**About SDPI**

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

**Mission**

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

**Vision**

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

**About Newsletter**

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

It carries reference information's to the News items/Comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International dailies.

**Newspapers Covered:**

<p>| | | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• Dawn</td>
<td>• The News</td>
<td>• The Express Tribune</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• The Nation</td>
<td>• Business Recorder</td>
<td>• Daily Times</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Pakistan Observer</td>
<td>• Pakistan Today</td>
<td>• Urdu Point</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• China Daily</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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.

Subjects Covered

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

## Energy Governance

### Equal opportunity urged for transportation of Iranian petrol, diesel
CHAGAI: Three leaders of local political groups have urged the local authorities to open transportation of Iranian petrol and diesel for all residents of Chagai. Addressing a press conference along with their supporters outside the Dalbandin Press Club on Wednesday, Mir Qadir Bakhsh Mohammad Hasni of Al-Fateh Panel, Mir Inayatullah Notezai of Baba-i-Chagai Panel and Arz Mohammad Barech of Barech Panel. *more>*

### 4,500MW power shortfall causes hours-long outages
Source: Khalid Hasnain, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-04-01
LAHORE: With power shortfall surging to around 4,500 megawatts, all nine power distribution companies (Discos) on Thursday started observing hours-long forced loadshedding/load management in urban and rural areas across the country. However, the situation is more alarming than it may sound, as according to reports there were hourly power outages during peak hours even in big cities, including Lah..... *more>*

### Power companies allowed to charge Rs41.7bn more in April bills
ISLAMABAD: Confirming a shortfall of about 5,400 megawatts leading to nationwide power cuts, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday finalised Rs4.68 per unit additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) and notified Rs3.3 per unit additional FCA for K-Electric. The FCA of Rs4.68 per unit for electricity consumed in February for D..... *more>*

### Cutting losses
Pakistan’s energy sector has been facing potential losses and distortions in the distribution sector for years now, costing the national exchequer billions annually. In 2019 alone, DISCOs posted a loss of Rs171 billion due to less recovery of pending bills and another Rs38 billion due to technical losses. On average, nearly 20 percent of the electricity transmitted to the distribution syste..... *more>*

### Rs4.94/unit more likely to be charged from power consumers in April bills
ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) may allow the power distribution companies (Discos) to collect an additional Rs4.68/unit from the power consumers in their electricity bills for April 2022, as they paid less than the actual cost of power generation in February 2022. In a public hearing on a petition filed by the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) on behalf o..... *more>*

### Citizens suffer long power cuts as fuel stocks shrink
ISLAMABAD/LAHORE: Major rural and urban centres have suffered prolonged electricity cuts and face further power outages as the state-run power distribution companies (DISCOs) have started unscheduled power load-shedding from 3 to 10 hours a day due to fuel shortages and an increase in electricity demand in summer. The power shortage has intensified over the last week, with the country’s pow..... *more>*
**Load-shedding rears its ugly head in Pindi**
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-01
RAWALPINDI: Even before the onset of summer, unannounced load shedding has reared its ugly in Rawalpindi with rural areas experiencing hours-long unannounced power cuts. Citizens said that they were facing a dire situation due to frequent power outages and load-shedding. The load-shedding has badly disrupted routine life, businesses and work in offices and educational institutions. Due to the ..... more >>

**Lesco faces shortage of 1000MW of power**
LAHORE: The Lahore Electricity Supply Company Limited (Lesco) is facing a shortage of 1000MW as the demand is 4,100MW and the available power is 3,100MW, said sources. Accordingly, the duration of load-shedding in Punjab province has reached 3 to 10 hours, leaving the consumers to face worst load shedding of electricity supply at the very outset of the summer season as well as Ramazan. I..... more >>

**Nepra expresses its surprise over ‘forced’ load-shedding**
Source: Mushq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-01
ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday expressed its surprise over 12-hour forced load shedding in the country when the government claims that currently 40,000 MW installed capacity is available. The regulator shared these observations at a public hearing on a request of Central Power Purchasing Agency – Guaranteed (CPPA-G) in which the latter sought..... more >>

**Capped prices of petroleum products; Govt to bear additional burden of Rs33bn**
ISLAMABAD: Federal government decision to un-change the prices of petroleum products for first half of April will raise the price differential claims (PDC) to Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and oil Refineries. In a statement, Finance Division says that government will bear the additional burden of Rs 33 billion to keep the prices unchanged. For month of March, the PDC amount was Rs 31 billion..... more >>

**Global petrochemical industry-inflated costs**
Source: BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-01
Oil prices that were inching up already since the beginning of the year have been sky-rocketing since Russia-Ukraine war commenced. Against this backdrop, the petrochemical producers particularly in Asia are finding it hard to keep up with the rising costs due to record high naphtha prices. The volatility in crude oil prices has pushed up naphtha prices - making it difficult for producers to bear ..... more >>

**Karachi industries; Govt urged to provide gas as per demand**
KARACHI: President of SITE Association of Industry Abdul Rasheed has urged the federal government to provide gas to Karachi industries as per demand by taking immediate steps aimed at reducing cost of production and removing obstacles in industrial activities. While opposing giving gas share of Sindh province to Punjab, he said that Sindh province has the first right to use gas produce.... more >>

**Bajaur elders set conditions for installation of power meters**
Source: The Newspaper's Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-02
BAJAUR: Tribal elders, political leaders and traders here on Friday set conditions for installation of electricity meters, demanding special subsidy in bills and smooth power supply. Speaking during an open court on the issue of electricity held at the Jirga Hall in Civil Colony, Khar, they complained about the poor situation of power supply in the region. Senior officials of the administration ..... more >>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Source</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Check gas theft to avert $2bn LNG imports: Shamshad</td>
<td>Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Govt mulls new levy on oil products</td>
<td>Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Govt okays Rs25b grant for PSO</td>
<td>Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Energy-efficient products may end power crisis</td>
<td>APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power supply monitoring; IESCO sets up ‘Central Control Room’</td>
<td>Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sindh govt signs agreement with five companies for waste-to-energy project</td>
<td>Our Correspondent, The News, International</td>
<td>2022-04-02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Source</td>
<td>Date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>---------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ECC approves Rs25bn for LNG, diesel imports</strong></td>
<td>Our Correspondent, The News, International</td>
<td>2022-04-02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>on Friday approved Rs25 billion for the import of Liquefied Natural</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gas (LNG), diesel and motor spirit to avoid any disruption in supply</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>chain. “Keeping in mind the prevailing commodity market price trend</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>as well as the need for import of LNG, diesel and motor spirit from</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 2022 to June 2022, the ECC approved Rs25 bi....</td>
<td></td>
<td>more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>No load-shedding during sehri, iftar</strong></td>
<td>APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PESHAWAR: Chief Engineer (CE) Peshawar Electric Supply Company</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(PESCO), Aslam Khan Gandapur has said that there would be no power</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>load shedding in sehri and iftar times during Ramazan while the</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>duration of load shedding has also been cut down by four hours.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Addressing a meeting presided by the Mayor Peshawar, Haji Zubair</td>
<td></td>
<td>more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ali, he has also assured immediate steps for the resolution of</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>electricity .....</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Higher differential claims for oil companies notified</strong></td>
<td>Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISLAMABAD: With the rising international oil prices and continuing</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>domestic price freeze, the Petroleum Division has notified</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>substantially higher per litre price differential claims (PDCs) for</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>oil marketing companies (OMCs) for the first fortnight of April.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Simultaneously, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has</td>
<td></td>
<td>more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>announced a schedule of more than Rs13 billion recoveries from oil</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>refi.....</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Probe sought into grid station project</strong></td>
<td>Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAHORE: The National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) has</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>detected various discrepancies in the construction of 500kV DG Khan</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>grid station and recommended a detailed inquiry against all those</td>
<td></td>
<td>more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>involved. An NTDC team has expressed wonder over selection of the</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>land, acquired for the project, falling in the flood-prone area that</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>caused collapse of the station’s boundary wall four t.....</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Bold decisions needed to handle oil price shocks</strong></td>
<td>Sarfaraz A Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KARACHI: Oil prices were already soaring at the start of the year.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The rally was being driven by the jump in demand in the aftermath</td>
<td></td>
<td>more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>of recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and tight supplies. The</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>conflict in Ukraine pushed the commodity to above $100 a barrel.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Although oil has fallen from recent highs, risks to the upside</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>remain in an uncertain geopolitical environment. This puts Pakistan</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>and.....</td>
<td></td>
<td>more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>KE asks govt to release Rs3.4bn under PM’s relief package</strong></td>
<td>Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISLAMABAD: The K-Electric (KE) has sought Rs 3.4 billion from the</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>federal government as first installment from the prime minister’s</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>relief package under which a subsidy of Rs 5 per unit has been</td>
<td></td>
<td>more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>approved for domestic consumers using up to 700 units a month and</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>commercial non-ToU consumers having a sanctioned load of less than 5</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KV. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has yet to suppor....</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Lesco upgrades 132kV transmission line</strong></td>
<td>Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad</td>
<td>2022-04-03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has upgraded 132kV</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transmission line from Pattoki to Okara and Renala Khurd to Pattoki</td>
<td></td>
<td>more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>power station to ensure uninterrupted power supply during Ramadan.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The upgradation was carried out on priority basis that would</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>improve power supply ahead. Also, transmission lines in other parts</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>of the region have also been upgraded by re-conducting the l...</td>
<td></td>
<td>more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Walton grid energised
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-05
LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) on Monday energised the newly-built 132kV Walton Grid Station. The new grid will give relief to the overloaded grid stations of Old Kot Lakhpat, Lifo and Township as well as improve voltage in several residential and commercial localities in the Lahore city district. “Our main focus is to strengthen the company’s 132kV grid and trans.... more >>

### KE allowed Rs1.29 tariff hike for February
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-05
ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Monday cleared Rs1.29 per unit additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for consumers of K-Electric on account of electricity consumed in February with a revenue effect of Rs1.2 billion. The public hearing on KE’s request for a Rs3.45 per unit increase in its monthly FCA was presided over by Nepra Chairman Tauseef H. Farooq..... more >>

### NEPRA may increase K-Electric’s tariff by Rs1.29
Source: Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-05
ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) may allow K-Electric to increase power tariff by Rs1.29 per unit on account of fuel cost adjustment for the month of February 2022. The regulatory authority conducted a public hearing on Monday to consider the increase in tariff sought by K-Electric. During the hearing, Nepra Chairman Tauseef H Farooqi hinted at allowing the co..... more >>

### Engro Energy hosts the Pakistan Energy Symposium
Source: press release, Daily Times, 2022-04-03
Engro Energy Limited in collaboration with the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), Ministry of Energy, Government of Sindh, Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OICCI), and Corporate Pakistan Group held ‘Pakistan Energy Symposium’ at a local hotel on Saturday. The conference brought together relevant stakeholders from public sector policymakers, reg..... more >>

### Sales of petroleum products grow by 23pc YoY
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-05
KARACHI: Due in large part to extra working days as compared to February, total sales of petroleum products increased to 1.82 million tons in March, registering an increase of 23 percent on year-on-year and 19 percent on month-on-month basis. Apart from the additional working days, the growth in petroleum products’ sales volumes in March is primarily attributable to growth in auto sales..... more >>

### Jamshoro plant resumes power generation at full throttle
Source: Mohammad Hussain Khan, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-06
HYDERABAD: Three units of Jamshoro Thermal Power Plant have started power generation in order to meet the national energy shortfall on the demand of the National Power Control Centre (NPCC). Jamshoro’s three, out of the four units, were producing around 300 MW to 325 MW to the national grid till Tuesday after having been energised a couple of days ago. Sources in the power plant told Dawn ..... more >>

### Rs26b sought for LNG subsidy
Source: Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-06
ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division is seeking the release of Rs26 billion to clear pending subsidy claims on account of liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply to export-oriented sectors to avoid default on payments to the international LNG suppliers. Earlier, the Petroleum Division sent a summary to the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC), seeking allocation of Rs41 billion for clearing the dues of..... more >>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Source</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Petroleum sales up 23 percent to 1.82 million tons in March</td>
<td>Our Correspondent, <em>The News, International</em>, 2022-04-05</td>
<td>2022-04-05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NPCC alerts govt; Fuel paucity may severely hit power plant operations</td>
<td>Mushtaq Ghumman, <em>Business Recorder, Islamabad</em>, 2022-04-06</td>
<td>2022-04-06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April LPG price up Rs13/kg</td>
<td>Recorder Report, <em>Business Recorder, Islamabad</em>, 2022-04-06</td>
<td>2022-04-06</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
OMC sales and robust demand
Source: BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-06
After a slower February 2022, petroleum product sales in March 2022 are back to being robust. Sales of petroleum products by the oil marketing companies in March 2022 were seen increasing by 23 percent year on year. The return of robustness in March however is evident from the month-on-month increase in total OMC sales by 19 percent. The year-on-year growth in OMC volumes was led by furnace o..... more >>

Power load-shedding in Ramazan
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-07
When it rains, it pours. On top of all its troubles the government is also going to take plenty of heat because of the likelihood of power load-shedding during the holy month of Ramazan, as revealed in an exclusive report in this newspaper, due to shortage of furnace oil and RLNG. *RLNG-fired plants... are being supplied 460 MMCFD RLNG against demand of over 700 MMCFD, while the furnace..... more >>

Govt asks refineries to raise FO production for power generation
KARACHI: Government has asked local refineries to increase furnace oil (FO) production for generation of power from it in view of challenges posed to LNG supplies in the country. “All refineries would endeavour to increase FO production keeping in view the challenges prevailing in LNG supplies and increase in demand by the power sector of the country,” according to official minutes of..... more >>

Govt seeks undertaking before nod to Eni sale
Source: Zafar Bhatta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-08
ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division has asked Eni Pakistan to provide an undertaking of Hub Power Holdings Limited (HPHL) in favour of Prime International Oil and Gas Company Limited (PIOGCL) for the sale of Eni Pakistan to PIOGCL. The division wants the undertaking before sending the case to the government for approval of Eni acquisition deal. Documents revealed that the Petroleum Division’s..... more >>

SSGC seeks 45% hike in gas price Says tariff increase needed to meet revenue requirement for FY23
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-08
ISLAMABAD: A public gas utility has sought an increase of around 45% in gas prices to meet the revenue shortfall for fiscal year 2022-23. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) held a public hearing on Thursday to consider Sui Southern Gas Company’s (SSGC) petition for determination of its estimated revenue requirement and prescribed prices for fiscal year 2022-23. The gas utility pr..... more >>

Oil slides under $100/barrel on demand uncertainty
LONDON Oil prices fell $2 after rising earlier in the session on Thursday amid uncertainty that the eurozone will be able to effectively sanction Russian energy exports, and after consuming nations announced a huge release of oil from emergency reserves. Brent crude futures slid to $2.13, or 2.1 percent, at $98.94 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude fell $1.7, or 1.9 percent, t..... more >>

IGCEP for hydropower projects; KP demands separate block of candidate projects of 3,000MW
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-08
ISLAMABAD: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) has urged the federal government to allocate a separate block of at least 3,000MW of candidate projects in the next iteration of IGCEP for hydropower projects at par with renewable energy schemes. The request was made by KP Chief Secretary Dr Shahzad Khan Bangash in a letter to Secretary Power, Syed Asif Hyder Shah. His letter is in response to a letter of B..... more >>
**Brent stays above $103 as crude oil rises again**  
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2022-04-08  
Crude oil prices clawed back some losses on Thursday after tumbling more than 5 percent to a three-week low in the previous session after consuming nations announced a huge release of oil from emergency reserves to offset supply lost from Russia. As of 1200 hours GMT, Brent, the international benchmark for two-thirds of the world’s oil, gained $2.12 (+2.10 percent) to reach 103.19 a barrel. … more >>

**CNG stations in Sindh shut down again**  
KARACHI: In a new schedule, the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) on Thursday announced its decision to shut down CNG stations in the province for three days this week. A spokesperson for the gas utility said that all the CNG stations will stay closed for 72 hours from 8am on April 8, Friday till 8am on April 11, Monday. According to SSGC, the gas supply to industrial units will also remai..... more >>

**Oily HSD-MS prices: Act before it’s too late**  
The PTI (Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf) government decided to freeze petroleum and electricity prices in the end of February for four months. That decision is haunting today. The prices were brought down and frozen at a time when international oil prices were skyrocketing due to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Pakistan’s government could not afford the luxury of absorbing the subsidy. The dema..... more >>

**PAEC seeks Rs14.5 per unit tariff for K-3 plant for 40 years**  
Source: Khaleeq Kiani, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-04-09  
ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) has sought about Rs14.5 per unit (7.87 US cents per unit) levelized tariff for 40 years for its second mega Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) of 1100 megawatts at Karachi (K-3). The plant (K-3) is second of the series of two 1100MW each nuclear plants and is currently in testing phase sending out about 1050MW electricity to the national grid. The f..... more >>

**Nepra, CPPA-G lock horns over draft Commercial Code**  
ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) and Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) have reportedly locked horns on draft Commercial Code which is mandatory to implement Competitive Trading Bilateral Contracts Market (CTBCM), well informed sources told Business Recorder. The regulator has published commercial code on its website accompanying CPPA-G’s ..... more >>

**Action advised against GE for ‘causing’ loss of Rs10.8bn**  
Source: Khalid Hasnain, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-04-10  
LAHORE: The Ministry of Energy (Power Division) has expressed grave concern over non-implementation of the recommendations of an inquiry report including an action against a leading multinational company for allegedly causing loss of Rs10.8 billion for non-functioning one of the turbines installed by it at 747MW Guddu Power Plant (GPP). The Power Division further advised the Genco Holding Company..... more >>

**New energy conservation policy to be approved on 12th**  
ISLAMABAD: The Board of National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA) is to approve the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation (NEEC) Policy 2022, on April 12, 2022 for onward submission to the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE). Official sources told Business Recorder, first draft of the NEEC Policy 2022 was presented to the secretary, Power Division/chairman of the NEEC..... more >>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>KE reluctant to accept price of PLL-supplied RLNG</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source:</strong> Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISLAMABAD:</strong> K-Electric (KE) is reportedly reluctant to accept RLNG price being supplied to it by Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL), well informed sources told Business Recorder. On March 9, 2022, KE wrote a letter to the Federal Government on this issue and conveyed its viewpoint on the pricing mechanism of RLNG. On the basis of KE letter Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has been asked by the  ..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fuel for power plants</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source:</strong> Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surely, it’s a little late for the ministry of energy to address the issue of fuel shortage in some power plants in time to ensure uninterrupted power supply during Ramazan. Already, there are reports of unscheduled load shedding throughout the country, which means it didn’t take long for the government’s claims to the contrary to ring very hollow. And directing concerned departm..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SSGC clarification on low gas pressure during Ramazan</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source:</strong> Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>KARACHI:</strong> Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has said that some of its esteemed customers have complained of receiving low gas pressure in the holy month of Ramazan especially during pre Sehri and Iftaar hours. It is important to mention that customers who are generally located at the tail end of Company’s distribution lines are facing low pressure issues due to sudden and manifold increase..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Electricity loadshedding, gas shortage during Ramazan perturb public</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source:</strong> Khalid Iqbal, The News, International, 2022-04-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Rawalpindi:</strong> The fasting’ residents of Rawalpindi city are facing severe weather without electricity. The heat-stricken residents are not only facing unscheduled loadshedding but also braved water crisis as well making their ‘fast’ very difficult on Saturday. On the other hand, gas crisis is continuously worsening in all areas, particularly during sehri and iftari. Fasting famil..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cabinet okayed change in diesel price mechanism before ouster</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source:</strong> Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISLAMABAD:</strong> Days before its dissolution, the cabinet of former prime minister Imran Khan approved a change in mechanism of high-speed diesel (HSD) prices to replace the fixed negotiated premium of long-term supplier Kuwait Petroleum Company (KPC) with a higher market-based weighted average. The change was approved through circulation by the federal cabinet on the basis of an earlier decision of th..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Punjab’s domestic consumers continue facing gas supply issues</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source:</strong> Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>LAHORE:</strong> Domestic consumers across Punjab continue facing gas loadshedding, especially during the night hours, despite the weather getting hotter and the fasting month of Ramzan starting from April 3rd. The consumers living in different areas of Lahore and other districts complain that the gas supply situation is worsening gradually. The problem is especially acute in the tail-end areas of Lahore ..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mekran Div: Iran, Pakistan set to settle power issues</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source:</strong> Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISLAMABAD:</strong> Pakistan and Iran are all set to discuss issues related to disruption in supply of electricity to Mekran Division and discrepancy in payment against 104-MW electricity being supplied by the Iranian side. Pakistani team comprising chief secretary Balochistan, officials of the Power Division and the Ministry of Energy, Balochistan will attend a meeting scheduled on April 12, 2022 at ..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Non-payment of dues; Power Div warns KE of stern action
ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has warned Karachi Electric (KE) to clear payment against additional supply from the national grid or face severe action such as reduction in quota or complete disconnection. This warning was issued by the Power Division on April 8, 2022, in a letter to the chief executive officer (CEO) Karachi Electric. Presently, the KE is being supplied 800-900 MW electri..... more >>

New govt required to avert fuel stock crisis
ISLAMABAD: The fuel stock situation for power generation is likely to aggravate in the country as the PTI ousted government did not release Rs25 billion to the Pakistan State Oil, required to open LCs for importing diesel and furnace oil in the wake of failure of Pakistan LNG Limited to ensure the import of LNG for power sector. A top official source said that Economic Coordination Committee (ECC..... more >>

Chiniot dam to produce 80MW cheap, eco-friendly electricity
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-11
ISLAMABAD: The Chiniot dam located on Chenab river at a distance of 5km from the Chiniot city would be completed by December 2022 and it would generate 80 megawatt cheap and environment friendly electricity. According to details, the gross storage of Chiniot Dam was 0.90 million acre feet (MAF) and had the power generation capacity of 80 megawatt (274 GWh). The project construction was n..... more >>

Captive plants face partial supply cut due to RLNG shortage
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-12
LAHORE: The shortage in supply of the Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) has forced the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) to suspend the supply to CNG sector completely and the captive power plants partially. “The SNGPL had sought supply of 1,200 MMCFD RLNG for the months of April, May and June while it, at present, is getting around 800 MMCFD owing to various internal and ext..... more >>

Brent falls below $99 as crude prices dip 4pc
Source: Monitoring Desk, Daily Times, 2022-04-12
Crude oil prices dipped around 4 percent on Monday as lockdowns in China and some countries’ plans to release crude from their strategic stocks sparked demand fears. As of 1430 hours GMT, Brent, the international benchmark for two-thirds of the world’s oil, shed $3.82 (-3.72 percent) to reach 98.96 a barrel. The West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the main oil benchmark for North America, ..... more >>

High gas price
Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-12
Energy prices have continuously been rising in Pakistan since 2018, with only one notable cut in March this year. Now the Sui Southern Gas Company has asked for a 45% raise from July 1 to overcome its revenue shortfall in the next fiscal year. OGRA held a public hearing last week to consider the different aspects of the prescribed price and its relation to the company’s revenues. The SSGC s..... more >>

Circular debt to haunt new govt
Source: Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-12
ISLAMABAD: The worsening circular debt in the energy chain will continue to haunt the new government along with the challenge of dealing with the rising crude oil prices in the global market following the Russia-Ukraine war, officials say. At present, energy companies are facing financial constraints and are struggling to get their outstanding dues cleared. Oil and gas sectors are reeling from R..... more >>
Power cuts hit Hyderabad residents in sweltering heat
Source: Z Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-12
HYDERABAD: The shortage of water and an increase in the hours of load shedding have hit Hyderabad amid sweltering summer and the holy month of Ramazan during which the people fast for around 15 hours. The Hyderabad Electric Supply Company claims it has been facing over 45% shortfall in the demand and supply of electricity from the national grid. The Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA), a subsidia... more >>

Oil sinks 4pc on China demand fears, reserves release
NEW YORK: Oil prices fell about 4 percent on Monday with US benchmark oil West Texas Intermediate dived as low as $92.93 per barrel and European Brent hit $97.57 on plans to release record volumes of crude and oil products from strategic stocks and on continuing coronavirus lockdowns in China. WTI was on track for its lowest close since February. 25, the day after Russian forces invaded Ukraine..... more >>

Additional power supply; KE refuses to make payment
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-12
ISLAMABAD: Karachi Electric (KE) has refused to make any further payment to the Federal Government against electricity being supplied from the National Grid, saying the power utility has net receivables of over Rs 31 billion, well informed sources told Business Recorder. This message was sent by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K-Electric in a letter to Secretary Power Syed Asif Hyder Shah on..... more >>

Energy challenge: Reduced tariffs and privatisation?
Source: BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-12
Many economic observers lost sweat on the outgoing government’s relief package on electricity. The idea that the government made enough fiscal space for four months did not fly high with many. Now that the PTI is no more in power, what becomes of the relief package is the next big question. Answer to that will also depend on how long does the coalition want to run the government. If the plan..... more >>

Credit ceiling raised for oil firms
Source: Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-13
ISLAMABAD: Banks have revised credit lines for the oil industry to facilitate the import of petroleum products to meet the country’s requirements. Earlier, the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) – an industry lobby – brought the matter before the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), asking it to intervene and advise commercial banks to enhance the credit limit for oil companies. O..... more >>

Oil exploration affects agri land, groundwater
ISLAMABAD: The leakage of crude oil during the exploration of the Adhi oilfield has affected acres of agricultural land and groundwater in Gujar Khan. Punjab Environmental Protection Department officials led by Deputy Director Rafiq Ahmed carried out a visit to areas adjacent to the Adhi oilfield after locals complained about the damage to the valuable agricultural land and the groundwater. The ..... more >>

Failure to buy LNG from spot market; Gas crisis set to simmer in summer
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is facing a gas crisis in summer after Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) failed to procure LNG from the spot market at a reasonable price for April, May and June 2022 with severe liquidity issues linked to the circular
**Procedure and benefits of net metering; Field formations directed to provide complete info**


ISLAMABAD: Consumers are significantly reducing their monthly electricity bills by generating electricity from sunlight/heat. IESCO Chief Executive Dr Muhammad Amjad Khan has instructed all field formations to provide complete information about the procedure and benefits of net metering to consumers. According to the details, by March 2022, IESCO received 5417 applications for net metering.

---

**Punjab govt wants Discos to do away with illegitimate adjustments**


ISLAMABAD: The government of Punjab has urged federal government to instruct Punjab-based power Distribution Companies (Discos) to do away with habitual illegitimate practice of adjustment of Electricity Duty against outstanding payables of provincial government connections and GST subsidy on private agriculture tube-wells. Punjab government raised the issue through a letter with the Ministry.

---

**N-power plants set up by China face financial problems**


ISLAMABAD: The financial woes of country’s nuclear power plants, established by China, are not different from other power plants established under different power policies. Well informed sources told Business Recorder that operation of the nuclear power plants and repayment of foreign/local loans have become a challenge in the absence of requisite payment by the Central Power Purchasing Agency.

---

**RLNG – consumer price at all-time high**


There is not much RLNG available for Pakistan to procure for the next two to three months. Spot cargoes have been hard to come by, and long-term cargoes have been cancelled by suppliers for the months to come. Even though China has recorded significant slump in RLNG imports, Europe is still gasping for gas, as Russian supplies get hit. America’s gas future prices too have continued to sour.

---

**K-Electric secures $100m to bolster Karachi’s transmission-distribution network**


KARACHI: Committed to creating sustainable cities and communities under UN SDG 11, KE achieved another milestone by securing USD 100 million in financing from Dutch Development Bank FMO to enhance its transmission and distribution network across spanning 6500 km operational territory. These funds will be channeled towards providing its customers with secure, safe, uninterrupted, and reliable power.

---

**Power outages during Ramazan irk twin cities’ dwellers**


Rawalpindi: The ‘fasting’ people of the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad have appealed to Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif to immediately take up the issue of long hours of unscheduled loadshedding by Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco). The concerned authority is observing 8 to 10-hours of unscheduled loadshedding in day and night for four days but nobody was questioning them.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Source</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Oil industry seeks formal approval for PDC payments beyond March 31</strong></td>
<td>Khaleeq Kiani, <em>Dawn, Islamabad</em>, 2022-04-14</td>
<td>ISLAMABAD: The oil industry on Wednesday complained to the new coalition government that despite public announcements, there was no formal approval on ground for payment of price differential claims (PDCs) to oil companies for selling cheaper than the cost of petroleum products beyond March 31. “PDC of Rs34.19 billion is expected for the period April 1-15, 2022. However, till date approval ..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>WB wants end to ‘unsustainable’ energy subsidies</strong></td>
<td>Shahbaz Rana, <em>The Express Tribune, Islamabad</em>, 2022-04-14</td>
<td>ISLAMABAD: The World Bank has made improved economic growth projections for Pakistan but sees deterioration in the external debt repayment capacity and called for urgent measures to avoid risks of running large fiscal and current account deficits. The Washington-based lender also asked Pakistan to immediately withdraw energy subsidies, terming these “unsustainable and ineffective”. The..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Diesel set to rise above Rs200 Govt will either raise price by Rs60.54 or enhance subsidy to maintain rate</strong></td>
<td>Zafar Bhutta, <em>The Express Tribune, Islamabad</em>, 2022-04-14</td>
<td>ISLAMABAD: The price of diesel is set to cross Rs200 per litre for the first time in history on the back of soaring crude oil prices in the global market and sharp depreciation of the rupee against the US dollar. In the second fortnight of current month starting April 16, the newly formed government would be required to either jack up the price of diesel by Rs60.54 per litre or enhance subsidy..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>K-P signs Rs7.2b deal with banks Financing will ensure completion of energy projects</strong></td>
<td>APP, <em>The Express Tribune, Islamabad</em>, 2022-04-14</td>
<td>PESHAWAR: An agreement of Rs7.2 billion has been inked for the speedy completion of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa energy projects, said Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Finance and Health Minister Taimur Saleem Jhagra. “For the first time, the projects will be funded by taking loans from banks through corporate commercial financing,” Jhagra told media during the signing ceremony of the agreement..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NAB and projected gas crisis</strong></td>
<td>Editorial, <em>Business Recorder, Islamabad</em>, 2022-04-14</td>
<td>A Business Recorder exclusive reveals that the projected gas crisis in Pakistan this summer would be attributable to two factors. First, the rise in the sub-sector’s circular debt has implied severe liquidity issues thereby disabling the Pakistan Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (PLL) from importing it. And, second, failure to import Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from the spot market for April, M..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PEDO, HBL, BoK sign agreement for completion of energy projects</strong></td>
<td>Recorder Report, <em>Business Recorder, Islamabad</em>, 2022-04-14</td>
<td>PESHAWAR: Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organisation (PEDO), Habib Bank Limited (HBL) and Bank of Khyber (BoK) on Wednesday signed an agreement for provision of Rs 7.2 billion for completion of energy projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The signing ceremony of the agreement between PEDO and commercial banks was held at PEDO House, Peshawar. Representatives of Habib Bank and Khyber Bank includin..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>System generating 50pc less electricity</strong></td>
<td>Mushtaq Ghumman, <em>Business Recorder, Islamabad</em>, 2022-04-14</td>
<td>ISLAMABAD: The country’s power system is reportedly generating about 50 percent less electricity - 18,000 MW - against dependable capacity of 35,630 MW due to which the entire country is facing 8 to 10 hours of unscheduled loadshedding across Pakistan, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has convened a meeting on energy sector issues on Thursday (..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
NTDC raises questions over energy conservation target assumptions
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-14
ISLAMABAD: National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) has raised questions on energy conservation targets assumptions by the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA) in its National Energy Efficiency and Conservation (NEEC) Policy 2022. NTDC, in a letter to NEECA, has acknowledged that energy efficiency and conservation targets are very vital building block for the long..... more >>

KAPCO clarification
ISLAMABAD: With reference to the news item published in Business Recorder on April 11. The news item is leading to unwarranted apprehensions as it is based on incomplete/incorrect understanding. We take this opportunity to clarify and correct inaccuracies in the news reporting as follows: 1. Due to the continued default on payments resulting in piling of huge payables by the Power Purchaser, ..... more >>

RLNG-fired plants; PC urges PD to expedite debt recapitalisation approvals
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-14
ISLAMABAD: The Privatisation Commission (PC) has urged the Power Division to expedite necessary approvals of debt recapitalization of RLNG-fired power plants, sources in PC told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said, as part of the privatisation process of National Power Parks Management Company Limited (NPPMCL), Government of Pakistan approved the “debt recapitalization an..... more >>

27 power plants out of order, Shehbaz told
Source: Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-15
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was informed on Thursday that 27 power plants having a combined generation capacity of more than 7,000 megawatts are out of order due to technical problems or fuel shortages at a time when citizens are faced with power outages across the country. The Ministry of Energy presented the list these power plants during the briefing and put the blame on the lack ..... more >>

First test for new govt as Ogra proposes massive oil price hike
Source: Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-15
ISLAMABAD: Days after the exit of the PTI government, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Thursday suggested an unprecedented increase of up to Rs120 per litre (over 83 per cent) in the prices of petroleum products with effect from April 16 to recover full imported cost, exchange rate loss and maximum tax rates. Highly placed sources in Ogra and the Petroleum Division confirmed that th..... more >>

Industry appeals to leadership for cut in energy tariff Hopes it would push up exports
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-04-15
KARACHI: Businessmen have appealed the newly elected Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif to reduce electricity tariffs in a bid to aid the industrial sector. “The unnecessary increase in electricity tariffs by the previous government has directly affected the industries,” said Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) Acting President Farrukh Qandhari in a statement on Thursday. &ld..... more >>

New govt to roll back electricity, fuel subsidies?
Source: Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-15
ISLAMABAD: new government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is in internal discussions on whether to roll back fuel and power subsidies that have blown a hole in public finances amid a stuttering economy, officials said. Former premier Imran Khan who was ousted in a confidence vote this week announced a cut in petrol and electricity prices in February despite soaring global prices in a bid..... more >>
**Nepra gives final touches to seven regulations for CTBCM execution**
ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has reportedly given final touches to seven out of ten regulations which are of critical nature and necessary for Competitive Trading Bilateral Contracts Market (CTBCM), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. However, some actions including trimming of exclusivity period of power Distribution Companies (DISCOS) has 2023 de.....  more >>

**LPG body writes to PM, calls for restoration of JJVL’s operations**
KARACHI: The LPG Industries Association of Pakistan has demanded of the government to restore operations of Asia’s largest LPG processing plant, the Jamshoro Joint Venture Limited (JJVL), at the earliest as its closure has not only reduced the local LPG production, thus creating a significant shortfall, but has also resulted in the hike of LPG prices by 172 percent just in two years. .....  more >>

**The country needs an energy czar**
A new government has been formed. The first step for Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is to form his cabinet. Ideally, the cabinet should be small; but it may not be possible to have a small cabinet as it is a coalition government. Energy and finance are two areas where the Prime Minister should not make any compromise; he must bring in the best and most capable available people. The colossal problem.....  more >>

**Direct billing by DISCOs, Karachi-Electric; Railways plans to hand over residential colonies**
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways has planned to hand over its residential colonies to Distribution Companies (DISCOs) and Karachi-Electric for direct billing to minimise impact of difference of tariff and line losses on electricity bills. “It is estimated that total amount of Rs 1800 million annually will be saved by the Pakistan Railways after completion of the project,” an official .....  more >>

**Guddu 747MW GT-14 incident; GHCL’s CEO makes accusation against Power Division**
ISLAMABAD: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Genco Holding Co Limited (GHCL), Muhammad Imran, has reportedly accused Power Division of deliberately holding him responsible for M/s Guddu 747 MW GT-14 incident, which caused a loss of over Rs10 billion to the national exchequer, well informed sources told Business Recorder. On March 31, 2022, Power Division, through a letter titled “direct.....  more >>

**Fuel prices: To raise or not to raise**
The fuel price decision is once again upon the government. This time around, it is the new government that faces the question. To raise or not to raise. A large section of keen observers wants the subsidy to end, some, even to the extent of levying all taxes back, even if it means taking the retail price north of Rs200/ltr. Others are prescribing a middle ground that would still lead to a price in.....  more >>

**Shortage of fuel, technical faults: Power plants’ closure causing 7,140MW shortfall, PM told**
ISLAMABAD: Non-availability of required volume of fuel to power houses coupled with technical faults owing to non-maintenance of some power plants are the main reasons for forced outages of 7,140 MWs across the country. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was informed about these facts during a Power Division briefing here on Thursday on the power generation situation in the country at a high-powered m.....  more >>
GE found responsible for Guddu Power Plant accident
ISLAMABAD: An inquiry committee constituted for investigating the countrywide blackout that struck January 9, 2021, last year due to an accident at Guddu Power Plant, has found M/S General Electric (GE) grossly negligent under the Contractual Service Agreement (CSA) and, therefore, primarily responsible for the accident and consequent losses. Pakistan suffered a major countrywide power shutdown o..... more >>

Petrol to rise Rs21/ltr if fuels prices unfrozen
KARACHI: Diesel and petrol might spike by Rs51 and Rs21 respectively in the next fortnightly revision, if the new setup unfroze the petroleum prices, frozen by the previous government to support inflation-broken masses, The News learnt on Thursday. According to a summary of Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), the new prices of petroleum products have been worked out for next fortnight. Go..... more >>

New govt may have to roll back fuel, power subsidies
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's new government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is in internal discussions on whether to roll back fuel and power subsidies that have blown a hole in public finances amid a stuttering economy, officials said. Former premier Imran Khan who was ousted in a confidence vote this week announced a cut in petrol and electricity prices in February despite soaring global pric..... more >>

Renewable Energy

Four firms join project to make 150MW from city garbage
Source: Tahir Siddiqui, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-02
KARACHI: The Sindh government on Friday signed a letter of intent with four foreign energy companies for a waste-to-energy project for production of 150 megawatts daily from the garbage produced in the city. The signing ceremony was attended among others by Energy Minister Imtiaz Shaikh, Karachi administrator barrister Murtaza Wahab, consuls general of the United States and the United Arab Emirat..... more >>

Conversion of Karachi's garbage into electricity
Source: Muhammad Shafa, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-02
KARACHI: Four globally reputed companies are intending to make a cumulative $600 million investment to convert Karachi's garbage into electricity and the Sindh government has also given them green signal by signing Letter of Intent (LOI). Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmad Shaikh while talking to Business Recorder after the signing of LoI here at a local hotel Friday said that these com..... more >>

Inclusive RE development
Source: Ammar Qaseem | Muhammad Mustafa Amjad, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-04
PROCUREMENT of renewable energy (RE) in Pakistan has historically been carried out through upfront or cost-plus tariff regimes. However, after the Alternative Renewable and Energy Policy 2019, the primary mode of procurement will be auctions. Auctions are a highly flexible method of energy procurement which can be designed to cater for diverse policy goals. They are competitive, transparent, and e..... more >>

Renewable energy transition; Agha Steel, Engro Energy join hands
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-04-05
KARACHI: Agha Steel Industries has signed a term sheet with Engro Energy Limited for providing Renewable Energy to Agha Steel from its Renewable Energy Park, which is being established at Jhimpur, District Thatta in Sindh. The
signing of term sheet is another major step taken by Agha Steel to initiate a ‘green steel revolution’ by helping in the sustainability of its energy mix an..... more >>

Stakes are high  
A transition to renewable energy that is both fast and fair is eminently possible. In the US alone, we already have almost all the technologies we need for a 100 percent transition to clean energy by 2035, with much of that transition completed by 2030. With this existing technology, we could power every state and grid in the US with clean, renewable, reliable energy. By now, it is widely underst..... more >>

Pakistan will have 60% renewable energy by 2030  
Source: Agencies, Daily Times , 2022-04-08  
At least 30% of all new vehicles sold in Pakistan in various categories will be Electric Vehicles (EVs) and 60% of all energy produced in the country will be generated from renewable energy resources including hydropower by 2030. This was stated by the Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Dr Jehanzeb Khan while virtually speaking at the forum Asia & Pacific Transport Forum 2022 organized by A..... more >>

China helps supply PV module to Pakistan  
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-04-10  
BEIJING: Recently, C&D Clean Energy has announced a partnership with Integra Solar for panel supply chain services. According to a signed memorandum of understanding, C&D Clean Energy will provide Integra Pakistan with integrated supply chain services of 100MW solar modules in 2022. “Integra’s value concept is to write the earth’s green future by choosing high-quality p..... more >>

Chinese provider signs MoU to supply PV module  
Islamabad : Chinese provider signed MoU with Pakistan Integra Solar to supply photovoltaics (PV) module. According to the MoU, C&D Clean Energy will provide Integra Pakistan with integrated supply chain services of 100MW solar modules in 2022. Recently C&D Clean Energy has announced a partnership with Integra Solar for panel supply chain services, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Fri..... more >>

Methane pledge: a major stimulus to biogas development  
Source: Muhammad Khurshid, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-04-11  
ISLAMABAD: Biogas typically refers to gas produced by the biological breakdown of organic matter in the absence of oxygen (anaerobic digestion). Biogas offers highly cost-effective, renewable and decentralised energy for domestic and commercial consumers. Pakistan did try biogas production in the 1970s but it could not succeed due to the lack of user-friendly technology and awareness among commu..... more >>

Meezan, Burj solar announce financial close;Rs1bn Islamic finance facility for renewable energy power plants  
KARACHI: Meezan Bank and Burj Solar Energy Private Limited have announced the financial close of the Rs 1 billion syndicated Islamic finance facility for BSEPL’s portfolio of power plants based on renewable energy sources in the country. The first tranche of Rs 580 million will be used to finance the construction of a 7MW solar power plant for Power Cement Limited along the Karachi-H..... more >>
LAHORE: “Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) should initiate low-cost energy generation projects in collaboration with China to reduce cost of doing business in the country.” This was stated by Wang Zihai, President PCJCCI, during an online think tank session held recently on the PCJCCI premises. Ehsan Choudhry, Senior Vice-President, Salahuddin Hanif, S.... more >>

SDPI s Events

**Best foot forward?**
All real world governments fail at some of the things they attempt; most do well in some area or the other. Come a reckoning, it is common sense to highlight the achievements and try to explain away the failures. In my opinion, one of the major failures of the coalition led by Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) has been its inability to take due credit for the things it got right. Some of the things ..... more >>

**Water stress and climate change**
World Water Day is observed on March 22 every year to highlight the importance of freshwater. The day is used to advocate for sustainable management of water resources. Pakistan is among the water scarce countries. Pakistan was once rich in fresh water, with more than 5,200 cubic metres fresh water available per capita at the time of independence. To..... more >>

**Lessons from Colombo**
Pakistan is not the only country in the region going through political turmoil. Sri Lanka, too, is facing a political impasse. Last week, all 26 members of the Sri Lankan cabinet (including the brother and nephew of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa) resigned en-masse amidst widespread protests in the country over the state of the economy. Mr Rajapaksa’s government no longer enjoys a simple majo..... more >>

**Five 'band-aids' the new government must immediately apply to revive the bleeding economy**
Source: Dr Sajid Amin Javed, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-04-11
The National Assembly finally elected a new prime minister following over a month of political turmoil, narrowly escaping a constitutional crisis that threatened to pit the various arms of the state against each other. There is, however, a much bigger challenge awaiting the newly formed coalition government, headed by Shehbaz Sharif — how to revive a haemorrhaging economy. That the economic..... more >>

**Five ways PM Shehbaz Sharif can fix the economy**
Source: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Geo News, 2022-04-13
Political instability, during the past few days, gave rise to unprecedented volatility in economic indicators. During the month of March, consumer prices jumped by 12.2%. On the external side, the current account deficit widened, and central bank reserves as they stand today can barely cover two months of the country’s import payments. While reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP..... more >>
### SDPI News

**SBP urged to play proactive role**


Islamabad: Renowned economist Dr Sajid Amin has said that Pakistan needs a central bank and monetary policy which, while delivering its formal mandate of price stability, is considerate of the pressing challenges faced by the country today including extreme poverty, joblessness, employment, and burgeoning inequality. Dr Amin was sharing his views at a hybrid seminar on “Social footprint of ..... [more >>](#)

### SDPI’s Related Articles

**Imran: positives and negatives**


First the positives: as a post-colonial constructed nation, Pakistan is an amalgam of ethnicities, languages, sects and other diversities. Therefore, the most important task for a leader is to forge national consensus. In this regard, Imran Khan’s policy regarding Deko Riq was astute. Allowing Balochis to feel that they are part of the decision-making process and will rightly reap a major p..... [more >>](#)

### SDPI’s Related News

**Indicators show economy performing well despite challenges**

Source: APP, *APP*, 2022-04-08

ISLAMABAD, Apr 7 (APP): As demonstrated by various indicators, the country’s economy has been performing well so far despite global economic shocks caused due to Covid-19 pandemic and disruption in supply chain, hence necessitating the need for stability at political front to continue the trend. The economic indicators including revenue collection, remittances, external trade, large-scale ma..... [more >>](#)

**APP Indicators Show Economy Performing Well Despite Challenges**

Source: APP, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2022-04-08

ISLAMABAD – As demonstrated by various indicators, the country’s economy has been performing well so far despite global economic shocks caused due to Covid-19 pandemic and disruption in supply chain, hence necessitating the need for stability at political front to continue the trend. The economic indicators including revenue collection, remittances, external trade, large-scale manufact..... [more >>](#)

**Increasing temperature on Earth**


The ever increasing temperature on the earth is a verification that climate change is gathering pace. In Pakistan, the early summer gives a hint that the country is included in those South Asian states that are vulnerable to climate change and can become a victim of its implications in a quick manner. This is the reason that climate experts issue warnings time and again and a recent seminar organi..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan’s new government faces tough challenges, warn economists**


Islamabad [Pakistan], April 11 (ANI): Economists have warned that rising inflation would pose a major challenge for Pakistan’s incoming government and it would have to reverse so-called relief measures announced by the Imran Khan government. Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) noted that it would be hard for the incoming government fo..... [more >>](#)
Economists warn Pakistan’s new administration faces major hurdles
Source: Desk, Bolivinside-The Daily News , 2022-04-11
Economists have warned that increasing inflation will be a key hurdle for Pakistan’s next administration, which will have to reverse the Imran Khan government’s so-called relief measures. Because the incoming administration came to power after the “Manghai Makao March,” Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), said it..... more >>

Webinar News

‘Govt, scientists need to work together to handle climate change’
Islamabad : Climate Change experts have said that South Asia is the most vulnerable region in the face of Climate Change and thus, collective efforts are the need of the hour to deal with different threats posed by changing weather patterns and increased risk of natural calamities. The experts were sharing their views at the hybrid seminar “Climate Change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability..... more >>

Govts, Scientists Need To Address Rising Climate Risks: Experts
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad , 2022-04-07
ISLAMABAD – South Asia is the most vulnerable region in the face of climate change and thus, collective efforts are need of the hour to deal with different threats posed by changing weather patterns and increasing risks of natural calamities. The climate change experts said this while sharing their views at a hybrid seminar ‘Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability: IPCC ..... more >>

South Asia most vulnerable region to climate change: experts
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad , 2022-04-07
ISLAMABAD: Climate change experts on Wednesday said South Asia was the most vulnerable region to climate change and therefore collective efforts were needed to deal with threats posed by the changing weather patterns and increasing risks of natural calamities. The climate change experts said this while sharing their views at a hybrid seminar titled, ‘Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability: IPCC Working.... more >>

‘Environmental sustainability a cross cutting theme’
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-04-07
ISLAMABAD: South Asia is the most vulnerable region in the face of climate change and thus, collective efforts are need of the hour to deal with different threats posed by changing weather patterns and increasing risks of natural calamities. The climate change experts said this while sharing their views at a hybrid seminar ‘Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability: IPCC Working...... more >>

Govts, Scientists Need To Address Rising Climate Risks: Experts
Source: APP, UrduPoint , 2022-04-07
ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 6th Apr, 2022 ) :SouthAsiais the most vulnerable region in the face of climate change and thus, collective efforts are need of the hour to deal with different threats posed by changing weather patterns and increasing risks of natural calamities. The climate change experts said this while sharing their views at a hybrid seminar ‘Climate Change ..... more >>

Govts, scientists need to address rising climate risks, say experts at SDPI seminar
Source: SABAH, SABAH , 2022-04-06
ISLAMABAD, April 06 (SABAH): South Asia is the most vulnerable region in the face of climate change and thus, collective efforts are the need of the hour to deal with different threats posed by changing weather patterns and
increasing risks of natural calamities. The climate change experts said this while sharing their views at a hybrid seminar ‘Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnera..... more >>

**Experts call for ‘One Health’ approach to deal with health-related challenges**

Source: Abid Saeed, *Daily Spokesman*, 2022-04-07

ISLAMABAD: Stressing the need to adopt a holistic approach to deal with health-related challenges, including mental and physical diseases, experts said that climate change, environmental degradation, and population growth are some of the critical issues that need to be address on priority. These views were expressed at a virtual seminar on ‘Our Planet, Our Health’ organized b..... more >>

**Govt asked to focus on health-related issues**

Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-04-08

ISLAMABAD: Stressing the need to adopt a holistic approach to deal with health-related challenges, including mental and physical diseases, experts said that climate change, environmental degradation, and population growth are some of the critical issues that need to be addressed on priority. These views were expressed at a webinar on ‘Our Planet, Our Health’ organised by the Sustaina..... more >>

**Experts call for ‘One Health’ approach**


Islamabad: Stressing the need to adopt a holistic approach to deal with health-related challenges including mental and physical diseases, experts said that climate change, environmental degradation and population growth are some of the critical issues that need to be addressed on priority. These views were expressed at a virtual seminar on ‘Our Planet, Our Health,’ organised here by ..... more >>