more >>](#)

Looming danger

Source: [Naseer Memon](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

EL NIÑO is set to grip South Asia this year. This weather phenomenon is characterised by warming of the ocean surface in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific. The ocean's temperature influences South Asia's climate, particularly the intensity of the summer monsoon. As the Pacific's water gets warmer, atmospheric convection moves eastward, drifting away from the India..... [more >>](#)

A budget written in commitments

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-25

Federal budget-making in Pakistan, when the country is in an IMF programme (and mostly it is in an IMF programme) is comparatively easy. The government commits to revenue, fiscal deficit and net foreign exchange reserve targets with the IMF through signing a Memorandum of Economic and Financial Policies (MEFP). Those targets get translated into quantitative performance criteria and indicative tar..... [more >>](#)

Rewiring Pakistan's trade policy

Source: [Atteq ur Rehman](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-27

Pakistan's trade future depends on one big shift: from tariff walls to trade strength. By cutting policy distortions, lowering production costs, powering industry through domestic electricity, diversifying exports and opening stronger routes to neighbouring markets, Pakistan can turn trade from a source of pressure into a driver of growth, stability and regional influence. In Pakistan, trad..... [more >>](#)

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Global energy crisis highlights meagre oil buffers in developing world

Source: [John Power](#), [AlJazeera](#), 2026-05-12

As the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz drives the worst energy crunch in modern history, leading governments to scramble to unload their emergency oil stockpiles, developing countries are among the least prepared to mitigate the shock. Although surging fuel prices due to the fallout of the US-Israel war on Iran have impacted most of the world, import-reliant poorer countries are among the worst [more >>](#)

China and Pakistan's next chapter

Source: [Wang Kai](#), [China Economic Net](#), 2026-05-21

From Gwadar's China-Pakistan Friendship Hospital which has treated over 350,000 patients since opening, to the screening of Pakistan's highest-grossing film in Chinese cinemas; from Pakistan's first driverless rapid transit train shuttling in Lahore that carries over 300,000 passengers daily in April, to the training of Pakistan's first astronaut for China's space station m..... [more >>](#)

The USAID Experience in Pakistan: Lessons from the Kerry-Lugar-Berman Era

Source: [Leon S Waskin](#), [Daily Times](#), 2026-05-22

This past November, I had the honour of attending a speech by Pakistan Climate Change Minister Musadik Malik at the opening session of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute's annual conference in Islamabad. The Minister was passionate about the unique effects of climate change on Pakistan; in particular, he spoke movingly of his visit to upper Sindh following the 2022 super floods, wh..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Relevant News, Analysis, and Commentary

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

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

KARACHI: Raising serious concern over country's rapidly declining forest cover, speakers at a seminar held on Thursday demanded that deforestation be treated as a serious environmental crime, requiring immediate legal, administrative and civic action across Pakistan. The country, they said, was paying a high price of its neglect towards forests as it experienced climate-induced disasters [more >>](#)

Deadly air, furious climate

Source: [Waqar Gillani](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-17

Once celebrated as Pakistan's serene capital nestled against the Margalla Hills, Islamabad is rapidly losing its natural environment with expanding housing schemes, unchecked urbanisation and shrinking green spaces altering the city's climate. In recent years, parts of Margalla foothills have been increasingly converted into residential sectors and commercial housing projects, r..... [more >>](#)

China's Green Technology and FDI can help Pakistan Tackle Global Crises: Dr. Abid Suleri

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Daily Independent](#), 2026-05-21

ISLAMABAD, May 21 (INP): As Pakistan struggles with economic uncertainty, rising energy costs, and the global shift away from fossil fuels, Chinese foreign direct investment (FDI) and green technology are emerging as key drivers for the country's economic stability and sustainable growth, said Dr. Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and C..... [more >>](#)

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China's Green Tech, FDI can help Pakistan

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Seminar News

موسمیاتی تبدیلی سے نمٹنے کے لئے ضلعی سطح پر منصوبہ بندی ضروری، فیصل کنڈی

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-05-07

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Governor Kundi calls for proactive climate action

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-06

PESHAWAR, May 06 (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday underscored the urgent need to shift from reactive to proactive, risk-informed climate responses, as district climate adaptation plans for Charsadda and Karak were launched. He said this in an event organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change..... [more >>](#)

Governor KP Calls for Proactive Climate Action; District Adaptation Plans for Charsadda, Karak Launched

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Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-05-06

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Seminar on “Celebrating Long-Term Pak-China Cooperation”

Pak-China relations unparalleled despite bureaucratic hurdles: Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-19

ISLAMABAD, May 20 (SABAH): Federal Minister for Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh has said that Pakistan and China’s 75-year-old diplomatic relation stands as an “unparalleled model” of bilateral cooperation and despite bureaucratic hurdles and regulatory challenges, the iron-clad friendship has weathered global upheavals. He was speaking at a ceremony, titled: “Celebrating L..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China relations unparalleled despite bureaucratic hurdles: Minister

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-19

ISLAMABAD, May 19 (APP): Federal Minister for Board of Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh has said that Pakistan and China’s 75-year-old diplomatic relations were standing as an “unparalleled model” of bilateral cooperation and despite bureaucratic hurdles, the iron-clad friendship has weathered global upheavals. He was speaking at a ceremony, titled: “Celebrating..... [more >>](#)

Deepening Pak China Economic Ties

Source: [News Desk](#), [Peak Point](#), 2026-05-19

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute launched a report titled “Charting the evolution from CPEC’s first phase to its transformative second phase” as Federal Minister for Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh described the 75-year Pak China diplomatic relationship as an unparalleled model of bilateral cooperation that has endured global upheavals despite persistent bureaucratic h..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Ties Remain Rock-Solid Despite Red Tape, Sheikh

Source: [Sohail Majeed](#), [Global News](#), 2026-05-20

ISLAMABAD (GNP): Federal Minister for Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh described the 75 years of diplomatic relationship between Pakistan and China as an unmatched example of bilateral cooperation on Wednesday, even as he acknowledged that structural and bureaucratic obstacles continue to hinder the partnership's full economic potential. The minister was addressing a high-level forum titled [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-19

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) پاکستان اور چین نے سفارتی تعلقات کے 75 برس مکمل ہونے پر اپنے آپنی بھائی چارے کو نئی معاشی شراکت داری میں تبدیل کرنے کے عزم کا اعادہ کرتے ہوئے سی پیک کے دوسرے مرحلے کے تحت 30 سے 50 ارب ڈالر تک کی متوقع سرما..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Sufyan Paracha](#), [Daily BBC Report](#), 2026-05-20

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Experts call for reforms to unlock potential of Pak-China partnership

Source: [INP](#), [Independent News Pakistan](#), 2026-05-22

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Pakistan-China Partnership Needs Reforms to Unlock Full Potential: Experts

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Independent](#), 2026-05-22

ISLAMABAD, May 22: Policymakers, diplomats, economists and development experts have called for institutional reforms and stronger economic coordination to unlock the full potential of the Pakistan-China partnership, while celebrating 75 years of diplomatic ties between the two countries. The call came during a high-level forum hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, titled &ldqu..... [more >>](#)

Webinar News

Experts for planned response to climate-induced displacement in Punjab

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-11

ISLAMABAD, May 11 (SABAH): Experts at a webinar stressed the need for planned climate mobility strategies, improved data collection and coordinated policy measures to address the growing challenge of climate-induced displacement in the Punjab and other parts of Pakistan. The webinar on "Climate Induced Displacement in Punjab, Pakistan," was organized by Sustainable Development Policy [more >>](#)

Punjab Estb Climate Observatory for real-time monitoring

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موسمیاتی تبدیلی سے بڑھتی نقل مکانی شہروں پر بوجھ: ماہرین

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Dunya](#), 2026-05-12

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار) ماہرین، محققین اور پالیسی سازوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پنجاب اور پاکستان کے دیگر حصوں میں موسمیاتی تبدیلی کے باعث بڑھتی ہوئی نقل مکانی ایک بڑے انسانی، سماجی اور معاشی بحران کی شکل اختیار کر رہی ہے جس سے..... [more >>](#)

پنجاب میں موسمیاتی نقل مکانی سنگین چیلنج، پیشگی منصوبہ بندی ناگزیر: ماہرین

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Capacity building workshop News

Journalists trained in Green Skills to strengthen Climate Reporting in Pakistan

Source: Said Rasool Betani, [Minute Mirror](#), 2026-05-22

Islamabad: The Institute for Research, Advocacy and Development (IRADA), in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), organized a capacity building workshop aimed at enhancing green skills among journalists to support climate mitigation and adaptation actions in Pakistan. The training programme was held under the Danish Embassy-funded project titled "Shaping Pa..... [more >>](#)

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