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.

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To keep abreast of emerging issues at the National/International and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for “Energy Transition Pakistan”

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- China Daily
- The News
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- The Express Tribune
- Daily Times
- Urdu Point
- China Daily
**Editor Note:**

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

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

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

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## Energy Governance

### Probe into misuse of petroleum imports from China begins
**Source:** Khaleeq Kiani, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-01-16  
**ISLAMABAD:** Amid reports of the misuse of China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA), the government on Friday ordered all oil marketing companies (OMCs) to provide evidence-based data on the import of petrol from China. Under the CPFTA renegotiated in 2019, the government had issued statutory regulatory orders on Dec 31, 2019 that abolished tariff on import of petrol. As such, there was no custo..... [more >>]

### Petrol, diesel, Kerosene prices raised by Rs3/liter
**Source:** Israr Khan, *The News, International*, 2022-01-16  
**ISLAMABAD:** Owing to the crude oil touching the fresh seven-year high in international market, Pakistan also increased the petroleum products prices by Rs3/liter for the next half of this month. The new prices will be effective from today (Sunday) till 31 January 2022. On Friday, the Global Benchmark Brent touched $86.36/barrel, the level last seen around seven-year ago in 2015. In early Decemb..... [more >>]

### NTDC completes second phase of transmission line
**Source:** Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-01-16  
**LAHORE:** The National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) has completed and energised the second phase of the 133km long 500kV Neelum-Jhelum Double Circuit Transmission line. The completion of the line will enable the authorities to directly dispatch the 969MW power, generated by Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project, directly to 500kV Nokhar (New Ghakkar) Grid Station which is closer to the load..... [more >>]

### Traders irked over power tariff hike
**Source:** Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-01-16  
**ISLAMABAD:** Businessmen have criticised Rs4.3 per unit hike in the power tariff by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on account of fuel cost adjustment for November 2021 and cited that it will sharply raise the cost of production. In a statement on Saturday, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) President Muhammad Shakeel Munir stated that the hike was not justi..... [more >>]

### Shehbaz lashes out at govt over hike in petrol price
**Source:** News Desk, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-01-16  
**Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday lashed out at the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government for increasing the prices of petroleum products and power tariffs amid hyperinflation in the country. The government on Saturday increased the prices of petroleum products by up to Rs3 per litre effective from January 16. "The increase of Rs3 in per litre price o..... [more >>]

### Talks under way for Kazakhstan gas pipeline
**Source:** Zafar Bhutta, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-01-16  
**ISLAMABAD:** Energy Minister Hammad Azhar on Saturday said discussions were under way with Russia to bring a gas pipeline from Kazakhstan, which will be cheaper than the imported LNG. “We are working on substitutes as the local reserves are depleting,” he added while addressing a news conference in Islamabad. “Laws are being made to mix imported LNG and imported gas with locally..... [more >>]
Sindh protests with Centre over gas shortage
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-16
KARACHI: The Sindh government on Saturday protested with the federal government against a persistent gas crisis in the province, saying that the Centre was depriving the province of its Constitutional right enshrined in Article 158. Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Shaikh wrote a letter to Federal Energy Minister Hammad Azhar, saying that the people of Sindh were forced to use wood, coal and cylinde.... more >>

Grid interconnections; KE urges NTDC to resolve cross-trip issue
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-16
ISLAMABAD: Karachi Electric (KE) has proposed National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) to constitute a committee to resolve the controversy on cross-trip on 500/220 KV (NKI) grid interconnections, which resulted in less drawl of 100MW of electricity from the national grid. Ali Imran Chaudhary, head of network control KE, has informed Managing Director, NTDC about the power utility..... more >>

Petrol nears Rs148 per litre as govt jacks up prices
ISLAMABAD - The federal government on Saturday once again increased the prices of petroleum products up to Rs3.33 per litre for the remaining 15 days of the current month (January), which would further fuel the inflation rate in the country. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Finance, after the increase of Rs 3.01 per litre, the price of MS petrol will go up to Rs147.83 per l.... more >>

Increase in power, petrol prices is 'economic murder' of people: Bilawal
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-17
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari spent a busy day at Zardari House on Sunday, meeting party activists and office-bearers and receiving briefings about preparations for the anti-government long march scheduled for Feb 27. Talking to the delegations, the PPP chairman said after an increase of Rs4 in power tariff, prices of petroleum products had now been raise.... more >>

Petrol price has risen 55.22pc during PTI govt’s tenure
LAHORE: Since August 17, 2018, or the day when the incumbent Prime Minister Imran Khan was sworn in as the country’s 22nd head of government, petrol price in the country has surged from Rs95.24 per litre to Rs147.83 per litre on January 15, 2022, meaning thereby that there has been an increase of Rs52.59 in the per litre tariff of this commodity or a hike of 55.22 per cent during the last 41..... more >>

Transporters jack up fares with second hike in POL prices this month
Islamabad: The long routes and goods transporters have increased fares by 10 per cent after a fresh hike in POL rates here on Sunday. Petrol price has been increased by Rs3.01 to Rs147.83 and high-speed diesel by Rs3 to 144.62 per litre. The price of kerosene oil has also gone up by Rs3 per litre and now it would be sold at 116.48 per litre. The light diesel oil has been jacked up by Rs3.33 to ..... more >>

Shortage of gas forces consumers to revert to costly alternate fuel
Rawalpindi: It seems that we are living in the stone age because the majority of residents are wandering here and there in search of expensive LPG dry woods, coal, kerosene oil, and different kinds of old-style stoves. One-kilogram LPG was selling at Rs240-Rs260, coal at Rs110, dry woods at Rs850 for 40-kilograms, and kerosene oil at Rs250 per litre here on Sunday. Different kinds of old-s...... more >>
Rs41bn supplementary grant; Petroleum Div faces resistance
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-18
ISLAMABAD: Petroleum Division is reportedly facing resistance to smooth sailing of its proposal on supplementary grant of Rs 41 billion to cover the projected subsidy claims from December 2021 to June 2022 against supply of cheaper gas/RLNG to five zero-rated sectors, well informed sources told Business Recorder. On January 5, 2021, Petroleum Division, in its summary which was tabled as addi...... more >

National weighted average cost of gas; TMA KP voices its opposition to ‘extra burden’ on gas-producing provinces
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-17
PESHAWAR: Chairman Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Textile Mills Association (KP-TMA), Salim Saifullah Khan has called for putting no extra burden on the gas producing provinces on account of National Weighted Average Cost of Gas. In a statement issued here on Sunday, he said that KP-TMA has written letters to Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan, Asad Qaiser, Speaker National Assembly, Ma...... more >>

Pesco CEO directs all SEs to increase recoveries and reduce losses
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-17
PESHAWAR: Pesco CEO Mohammad Jabbar Khan has directed all SEs to reduce losses and maximise recovery. On Sunday, a press release said he issued these directives while presiding over a meeting of the company’s General Managers, Chief Engineers, and Superintendent Engineers The meeting also discusses plans to replace defective metres. NEPRA’s directives were followed by Chief E..... more >>

LNG market & its challenges—II
Source: Jamil Khan, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-17
Last summer, Pakistan (PSO) paid an exorbitant price of ~$20.06 per MMBtu, for a 138,000 MT of LNG cargo that was 29% higher against the Brent’s benchmark of that time. Similarly, later in the year, Pakistan bought 4 LNG cargos from the spot market at $15.4 per MMBtu against a rejected earlier offer of $13.79-$13.99 from Qatar, its primary supplier. This clearly shows how frenzied, unorganiz...... more >>

Tarin informed; Closure of LNG- based plant to result in loss of urea output
Source: Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-17
ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin has been informed that closure of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) based fertilizer plant will result in loss of production of urea. A meeting of the National Price Monitoring Committee held on Wednesday was informed that it is assumed that LNG based plants will run till end January 2022 and additional gas will be provided to Fauji Fertilizer Bin Qasim Lim..... more >>

Country’s oil import bill surges by over 113 per cent to $10.18 billion in first half
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan’s oil import bill has surged by over 113 per cent to $10.18 billion in first half (July to December) of the current fiscal year mainly due to the higher international prices and massive depreciation of the rupee. The country’s import bill has gone up by $10.18 billion during July to December period of the year 2021-22 from $4.771 billion in the same period of th..... more >>

Fortnightly oil prices increase not in synch with global surge
Source: TLTP, Daily Times, 2022-01-18
The recent fortnightly increase of up to 2.99 percent in local petroleum prices remained lower as compared to a surge of 6.4 percent in Arab Light benchmark price. On a fortnightly basis, the price for Arab Light price increased 8.64 percent to reach $84.24 from $77.54. However, Saudi Arabia cut oil prices for buyers in Asia, its main market, as Aramco reduced January’s prices for all crude..... more >>
**Lenders pressure: Power tariff to be raised by up to Re0.95/unit**


ISLAMABAD - Under pressure from the international lenders, the government is once again increasing the electricity rates by up to Rs 0.95/unit, taking the base power tariff to Rs 18.75/unit for some residential consumers. Under the Re-Targeting of Power Sector Subsidies Phase –II, the federal government plans to withdraw Rs 20b annual subsidy from unprotected residential consumers, which ..... more >>

**Crude oil prices tumble after hitting three-year highs**

Source: TLTP, *Daily Times*, 2022-01-18

Crude oil prices edged lower on Monday, retreating from the highest levels of three years achieved during the early trade. As of 1355 hours GMT, Brent, the international benchmark for two-thirds of the world’s oil, shed $0.30 (-0.35 percent) to reach $85.76 a barrel. Brent retreated after hitting $86.71, its highest level since October 3, 2018, earlier in the session. On the other hand, th..... more >>

**Electricity rates set to increase by up to 95 paisa from Feb 1**


ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to increase base electricity rates by up to 95 paisa per unit and one-slab benefit to ‘unprotected consumers’ with effect from February 1 to meet commitments made with the international lending agencies. The decision would reduce power sector subsidy by Rs20 billion and envisages increasing average base tariff to Rs18.75 per unit for all distrib..... more >>

**PTI govt gave Karachi electricity consumers Rs91bn subsidy in 3 years**


ISLAMABAD: Despite record power outages, load-shedding, frequent power failures, erratic voltage and – most alarming – the deaths of scores of people, including children, in Karachi owing to K-Electric’s faulty system, the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has provided Rs91 billion subsidy to the utility within a short span of three years. In a written reply to a question, th..... more >>

**Evaluation of power projects approved ahead of sell-off**


ISLAMABAD: The Federal Cabinet has approved financial evaluation of 425MW Nandipur Power Plant (NPP), with a potential of 525 MW, and 747MW Guddu Power Plant (GPP) for subsequent privatisation, well informed sources in Privatisation Commission told Business Recorder. On December 31, 2021, Privatisation Division briefed the Cabinet Committee on Privatisation about its plans with respect to bot..... more >>

**Monthly FCA: No respite**


For the second month running, monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) on power tariffs was in excess of Rs4.3 per unit. Previous high before October 2021 adjustment was Rs2.5 per unit. Such has been the magnitude of deviation from reference fuel tariffs. Bulk of it is due to no fault of the government (unless you bring in hindsight) as global fuel prices have wreaked havoc of late. But not all ..... more >>

**IGCEP 2021-30; Nepra refuses to include Punjab’s two hydropower projects**


ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has refused to include two hydropower projects of Punjab in Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2021-30, saying that PLEXOS did not
optimize the projects to be considered as candidate projects due to demand requirements, higher project cost and other relevant parameters. The regulator conveyed these views in a le..... more >>

Rs20 billion plan to improve power distribution system
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-19
PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government said here on Tuesday that a plan of Rs20 billion was in the pipeline to improve distribution system of electricity in the province. Addressing a press conference, Special Assistant to Chief Minister on Information Barrister Mohammad Ali Saif said that the lawmakers from across the province were briefed about the plan during the visit of prime minister t..... more >>

Indonesia offers coal for CPEC power projects
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-19
ISLAMABAD: The Indonesian coal industry is well refined and it can provide coal to Pakistan for power projects being developed under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), said Indonesian Ambassador to Pakistan Adam M Tugio. In a meeting with prominent businessmen in Lahore on Tuesday, the ambassador said that his country could also provide coal to the domestic large-scale manufacturing se..... more >>

Energy pricing
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-19
Energy Ministry is bifurcated into power and petroleum/gas divisions however pricing decisions of different fuels (inputs) are disturbingly not taken in conjunction as is the case in the rest of the world, which is one of the major reasons for the consistent rise in the intractable circular debt. And while the price of the output — electricity — is the same throughout the country yet t..... more >>

Govt likely to allow 2 gas-based fertilizer plants’ operations for further two months
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-19
ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to allow operations of two fertilizer plants on Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) system for a further two months, i.e., Feb-March 2022 to meet demand of urea, as farmers are still struggling to get fertilizer for their crops at controlled rate of Rs 1860/bag. Official documents seen by this scribe show that a Fertilizer Review Committee (FRC) meeti..... more >>

Discos: Pending pleas for new connections cause non-utilization of 1,950MW of electricity
Source: Hamid Waleed, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-19
LAHORE: As many as 650,000 pending applications for new connections in the power distribution companies (Discos) has led to the non-utilization of 1,950 megawatt (MW) electricity load against whom the government is continuously paying raw capacity charges to the independent power producers (IPPs), said sources. According to the sources, out of the total pendency, some 55,000 applications a..... more >>

CM Mahmood orders Tesco to upgrade power transmission system in ex-Fata
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-20
PESHAWAR: Tribal Electric Supply Company (Tesco) has undertaken eight projects including new grid stations and transmission lines worth Rs5.5 billion in the merged districts under the federal and provincial governments-funded Accelerated Implementation Programme (AIP). Two projects have been completed while the remaining six schemes will be completed by June 2022. An official statement issued her..... more >>
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ISLAMABAD: World Bank Country Director for Pakistan Najy Benhassine called on Federal Minister of Energy Hammad Azhar on Wednesday and reviewed the progress of energy sector schemes funded by the bank. Benhassine appreciated the energy sector reforms undertaken by the government. On the occasion, Energy Minister Hammad Azhar said that Pakistan valued its partnership with the World Bank and other... more >>

ISTANBUL: China on Thursday said the work on Dasu Hydropower Project in Pakistan has resumed. The confirmation comes days after Islamabad decided to compensate the victims of a terror attack on the dam last July in which 10 Chinese nationals died while 28 others were injured. “The Dasu Hydropower Project in Pakistan has resumed work," said Zhao Lijian, spokesperson for China’s F... more >>

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SLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has reduced power tariff by Re 0.7591/unit for the consumers of K-Electric on account of monthly fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for November. Under Multi Year Tariff 2017-23, KE had requested the regulator to allow the company to increase the power tariff by Re 0.317 per unit for the power consumers in its service area on account of mon... more >>

ISLAMABAD: The government has collected Rs332.107bn under the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) from January 2012 till Oct 31, 2021. Out of the total collection, the government had spent Rs2.82bn on infrastructure projects — Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India (TAPI) Gas Pipeline and Pakistan Stream Gas Pipeline (PSGP), according to an official document available... more >>

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday notified a cut in power tariff by Rs0.99 per unit on the account of quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA). The reduction in the power tariff will reflect in the bills of consumers from next month. The move will result in passing on relief of around Rs22 billion to the power consumers. The decision will be applicable to... more >>
15 of 17 Tarbela power units closed  
Source: The Newspaper's Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-22  
HARIPUR: Power generation at Tarbela Dam significantly dropped on Friday evening due to the closure of 15 of the total 17 power units following the decreased inflow of water. Official sources told Dawn that only two power units were operational producing 220 megawatts against the overall 4,888 megawatts capacity of all units. They said the issue would badly affect the government’s power load..... more >>

Fuel cost for electricity generation surges 72.4pc  
Source: Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-22  
KARACHI: The cost of fuel for electricity generation in December 2021 surged 72.4 per cent year-on-year to Rs8.24 per unit, according to data released by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority. The increase in the fuel cost, which is one of the three components of the final rate that power producers charge their government-backed buyer, was 30.4pc on a month-on-month basis. The steep i..... more >>

Power production hits record high  
Source: Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-22  
KARACHI: Power production in Pakistan rose to a historic high at 136,572 gigawatt-hours (GWh) in 2021, apparently helping the authorities to reduce burden of capacity payments to electricity producers. Consumers, however, paid a price for the growth in power production as the cost of energy spiked 72.4% to Rs8.24 per unit (kilowatt-hour) in the winter month of December. Energy production increase..... more >>

KCA concerned over low gas pressure, suspension of supply to EOS  
KARACHI: Khawaja M Zubair, Chairman, the Karachi Cotton Association (KCA), has expressed his extreme concern over the low gas pressure and closure of gas supply to the EOS - “Export Oriented Sector” of Sindh and Balochistan, which are contributing more than 52 percent in total textile exports of Pakistan. He observed that due to extremely low gas pressure and frequent unavailability..... more >>

Power supply remains stable: KE  
KARACHI: As the gushing winds started blowing in the port city from Friday morning, K-Electric ensured that the power supply to the city remains stable. However, areas with high incidence of theft and kunda usage were preemptively shut down temporarily in the interest of safety of the residents and the power supply was swiftly restored after receiving clearance from the ground teams of KE. D..... more >>

CPPA-G seeks Rs3.12 raise in Discos’ tariffs for Dec 2021  
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-22  
ISLAMABAD: The Central Power Purchasing Agency- Guaranteed (CPPA-G) has sought an increase of Rs 3.12 per unit in tariffs of power Distribution Companies (Discos) for December 2021, under monthly Fuel Component Adjustment (FCA) mechanism, as generation from coal has overtaken hydel generation in terms of both units and cost. The main reason, according to CPPA-G, for the proposed increase in F..... more >>

Karot Power Project declared among top performers by Nepra  
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-22  
ISLAMABAD - The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has declared 720MW Karot Power Project among the top performers. This was announced at the NEPRA CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Awards Ceremony held in Islamabad. The ceremony was held under NEPRA’s ‘Power with Prosperity’ initiative to highlight and appreciate the achievements of Pakistan’s ma..... more >>
Karot Hydropower Project operations likely to begin in June
Source: Khalid Hasnain, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-01-23
LAHORE: The 720-megawatt Karot Hydropower Project (HPP) is likely to start operations in June, two months before its actual Commercial Operation Date (COD) in August, Dawn learnt on Saturday. The civil, mechanical and electrical works of Karot HPP – the first hydel power generation project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) – are about to be completed while the project ma.... more >>

Gas crisis affecting industries in Karachi: Zahid
KARACHI: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan and President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, Mian Zahid Hussain has said Karachi is the economic hub of Pakistan and ignoring the needs of this important city is tantamount to playing with the weak economy. The government gets 68% of its revenue from Karachi, while its share in exports is 54% while its share in textile expor.... more >>

Prices of POL and products—I
Petrol prices have been increased again to cross the mark of Rs 147 per litre, while diesel remains cheaper by a few rupees. International prices have increased as well. In the light of general inflation, the price increase has not been well taken by the people at large. Contrary to the popular discourse, POL and products’ prices are still cheaper in Pakistan as compared to those in the regi.... more >>

Govt exploring alternate sources as reserves of natural gas depleting: Hammad
Source: Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2022-01-23
LAHORE - Federal Energy Minister Hammad Azhar said Saturday that the government is exploring alternate sources of energy due to rapidly depleting reserves of natural gas in the country. Talking to reporters in Lahore, the Minister said Pakistan has lower oil prices compared to other countries in the region. He said the electricity price has been increased due to circular debt and the government i.... more >>

ADB to fund study about gas storage sites in Pakistan
ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved technical assistance for Pakistan to undertake a master study to assess potential gas storage infrastructure development sites. The study will identify cost, modality, geology and location proximity to transmission networks and load centres, market parameters, ownership, and operation and maintenance among other factors. The ADB will admin.... more >>

Oil firms make huge profits through tax-free imports
ISLAMABAD: Around 15 oil marketing companies (OMCs) are reported to have imported over 2.4 billion litres of petrol from China in two years earning a windfall of more than Rs20bn because of a special arrangement allowed under the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA). These OMCs have reported to the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) through the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) th.... more >>

Challenges for existing energy plans and future options
The space for Pakistan's energy options is undergoing a squeeze due to a combination of external and internal factors. This winter we have been once again reminded that our domestic gas reserves will largely deplete in a matter of a few years. It has also emerged that the imported LNG (liquefied natural gas), which was seen as a substitute for domestic gas, cannot be taken for granted. This.... more >>
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<td>Islamabad - Over 95 percent civil and electromechanical works of 720 megawatts Karot hydropower plant have been done and the project has entered into commissioning phase, two senior officials of Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) told Gwadar Pro. Karot HPP is among the early-harvest high-priority projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative. The run-of-river project has iconic im.....</td>
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<td>Islamabad: The power consumers faced another increase in electricity tariff up to Rs0.95 per unit following the government’s decision to withdraw an Rs20 billion subsidy. The federal government has filed a petition before National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to approve policy guidelines to withdraw Rs20 billion subsidy in the second phase of the subsidy reduction plan. In .....</td>
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<td>Karachi: Mari Petroleum Company’s profit inched up 1.85% to Rs7.47 billion in the quarter ended December 31, 2021 owing to plunge in exploration cost and uptick in sales. According to a notice sent by the petroleum exploration company to the Pakistan Stock Exchange on Monday, it had registered a profit of Rs7.33 billion in the same period of 2020. Earnings per share of the company came in.....</td>
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<td>London: Oil prices fell on Monday, hit by a stronger dollar and investor concerns over the possibility of quicker than expected increases to interest rates by the U.S. Federal Reserve. Brent crude fell $1.42, or 1.6 percent, to $86.47 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude dropped $1.70, or 2 percent, to $83.44. The dollar rose to a two-week high on Monday against a basket of curre.....</td>
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<td>Over 95% civil and electromechanical works of 720 megawatts Karot hydropower plant have been done and the project has entered into commissioning phase, two senior officials of Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) told Gwadar Pro. Karot HPP is among the early-harvest high-priority projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative. The run-of-river project has iconic im.....</td>
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<td>Islamabad: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Monday cleared the government’s Rs20 billion subsidy reduction plan through increase in uniform national electricity rates by up to 95 paisa per unit with effect from Feb 1, saying it was just a post office in the matter. “Our role is more like a postman,” summarised Nepra chairman Tauseef H. Farooqui wh.....</td>
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Energy and Indigenisation drives the economy  
Source: Dr Farid A Malik, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-25  
The Islamic Republic of Pakistan is out of fuel. The discovery of natural gas in 1952 ensured energy security for the country. At 12 Trillion Cubic Feet (TCF), it was one of the largest deposits of the world. Today the land of the pure has an extensive gas transmission and distribution network but is running short of fuel. The shortfall is being met by imported LNG which is expensive and out of th..... more >>

Nepra reserves decision on petition for hike in base tariff by Re0.95/unit  
Source: Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-25  
ISLAMABAD - National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has reserved judgment on the petition of the federal government for the increase in base electricity tariff by Re0.95 per unit. In a public hearing, presided over by Chairman NEPRA Tauseef H Farooqi, to approve Policy Guidelines under section 31 of Regulation, Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 for Retar..... more >>

Understanding with IMF; Govt set to further increase electricity base tariff  
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-25  
ISLAMABAD: The federal government is all set to increase electricity base tariff for domestic consumers using 201-400 units per month by Rs 3.11 per unit through withdrawal of a portion of subsidy as per understanding with International Monetary Fund (IMF). This was revealed at a public hearing on the second phase of subsidy rationalization plan, organized by National Electric Power Regula..... more >>

Imported gas: govt encouraging companies to build onshore underground storage facilities  
ISLAMABAD: The federal government is encouraging the state-owned gas companies as well as private companies to build onshore underground imported gas storage in various parts of the country to ensure smooth and affordable supply of gas to industrial, commercial, and domestic consumers, sources in the Petroleum Division said. In this respect, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) is work..... more >>

Power generation: Signs of growth  
Source: BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-25  
Having stayed virtually stagnant for two years, Pakistan’s grid electricity generation in 2021 went up by 10.4 percent year-on-year. Power generation at 132 billion units for CY21 is easily the highest ever, finally breaking free from the three-year rut. That said 10 percent year-on-year power generation growth is not unprecedented or extraordinary. It appears the demand in the economy is ju..... more >>

Federal govt’s permission sought; Punjab to begin development process on waste-fired power project  
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-26  
ISLAMABAD: The Punjab government has sought permission from federal government to initiate process for development of waste-fired power projects of cumulative capacity of 150MW, in seven big cities under ARE Policy 2019. The permission has been sought by Managing Director, Punjab Power Development Board (PPDB) in a letter to Minister for Energy Hammad Azhar. The Managing Director also ga..... more >>

BOP to raise Rs13bn debt financing for Lucky Electric  
LAHORE: After successfully raising Rs 7.9 billion debt financing for Lucky Electric Power Company Limited (LEPCL) in two tranches, the Bank of Punjab (BOP) has been awarded a third debt arrangement mandate by the company to raise an additional Rs 5 billion working capital. To mark these successful transactions and award of fresh mandate, a ceremony was held at the head office of Lucky Cement ..... more >>
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AC makers warn of shifting units to BD
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-26

OUR STAFF REPORTER LAHORE The airconditioners manufacturers have warned the government to shift their units to Bangladesh or Sri Lanka if the energy crisis is not resolved immediately, as presently the people have started to resale their home ACs due to unavailability of electricity. These views were expressed by FPCCI Zonal Standing Committee on Electrical, Electronics and Mechanical Chairman and..... more >>

Russia offers help to meet energy crisis
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-26

Our Staff Reporter LAHORE Russian Consul General Andrey Demidov has said that Russia, for being top energy supplier in the world, is ready to extend cooperation to Pakistan for overcoming the energy shortages. The Consul General was speaking at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Monday. LCCI President Shahzad Ali Malik, Senior Vice President Sheikh Mohammad Arshad, Chairman Pakistan... more >>

One cargo imported under CPFTA, confirms PSO
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-27

ISLAMABAD: State-run Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has confirmed that one of its petrol cargos in October 2020 was imported under the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA) but the origin of cargo was not known to it when it awarded the tender. “In October 2020, a cargo was imported which incidentally came under the CPFTA arrangement,” said the PSO in response to a Dawn report on Tues..... more >>

‘Naqvi was no victim of US-China geopolitical rivalry’
Source: Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-27

KARACHI: The main reason for Abraaj Group’s failure to sell K-Electric Ltd to Shanghai Electric Power for many years has been its unwillingness to be transparent with the government about the transaction structure, said Simon Clark, a Wall Street Journal investigative reporter, who first wrote about the financial irregularities at the Dubai-based private equity firm that led to its eventual ..... more >>

Wapda wants impediments removed to avoid delay on major dams
Source: Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-27

ISLAMABAD: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) on Wednesday alerted the government about the impediments that could cause delays and cost escalations to major dam projects, particularly Diamer-Bhasha and Mohmand. Briefing the Implementation Committee on Diamer Basha and Mohmand Dams (ICDBMD) on Wednesday, Wapda Chairman Muzammil Hussain updated the participants “of the impedim..... more >>

Oil hits 7-year high of $90/bbl

NEW YORK: Oil touched $90 a barrel for the first time in seven years on Wednesday, supported by tight supply and rising political tensions in Europe and the Middle East that raised concerns about further disruption in an already-tight market, Reuters reported. Brent crude rose $1.67, or 1.9 percent, to $89.87, after hitting $90.02, the first time the global benchmark has broken that level since..... more >>

Circular debt: SNGPL blames fertilizer sector, domestic consumers
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-27

ISLAMABAD: Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) has termed fertilizer industry and domestic consumers as key contributors in its rising circular debt, which is about to touch Rs 575 billion by next month. SNGPL has shared this information with Director General (Gas) Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), in response to a letter from the Prime Minister Office (PMO) about challenges in g..... more >>
National Refinery Limited
National Refinery Limited PSX: NRL) is the country’s only lube refinery. It was incorporated in 1963 and was privatised in the year 2005. After privatisation, NRL was made part of the Attock group, which has another refinery, Attock Refinery Limited. National Refinery Limited is engaged in the manufacturing, production and sale of a variety of petroleum products and lubricants. Its key fuel ..... more >>

PSCE equips power sector officials with transmission planning knowledge
Source: Press Release, Daily Times, 2022-01-20
A three-day Module-II of Training on Transmission Planning for the officers and engineering professionals of newly established Market Implementation and Regulatory Affairs Department (MIRAD) of Distribution Companies (DISCOs), National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), and National Power Control Center was arranged under the banner of the Power Sector Centre of Excellence (PSCE) establi..... more >>

Covid cases, high oil prices dampen mood at KSE-100
Source: staff Reporter, Daily Times, 2022-01-20
Investor sentiment was affected on Wednesday as the number of Covid cases increased, and oil prices continued to rise. The benchmark KSE-100 Index fell 674 points to dip below the 45,000 marks, marking the first time the index has fallen below this level. This was the largest drop in the KSE-100 Index since the massive sell-off that occurred on December 2, 2021, when the index plunged about 4.7 p..... more >>

Industry suffers ‘enormous losses’ because of no gas for 66 days
Source: staff Reporter, Daily Times, 2022-01-28
Mian Nasser Hyatt Maggo, president of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), sharply denounced the government’s indecision, which has resulted in supply volatility in Pakistan’s international trade. Major financial and production losses, stagnant export orders, massive layoffs anticipated, unrest, and uncertainty dominate; the world community and diplomat..... more >>

Persistent gas crisis vexes industrialists
Source: Usman Hanif, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-28
KARACHI: Industrialists of Karachi have lambasted the government over lack of action towards the resolution of the issue of gas scarcity. They cited that businessmen had faced colossal financial and production losses in the last 66 days due to the unavailability of vital input. “The government’s indecisiveness on this front has disrupted Pakistan’s export volume,” said Fede..... more >>

Experts denounce political hirings
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-28
LAHORE: Industry experts have stated that a reason behind the hike in energy cost and the surge in cost of doing business is the appointment of officials on vested interests in the power sector in complete disregard of the fit and proper criteria. They were of the view that the concept of boards, which was introduced to improve efficiency in the power sector, was marred with the appointment of n..... more >>
Turkmenistan team due for talks on TAPI, TAP projects
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-01-28
ISLAMABAD: A high-level Turkmenistan delegation headed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Vepa Hajiyev is to visit Pakistan from January 31 to February 2, 2022 to discuss Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan–India Gas Pipeline (TAPI) and Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan power transmission (TAP) projects, sources in Ministry of Energy told Business Recorder. The seven-member delegatio..... more >>

PBIF chief urges govt to allow private sector to import gas
KARACHI: Chairman of National Business Group and Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum (PBIF) president Mian Zahid Hussain said construction of new gas terminals and expansion in the existing terminals should be made conditional to the gas storage facility. Mian Zahid said the private sector should be allowed to import gas and state-run gas companies should be required to set up gas st..... more >>

Petroleum prices may rise by up to Rs15 a litre
Source: Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad , 2022-01-29
ISLAMABAD: The prices of all key petroleum products are estimated to go up in a range of about Rs5-15 per litre on Monday (Jan 31) for the next fortnight mainly because of higher international oil prices and application of additional petroleum levy (PL). Informed sources said that based on existing tax rates, import parity price and exchange rate, the prices..... more >>

Up to 10% rise in petroleum prices likely
Source: Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-01-29
ISLAMABAD: Consumers are likely to face another major increase in prices of petroleum products as rates may be jacked up by up to 10% effective February 1, 2022 following fluctuations in global crude oil prices. Tight supply of crude and geopolitical tensions in Europe and the Middle East propelled oil to a seven-year high at $90 a barrel in the international market on Wednesday. Tensions betwe..... more >>

Circular debt, capacity payments dent economy: FPCCI chief
ISLAMABAD: The swelling circular debt and capacity payments coupled with running of inefficient power plants more and more by the government has caused a huge dent to the economy as the country’s industry has lost its competitiveness manifold, says a letter of FPCCI President Nasser Hyatt Maggo to Prime Minister Imran Khan. The letter with the headline "Save Pakistan from economic co..... more >>

Consumers decry power cut as KE ‘punishes’ defaulters
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-01-29
KARACHI: The power utility, K-Electric, on Friday disconnected power supply to the Chanessar Goth locality and resumed supply after more than 14 hours. As per an official of the company, the move was meant to make defaulters pay their bills. Even in the winter, the K-Electric, punishes consumers who pay the bills regularly instead of precisely targeting the defaulters, residents of the locality ..... more >>

Gross Calorific Value tolerance; PD proposes alteration in power plants’ gas turbines
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-01-29
ISLAMABAD: The privatisation process of two RLNG-fired power plants appears to have hit snags as Petroleum Division has proposed alteration in gas turbines of plants for tolerance of Gross Calorific Value (GCV) of gas up to 1150 BTU/SCF for more use of RLNG in place of indigenous gas whose reserves are depleting expeditiously, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Both Combined Cycle ..... more >>
IPPs: PPIB irked by withdrawal of tax exemptions
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-29
ISLAMABAD: Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) is reportedly unhappy at the government’s decision regarding withdrawal of available tax exemptions to Independent Power Producers (IPPs). This was the crux of a letter written by Managing Director, PPIB, Shah Jahan Mirza, to Secretary Finance, Secretary Power and Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). MD PPIB has received ..... more >>

Sindh wants to take CCI decisions on energy to joint parliament session, says Murad
Source: Staff Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-30
TANDO ALLAHYAR: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that his government was ready to speak to anyone over amendments to the Local Government law, and pointed out that he had already made telephone calls to Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) leader Amin ul Haq, who is a federal minister. He was speaking to journalist at the residence of Minister for Works Syed Zia Abbas Shah here on..... more >>

Bahawalpur SNGPL claim: 500 compressors used for gas theft removed this winter
Source: From the Newspaper, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-30
BAHAWLALPUR: Around 500 compressors installed illegally to steal Sui gas from the underground pipelines for domestic use were removed by the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Ltd (SNGPL) during the ongoing winter season in the city. This was stated by SNGPL Bahawalpur Regional Manager Belal Asghar here on Saturday. Mr Asghar told Dawn that the consumers found involved in gas theft through compressors wer..... more >>

Trial run of Lucky, Thar power plants begins
Source: Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-30
LAHORE: The test run of two 900MW power plants—Lucky and Thar Energy Ltd—has paved the way for the launch of their commercial operations within a month or so. With the addition of these plants, the total generation in the southern region corridor will reach 5,530MW. It will further surge to 5,830MW after Jamshoro Power Plant starts commercial operation by end of this year,Dawnhas lear..... more >>

SSGC to get steel mill land on lease
Source: Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-30
ISLAMABAD: The board of directors of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) on Saturday approved the acquisition of 11 acres of land on lease from Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) against its receivables on account of gas supply to the steel unit. According to sources, the board gave the go-ahead for acquiring the piece of land, which was close to the CTS Bin Qasim, on a lease of 30 years. The public gas ut..... more >>

No check on unsafe LPG cylinders
LAHORE: Manufacturers and sellers of substandard cylinders have put at risk the lives of millions of people turning to using liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) because of the high prices of petroleum and shortage of natural gas. Domestic and commercial users, as well as transporters, found the solution to the exorbitant prices of petroleum products and shutting of compressed natural gas (CNG) station..... more >>

Removal of rock barriers; Wapda plans to shut down two Tarbela tunnels for 85 days
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-30
ISLAMABAD: Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) has planned to shut down tunnel 3 and tunnel 4 of Tarbela Hydropower Project's 4th extension for 85 days starting from February 20, 2022, aimed at removing rock barriers in front of both tunnels. According to WAPDA, the work on raised intake of T3 and T4 was substantially completed during the year 2020-21. The operation of the uni..... more >>
No natural gas/RLNG for over 100 days; Value-added textile export industries decry govt’s ‘silence’
KARACHI: The value-added textiles export industries are shocked and totally disappointed with the government for utter silence, indecisiveness and no response to the repeated appeals and press releases to rescue the Karachi industries which have been deprived of gas/RLNG for more than 100 days and the export production has become almost nil in the wake of zero or reduced supply of gas for 19 hours..... more >>

PDFL urges NPPMCL to avert default status
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-30
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Development Fund Limited (PDFL), Finance Division, has urged National Power Parks Management Company Limited (NPPMCL) to follow financial discipline and to avoid default status, which will endanger the privatisation and debt recapitalization of RLNG-fired power plants, well informed sources told Business Recorder. This message was conveyed by CFO PDFL Sohail Iqbal, in a le..... more >>

Local POL production up 4.72pc in five months
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-30
ISLAMABAD - Overall production of petroleum commodities has witnessed an increase of 4.72 per cent during the first five months of current financial year 2021-22 as compared to corresponding period of fiscal year 2020-21. The Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants (POL) products that showed positive growth included jet fuel oil the production increased by 30.63 percent during the period under review, Pa..... more >>

Over 70 units in Gadoon Amazai estate shut over gas suspension
Source: A Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
SWABI: The Gadoon Industrial Association on Sunday said over 70 units had been closed down in Gadoon Amazai Industrial Estate due to suspension of gas supply. Briefing mediapersons about the hardships being faced by the industrialists here, association’s president Fazal Rahim and general secretary Nadir Khan said closure of industries had forced them to lay off hundreds of workers. The ind..... more >>

‘We have monopoly till 2032’
Source: Nasir Jamal, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
The National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) is trying to expand its nationwide transmission capacity by 2,000 megawatts before the start of summer. Once the transmission constraints are removed the largest power sector company will be able to transmit 2,700 to 2,800 megawatts of electricity. Last summer, the demand had peaked at 24,564MW. The enhanced NTDC transmission network will, how..... more >>

Several Rawalpindi areas face low gas pressure
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
RAWALPINDI: The Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) has constituted teams to launch a crackdown on those who are using the compressors as several areas of Rawalpindi faced severe low gas pressure. SNGPL Rawalpindi region General-Manager Mukhtar Shah said on Sunday that during ongoing crackdown seized over 300 gas sucking compressors and machines and disconnected hundreds of gas supply conn..... more >>

Going green?
The government has imposed a 17 percent sales tax on the import of solar PV equipment. Solar traders have protested against it and consider it an anti-green approach. Reportedly, the finance minister had promised to not withdraw the previous tax exemptions on solar panels, but this has not been implemented yet. The government wants to generate much-needed revenue through taxes, while the trader..... more >>
Taxing solar panels
Pakistan plans to expand its power sector substantially. It has enormous solar photovoltaic (PV) potential and all the necessary conditions for its implementation such as high radiation yield, a regulatory framework, a favourable architectural landscape and strong demand forces that support its development. The Alternative Renewable Energy Policy, 2019 also aims to produce 30 percent of its ene..... more >>

PM for resolution of PD-Nepra ‘disputes’ ahead of approval of ‘wheeling policy’
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan has directed Power Division to sit with National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) and resolve their outstanding issues so that ‘wheeling policy’ is approved and announced next month (February 2022), well informed sources told Business Recorder. Prime Minister issued these directions at meeting on Energy Roadmap, held on January 24..... more >>

Textile, other industries; ATP chief wants smooth supply of gas, electricity
PESHAWAR: Chairman of Amun Taraqqi Party (ATP), Muhammad Faqir Shah has urged the government for pragmatic steps to ensure smooth supply of gas and electricity to textile and others industries across the country. He suggested launching of ‘Diplomacy for Tourism’, besides stressed the need of enforcement of agricultural and education emergency across the country, expressing hope tha..... more >>

Gwadar port: LPG imports to help overcome energy crisis in country
KARACHI: LPG Carrier “GAS ATHENA” the 3rd consecutive LPG vessel of this month arrived at Gwadar Port on 28th Jan 2022. This represents the effort of Ministry of Maritime Affairs, CPEC Authority, GPA, OGRA and Pakistan Customs to overcome the energy crisis through continuous LPG imports at Gwadar Port. The LPG imports have been gradually normalized at time of Covid-19 global pandemic w..... more >>

‘Gas outage causes adverse effects on economy’
Source: PPI, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
KARACHI: Minister for Industries & Commerce and Cooperative Department Jam Ikramullah Dharejo has said that prolonged gas outage to industries in Sindh is having adverse effects on the economy and as a result, unemployment and poverty are on the rise. This he said in a statement issued here on Sunday. Jam Ikramullah Dharejo while expressing concern over prolonged gas shutdown to industri..... more >>

Depleting gas reserves
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
ISLAMABAD: The country’s indigenous gas reserves are depleting at the rate of around nine per cent annually with the Exploration and Production (E&P) companies making no major discovery mainly due to the non-identification of new blocks by the past regimes. This tendency not only continued depleting the existing resources but also made the consumers to bear the brunt of costly gas a..... more >>

Electricity bills; GHQ seeks 50pc rebate for officers
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
ISLAMABAD: As non-stop raise in electricity tariff is hitting consumers across the board, General Headquarters (GHQ) through Ministry of Defence (MoD) has approached National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) for 50 per cent rebate to Commissioned Officers on electricity bills, well informed sources in NEPRA told Business Recorder. This request was despatched by the GHQ, Quarter ..... more >>
Govt asked to add hydropower projects to renewable energy scope
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-17
LAHORE: The Pakistan Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) on Sunday asked the government to include hydropower projects in the scope of renewable energy, as the country cannot afford to rely on costly and anti-environment fossil fuels. In a joint statement the senior vice chairman Nasir Hameed and vice chairman Javed Siddiqi also demanded the govt to prioritize the whole industry .... more >>

Renewable energy policy: provinces
Source: Ammar Qaseem, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-19
The approval of the Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2021-30 marked a major milestone for the development and planning of power sector. The approval itself was shrouded in controversy, with the Sindh representative opting to withhold his approval and subsequently Sindh government openly challenging this approval process. Nevertheless, it highlighted a key opportunity for growth..... more >>

Businessmen decry 20pc tax on solar panels, equipment
Source: Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-22
LAHORE: Deploring imposition of 20 per cent tax -- 17pc sales tax and three per cent additional tax -- on solar panels and equipment in the supplementary finance bill 2021-22, the business community says the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has challenged the powers of the finance minister by changing his decision of not imposing sales tax on the imports related to cheap energy generation. “E..... more >>

Solar-powered water pumps’ installation across Punjab vowed
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-23
LAHORE - Begum Perveen Sarwar, wife of Punjab Governor, Saturday announced the installation of Solar-Powered Water Pumps for providing clean water across Punjab. She said that in the first phase, as many as 2,000 Solar-Powered Water Pumps would be installed in the backward areas across Punjab where people lacked availability of clean water. “By providing clean drinking water to the people, t..... more >>

Emerging copper market and opportunities Renewable energy needs 4-6 times more copper than fossil energy
ISLAMABAD: Copper market is emerging once again in the march towards green energy and electric vehicles (EVs). Renewable energy requires four to six times more copper than fossil energy. The International Energy Agency (IEA) has projected that copper demand in the world would double in the coming two decades, ie by 2040. Copper is new oil as the exuberant voices reverberate. Its price and deman..... more >>

528 villages to get solar power plants for provision of cheap electricity
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-25
LAHORE - Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that solar power plants would be installed in 528 villages of seven districts to supply cheap electricity to more than 30,000 households. Chairing a meeting at his office to review the progress on off-grid solution projects on Monday, he said that solar power plants would be installed in five WASA areas to help save electricity bills w..... more >>
2,000 Solar Water Pumps to be installed in Punjab
LAHORE: Wife of Governor Punjab and chairperson of Sarwar Foundation, Begum Perveen Sarwar announced that Sarwar Foundation will install Solar-Powered Water Pumps across Punjab for providing clean water. In the first phase, 2,000 Solar-Powered Water Pumps will be installed in the underdeveloped and backward areas of Punjab where people are deprived of clean drinking water, she said while talking t..... more >>

Solar project cost spikes 30%
Source: Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-26
KARACHI: The cost of setting up solar power projects in Pakistan has spiked 30% to Rs70 per unit (watt) after the government withdrew tax exemptions on import of solar panels and related equipment through the mini-budget in mid-January 2022. This is one-time cost of solar projects having estimated lifespan of about 25 years. “The cost shot up following the withdrawal of exemption from 17% s..... more >>

Import of solar panels, other items: govt urged to restore tax exemptions
KARACHI: The federal government has removed tax exemptions on the import of solar panels and its products in the Finance (Supplementary) Act that will discourage the government's efforts of promotion of renewable energy. In a joint press conference at Karachi Press Club on Tuesday, representatives of Pakistan Solar Association (PSA) and Karachi Electronic Dealers Association (KEDA) urge..... more >>

Korean firm keen to invest in wind power
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-26
ISLAMABAD (APP) - Saleem H. Mandviwalla, Chairman, Board of Investment, met with two members Korea Southern Power Co. Ltd, Korea (KOSPO) delegation that came here Monday to explore investment opportunities in Pakistan in Power and Alternate Energy Sectors. The delegation comprised Seog-Ho Park, General Manager and Do-Koan JANG, General Manager of the company. Chairman, Board of Investment encourag..... more >>

Solar power plant; NPGCL Muzaffargarh seeks permission
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ISLAMABAD: Northern Power Generation Company Limited (NPGCL) (Genco-III) Muzaffargarh has sought permission from the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) to establish 250MWp solar power plant at its existing facility on the basis of Public Private Partnership (PPP). This proposal has been sent by Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NPGCL, SabeehUz Zaman Faruqi to the Ministry of Energy (MoE). ..... more >>

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Lahore - Work on thousands of industrial, agricultural and residential solar power projects has been halted across Pakistan following the withdrawal of exemption from 17 percent sales tax and 3 percent additional sales tax on import of solar power equipment announced recently in mini-budget. This was stated by Pakistan Solar Association founder and former chairman Muhammad Farhan in a meeting wi..... more >>
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IPR violations causing revenue loss
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KARACHI: Violation of intellectual property rights (IPRs) is a major reason behind low foreign direct investment in Pakistan as well as meagre spending on research, development and innovation in businesses, said Prime Minister’s Economic Advisory Council member Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri. Speaking to The Express Tribune on Tuesday, he said that IPR violation in the textile and garments sector, ..... more >>

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ISLAMABAD: The Agriculture Transformation Plan will ensure a prosperous future for the farmers, remarked Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Syed Fakhar Imam. Chairing the 16th meeting of the National Coordination Committee of Agriculture Transformation Plan on Wednesday, Imam stressed the need for ensuring extensive outreach of the Kissan Card Scheme. He was briefed that ap..... more >>

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Farmers of Southern Punjab are facing challenges in effectively applying Artificial Intelligence (AI) to increase crop cultivation, which has resulted in a decline in the overall crop yield and has added to the rising commodity prices in the country. Agriculture is a major industry in Pakistan which contributes around 20 per cent to the overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country and empl..... more >>

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Macro Economic Advisory Group lauds govt efforts for economic stability
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ISLAMABAD - Macro Economic Advisory Group on Thursday commended the efforts undertaken by the current government for economic stability on both fiscal as well as monetary fronts. Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Shaukat Tarin presided over the meeting of Macro Economic Advisory Group at Finance Division. Former Governor SBP Dr Ishrat Hussain, Adviser to CM Punjab Dr Salman Shah, Gover..... more >>

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