

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:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

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

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

No hike in POL prices on immediate basis: Miftah

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Just ahead of holding talks with the IMF on the revival of stalled \$6 billion program, Federal Minister for Finance Miftah Ismail on Sunday said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had refused to hike the prices of POL products on an immediate basis. However, the minister hoped that they would be able to find out 'amicable solutions' during the upcoming parleys with the IMF for [more >>](#)

Several grid stations working without key components

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-16

LAHORE: A monitoring team constituted by the management of the National Transmission & Dispatch Company (NTDC) has expressed grave concern over non-functioning and non-commissioning of event and fault recorders at various 220 and 500kV grid stations across the country. The issue has been raised vide a letter bearing No 880-91/GM/AM(N)/NTDC and the team, after carrying out inspections, has als..... [more >>](#)

Iesco to intimate consumers about outages through WhatsApp

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-16

ISLAMABAD: On the direction of the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), the Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) has decided to inform customers about outages through WhatsApp messages. Moreover, a focal person has been appointed on each feeder while WhatsApp groups of the users are being created. According to a statement, the Iesco chief executive officer has issued instructions to all the..... [more >>](#)

Prolonged power outage irks residents of Adiala Road

Source: [Khalid Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-16

Rawalpindi : The heat-stricken residents of Adiala Sub Division have to face a prolonged power blackout from 10:00 pm Saturday till Sunday afternoon. On the other hand, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) officials gave different statements on the prolonged power blackout here in Adiala Sub Division. Some officials said that 502 feeder and Adiala feeder have gone out of order while some of [more >>](#)

The blame game of port constraints

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-16

Port constraints kept the key players of the oil industry on tenterhooks for the past few weeks. They operated under strict government and regulatory instructions to ensure storage remain topped up with petrol and diesel and retail outlets stayed liquid without fail. On the other hand, the fuel stocks at the power stations had to be replenished continuously to make up for LNG and water shortages a..... [more >>](#)

No raise in POL products' prices for now: govt

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided not to increase the petroleum prices at this point in time but did not rule out adjustment in days ahead owing to sharp increase in crude oil prices in the international market, and for revival of International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme. This was stated by finance minister Miftah Ismail addressing a press conference on Sunday. He said that as Pri..... [more >>](#)

Kohala power plant; Chinese firm reluctant to accord approval

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-16

ISLAMABAD: China Export & Credit Insurance, Sinosure, is reportedly reluctant to accord approval to 1124-MW Kohala Hydropower Project in AJ&K, a project of CPEC, owing to overdue payment of other CPEC projects in operation, sources close to Managing Director Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) told Business Recorder. The Government of Pakistan owes an amount of over Rs [more >>](#)

Efforts on to facilitate consumers, reduce losses, says KE

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-16

KARACHI: As part of its effort to offer maximum convenience to its consumers and ensure uninterrupted power supply to the city, K-Electric continues to take various measures including setting up facilitation camps, conducting anti-power theft drives, and disconnecting defaulters' power supply in various parts of the city. As per the details, K-Electric has recently organized massive fac..... [more >>](#)

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Discos now 'over-billing' foreign firms too

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Power Distribution Companies (Discos) are reportedly not only involved in over-billing Pakistani consumers to cover up their losses but now they are also not sparing foreign companies in this regard. A recent case has been reported by John Coronado, Commercial Counsellor, US embassy in a letter to Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Lahore Electricity Supply Company (LESCO), Ch. Muhamma..... [more >>](#)

Costliest ever LNG

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-16

The import cost of 12 RLNG cargoes scheduled for May 2022 has been worked at \$746 million. This is not even the highest number of cargoes Pakistan has arranged for any given month. The import cost at nearly \$20 per mmbtu is easily the highest-ever. It is double the import cost incurred in the same period last year, despite one additional cargo back then. This is how crazy things have shaped in the..... [more >>](#)

Ruling PML-N faces allies' wrath over power outages

Source: [Amir Wasim](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The ruling PML-N on Monday faced severe criticism from none other than its own coalition partners in the National Assembly over the prevailing power crisis and deteriorating law and situation in the country. Minister for Power Khurram Dastagir Khan of the PML-N found himself in hot waters when the members belonging to the PPP, MQM and JUI-F one after the other lashed out at his ministr..... [more >>](#)

Oil imports hit record at \$2.2b in April

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-17

KARACHI: Pakistan's energy import bill hit a record high at \$2.22 billion in April 2022, as the growth in demand was emerging partly from "speculative fuel buying" ahead of the likely decision by the government to increase petroleum prices. The import bill rose 94% in April compared to \$1.14 billion for the same month of last year, a research house reported on Monday, citing the..... [more >>](#)

PTI govt representatives protest against load-shedding

Source: [Yawar Hayat](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-17

HARIPUR: Local government representatives belonging to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) took to the streets against the unannounced and prolonged load-shedding. They converged outside the Haripur deputy commissioners' office and chanted slogans against Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) authorities. The protesters also chanted slogans against the behaviour of the as..... [more >>](#)

Shahbaz says no

Source: [Editorial](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-05-16

Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif is playing with fire by delaying the decision to uncap petrol prices because if his best plan, just days before Finance Minister Miftah Ismail sits down with the IMF for crunch talks about the Extended Fund Facility (EFF), is to try to convince the donors to find another way, then the economy is most likely headed for a shock that the current account is in no position..... [more >>](#)

Shehbaz decides to maintain petroleum prices, for now

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-05-16

Finance Minister Miftah Ismail Sunday said the government will not increase petrol prices 'for now' as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was not in favour of putting this burden on the people. Addressing a press conference in Islamabad, Miftah said he would talk to the IMF and find a solution to the problem. "I had recommended him to increase [petrol] prices but he said people can&rs..... [more >>](#)

Oil subsidy to cost exchequer Rs60bn

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-17

KARACHI: The government has maintained prices of local oil products to protect consumers by further raising subsidy through price differential claims (PDCs) that will cost national exchequer Rs 60 billion on a fortnightly basis on both petrol and diesel against Rs 45 billion during previous fortnight, experts said. The total subsidy has so far reached more than Rs 195 billion during March-May..... [more >>](#)

Keeping petrol prices unchanged sent wrong signals to IMF: economist

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-17

LAHORE: The current government is making all-out efforts to facilitate the masses but keeping petroleum prices unchanged has sent wrong signals to the IMF. This was revealed by economist Dr Noor Fatima, while reacting to the government's decision to keep the petroleum prices unchanged. Dr Noor Fatima maintained that while Pakistan is once again gearing up to re-initiate talks with [more >>](#)

'Govt's decision to keep oil prices unchanged political move'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-17

KARACHI: The government's decision to keep the price of oil unchanged is a political move in the context of the current political situation in the country, which contradicts the ground realities, said Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan and President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, Mian Zahid Hussain. He said complete elimination of oil, gas and electricity subsid..... [more >>](#)

Guddu power plant fiasco; Senate panel asks Power Division to suspend CPGCL BoD

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-17

ISLAMABAD: Senate Standing Committee on Power has directed Power Division to suspend Board of Directors (BoD) of Central Power Generation Company Limited (CPGCL) and send their case to an authorized probe agency for not taking action against alleged officials responsible for damage to GT-14 of 747 MW Guddu Combined Cycle Plant. Presided over by Senator, Saifullah Abro, the committee held that..... [more >>](#)

KE awards KANUPP KKI grid construction contract to Siemens

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-17

KARACHI: In another milestone towards securing Karachi's energy future, KE has awarded the EPC contract for the construction of 500/220 kV KANUPP - K-Electric Interconnection (KKI) Grid to Siemens (Pakistan) Engineering Company Limited. The signing ceremony between Siemens and K-Electric was held at KE's Head Office. KKI Grid will be the addition of fourth interconnection in KE&rs..... [more >>](#)

Oil firms to get higher payments in May

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-18

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division has notified substantially higher price differential claim (PDC) payable to oil companies and refineries for the second half of current fiscal year owing to continuously rising global prices and domestic price freeze. In a notification, the Petroleum Division has fixed the PDC at Rs47.02 for payment on sale of every litre of petrol by the government out of federa..... [more >>](#)

No fuel price hike before relief plan

Source: [Irshad Ansari, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-18

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musaddiq Malik has said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has refused to increase prices of petroleum products until the presentation of a relief plan for the poor and deserving people earning between Rs18,000 and Rs20,000 per month. The Ministry of Petroleum has prepared three alternative plans for the provision of targeted subsidy to the poor, whi..... [more >>](#)

Gas utility affirms commitment to reforms

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-18

ISLAMABAD: Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has reiterated its commitment to broad-based gas sector reforms while opening the sector to private investors. Speaking at the Pakistan Energy Reform Summit 2022, SNGPL Managing Director Ali Javaid Hamdani talked about various strategies for implementing the government's reform programme in respect of competition, regulation, market lib..... [more >>](#)

With coal stocks dipping, power outages to get worse

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is facing a threat of low levels of coal inventory that might take 3,900 MW out of the national grid, making the situation of power outages worse. The overall shortfall of electricity in the country has reached 5,000 MW. Power Division sources said the total power generation in the country was 21,500 MW while demand stood at over 26,500 MW. The energy ministry has warned Prime [more >>](#)

Power outages cause water crisis

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-18

RAWALPINDI: The water crisis has started in the inner city and surrounding areas due to unannounced long load shedding and extreme heat. The three dams which supply water to the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, Rawal Dam, Khanpur Dam and Simli Dam, have started running out of water due to continuous drought. If the area does not have torrential rains till May 31, water rationing will st..... [more >>](#)

Impact of oil subsidy explained

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-18

ISLAMABAD: Finance Ministry has reportedly informed the Federal Cabinet on Tuesday that maintaining fuel prices at a subsidized rate was consistently increasing fiscal and current account deficits and putting pressure on foreign exchange reserves. Well informed sources told Business Recorder that Finance Ministry argued that maintaining fuel prices is also creating stress on the supply chain [more >>](#)

Energy summit; Dastgir describes hydel, solar energy as the way forward

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-18

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan on Tuesday said the government remains committed to solving the energy problems of the country, adding that renewable energy like hydel and solar energy was the way forward. Addressing at second Int'l Pakistan Energy Summit (PRES) 2022 in Islamabad, the minister said hydel generation was the "mainstay" of the country..... [more >>](#)

Speakers at conference discuss gas sector reform agenda

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Energy Reforms Summit was addressed here on Tuesday by former Prime Minister of Pakistan/ Former Federal Minister for Petroleum Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir, and Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik, DG HDIP Saeed Khan Jadoon, MD SNGPL, and other speakers. The SNGPL's managing director in his address discussed various strategies..... [more >>](#)

A Populist Decision

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-17

The federal cabinet's return from London has revealed some of the key decisions the new allied government will be making over the course of its tenure. The key question was whether the new administration would be continuing the misguided fuel subsidies left behind by the previous government, and it looks like the new Shehbaz Sharif cabinet will not be taking the political risk of increasing [more >>](#)

Peshawar High court stays suspension of gas supply to KP textile mills

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-19

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court on Wednesday issued a stay order against 'frequent' suspension of gas supply on different grounds to textile mills in the province and directed the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGPL) to provide uninterrupted gas to the mills till further order. A bench consisting of Justice Ijaz Anwar and Justice Shakeel Ahmad issued the order over two identical petitions..... [more >>](#)

Losses of Rs10.8 bn: Senate panel concerned over GHCL's inaction against MNC

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Power expressed serious concerns on Monday about the Genco Holding Company Limited (GHCL) Board of Directors (BoD) for failing to implement an inquiry committee's recommendation to act against a multinational company that allegedly caused the losses of Rs10.8 billion in damage to 727MW at Guddu Power Plant. The committee that met with Senator Saif..... [more >>](#)

Sales slump: Outlets closed in Sindh as CNG soars to Rs300 per kg

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-17

KARACHI: The CNG retailers in Sindh and Punjab have put up 'we are closed' signs outside their outlets after its price spiked to Rs300 per kg, which they claimed had drastically reduced their sales. "Majority of the CNG stations have been closed with only a few deciding to continue selling the gas to consumers," said Sameer Anjum, Chairman All Pakistan CNG Association, talk..... [more >>](#)

Hubco seeks exemption from application of IFRS-9 on behalf of all IPPs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-19

ISLAMABAD: The Hub Power Company (Hubco) has sought permanent exemption from applicability of the International Financial Reporting Standards-9 (IFRS-9) for Independent Power Producers (IPPs) due to the prevailing situation with regard to circular debt. The company's CEO, Kamran Kamal, has written a letter to chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) in relation..... [more >>](#)

Ogra chief vows to implement ordinance in true letter & spirit

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-19

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) Chairman, Masroor Khan, has reiterated his commitments to implement the Ogra Ordinance in its letter and spirit to attract private investment, provide a level playing field to the industry by promoting competition and protecting consumer interest. He was invited to deliver a keynote speech on behalf of the government of Pakistan and the Ogra [more >>](#)

Power Division considering reconstituting power sector companies' BoDs

Source: [Hamid Waleed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-19

LAHORE: The Power Division (PD) is seriously considering reconstituting Board of Directors (BoDs) of all the power sector companies, said reliable sources. They said the PD has also held discussions on ways to avoid condition of no removal of a BoD before the expiry of three years set by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). They said the PD would ask the present members [more >>](#)

Power Crisis Intensifies As Electricity Shortfall Reaches 7000MW

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-19

The power crisis in Pakistan has intensified as electricity shortfall peaked at 7,000 megawatts (MW) in the country. According to sources in the power division, the overall demand for electricity in the country stands at 24,000 MW against the supply of 17,000 MW, causing a shortfall of 7,000 MW. The shortfall has led to eight to 10 hours of load shedding in the country. The Power Division has p..... [more >>](#)

Six errant KE officials sacked after deaths in Karachi, Senate body told

Source: [Kashif Abbasi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

ISLAMABAD: Senate's Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat was informed on Thursday that six officials of the K-Electric had been removed from their services for their failure to observe safety protocols which led to the death of some person in Karachi a few months ago. A meeting of the committee was held in the Parliament House on Thursday with Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad in the Chair. I..... [more >>](#)

Better to take tough decisions on energy, fuel prices now: Khurram Dastgir

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

ISLAMABAD: Apparently setting the stage for reversing fuel and electricity discounts amid negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the coalition government's energy ministers on Thursday said the tough decisions now would be better than even tougher choices six months later. "Reduction in the international prices (of oil, gas and coal) is not expected over the short to..... [more >>](#)

4 additional cargoes of LNG, five cargoes of furnace oil arranged

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has arranged four additional cargoes of LNG and five cargoes of furnace oil to solve the shortage of fuel for power generation which will help end the loadshedding in the country. Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan stated this in a joint conference with Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik on Thursday. Khurram said that the government wa..... [more >>](#)

Subsidy to zero-rated sectors; MoC seeks Rs32bn grant for Power Div

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Commerce (MoC) has sought supplementary grant of Rs 32 billion to Power Division for supply of electricity at 9 Cents per unit to five export-oriented sectors during the current fiscal year, sources close to Secretary Commerce told Business Recorder. Commerce Ministry has prepared this emergent proposal after Power Division threatened to withdraw subsidy beyond May 31, [more >>](#)

Plea of RPP case accused/ AC asks NAB to give rebuttal

Source: [Fazal Sher](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

ISLAMABAD: The Accountability Court on Thursday directed the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) to give its rebuttal with respect to the acquittal application filed by an accused of M/S Karkey Power Project rental power project (RPP) case against former prime minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf and others during the next hearing. The Accountability Court-III judge, Syed Asghar Ali, while hearing t..... [more >>](#)

Concessional power tariff; Any 'imprudent' decision will be disastrous for economy: PHMA

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

KARACHI: Central Chairman of the Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PHMA), Shahzad Azam Khan, on Thursday warned the PML(N)-led federal government that any "imprudent" decision to discontinue the concessional power tariff for five export-oriented sectors will be disastrous for the country's economy. The country's textile, one of the five sec..... [more >>](#)

KE took action against neglectful employees, Senate panel told

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat on Thursday was informed that K-Electric (KE) has removed six officials from service involved in an incident which caused the death of one person due to not following safety protocols. While briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat held here under the chairmanship of Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad, Chairman Natio..... [more >>](#)

Fix the HSD subsidy first!

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

The subsidy on diesel is growing. And so is the consumption (on papers). National sale of high-speed diesel (HSD) stood at the highest ever number of 919k tons (1.1 bn liters) in April 2022. The previous highest was 900K tons in June 2016. At that time, there was consumption in small generators too due to loadshedding. The consumption in April-22 is 27 percent higher than the average monthly consu..... [more >>](#)

Power shortfall soars to 1300MW

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

LAHORE: Power shortfall has risen to 1300 megawatt from 400 megawatt, leaving the company with no option but to carry out over 10 hours per day load-shedding. It may be noted that the Lesco was carrying out five hours a day load-shedding when the demand-supply gap was 400 megawatt on May 16. A sudden rise in demand-supply gap led to successive spells of unannounced load- shedding through..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan To Reduce Petrol Subsidy After Talks With IMF

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-20

During the talks with International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Doha, Pakistan on Friday presented their plan to reduce the subsidy on petrol prices. As per sources privy to the matter, during the talks with IMF, Pakistan have presented their plan to increase the prices of petrol while suggestions were also made to limit petrol subsidy to the poor. During the talks, it was discussed to reduce the loss..... [more >>](#)

PM removes 17pc GST on solar panels

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-21

KARACHI: In a move to encourage power generation through alternative energy sources, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday announced removal of 17 per cent general sales tax on solar panels imposed by the previous PTI government, claiming that it is only way forward to reduce the country's oil import bill that stood at \$20 billion amid the fast rising prices of the US currency that has cro..... [more >>](#)

Technical issues fallout: Power generation at Punjab's Haveli Bahadur Shah plant reduced by half

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-21

LAHORE: The power generation from the 1,230MW combined cycle Haveli Bahadur Shah Power Plant was reduced by half after one of its two gas turbines stopped working due to some technical issues, including choking of its air inlet filters. However, a source claims, the turbine will resume power generation (600MW) in the early hours of Saturday (today). "The project administration immediately [more >>](#)

More LNG to improve power supply: minister

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-21

TOBA TEK SINGH: Work is in full swing on an emergency basis for the rehabilitation of the power sector and to cope with the current situation being faced by the sector. The LNG supply will not only improve the power supply in the country but also help the government overcome the power crisis. Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Khurram Dastgir said this during his visit to the Faisalabad..... [more >>](#)

Iesco fined Rs65m for 25 deaths

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-21

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday imposed a Rs65 million fine on Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) for negligence, leading to fatal incidents from July 2019 to June 2021. In an announcement, the regulator said it had taken notice of reports of 39 deaths in different electrocution incidents during the two-year period and constituted a two-member [more >>](#)

NEPRA fines power firm Rs65m over fatal accidents

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-21

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has imposed a fine of Rs65 million on the Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) on the charges of negligence, resulting in fatal incidents during the period July 2019 to June 2021. On the receipt of reports of 39 deaths in different electrocution incidents during the aforementioned two-year period, Nepra constituted a two-me..... [more >>](#)

Imran again praises India for buying discounted oil

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-22

WASHINGTON: Former prime minister Imran Khan once again praised India on Saturday for buying discounted oil from Russia despite being a key member of a US-led alliance called the Quad. "Despite being part of the Quad, India sustained pressure from the US and bought discounted Russian oil to provide relief to the masses," Mr Khan wrote in a tweet. "This is what our government wa..... [more >>](#)

Load-shedding persists as shortfall increases

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-22

LAHORE: The country's strained power system continues to fall short of meeting the leap in demand as the mercury rises skyward. According to the sources, the insufficient fuel supply has been taking a heavy toll on power generation whereas the attempts to restore it have not yielded enough electricity to meet the demands. The electricity shortfall has increased to 6,085 megawatts against t..... [more >>](#)

Electricity production rises 24% in April

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-22

KARACHI: The electricity generation increased 24% year-on-year to 12,960 gigawatt-hours (GWh) in April 2022 but the growth in production came at a high cost as the fuel cost component in tariff rose 84% to Rs10.24 per unit. The country got the largest production from imported gas (liquefied natural gas – LNG) fired power plants at 2,517 GWh in April. It was, however, 2% lower compared to t..... [more >>](#)

Amid scorching heat: Countrywide power outages multiply people's woes

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-19

LAHORE: Prolonged, unannounced power outages have multiplied the miseries of heat-stricken citizens across the country. People of Lahore complained that they had been braving 8-10 hours of loadshedding against the scheduled loadshedding of 2-4 hours. 'It seems that power utility is clueless about demand and supply of electricity and it has failed to manage available power prudently,' [more >>](#)

KE urges FD to release budgeted subsidy directly

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-22

ISLAMABAD: Karachi Electric (KE) has urged the Finance Division to release budgeted subsidy directly to it to ensure business continuity in coming days. In a letter to the Finance Minister, the CEO KE has stated that the base tariff, which was at Rs 22.5 per unit at June 2021, has also been significantly increased to Rs 31 per unit at March 2022 whereas consumer tariff stood at around Rs 19 p..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan requires Rs1.4tr in subsidies to keep POL prices unchanged

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-21

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has estimated that Pakistan requires Rs1,416 billion in subsidies for keeping the POL prices unchanged on an annual basis at the prevalent existing prices in the international market, so Islamabad will have to reverse fuel subsidies for achieving fiscal prudence. On electricity, the government requires subsidy of Rs139 billion on per annum basis. T..... [more >>](#)

People Reel Under Shocks From Outages As Power Shortfall Touches 5,349 MW

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-22

The electricity shortfall in the country has touched 5,349 MW. The total power generation in the country is 19,210 MW, whereas, the total demand for electricity in the country is 26,049 MW, according to the sources in the power division. It is also learnt from the sources in the power division that 4,940 MW of electricity is being generated in the country from water, whereas, the government's thermal [more >>](#)

Charter of energy?

Source: [Tabish Gauhar](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-21

As Pakistan suffers yet another 'energy crisis', it is worth asking what should be done to avoid history repeating itself all too frequently. To be fair, the recent commodity super cycle, compounded by the war in Ukraine, is stress testing even the more developed energy ecosystems worldwide. However, our sectoral fault lines are structural in nature and cannot be blamed on external fac..... [more >>](#)

Loadshedding in Karachi: SHC issues notices to Ministry of Energy, others

Source: [Jamal Khurshid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-21

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court on Friday issued notices to the Ministry of Energy, Sindh government, KE and others on a petition against unannounced loadshedding in the city. Petitioner Syed Mehmood Akhtar Naqvi submitted in the petition that the federal minister of energy had assured the provincial government the federal government would resolve the power loadshedding problem with the KE. However..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan among countries exposed to war in Ukraine

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-23

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) has listed 12 countries of the region, including Pakistan, which are classified as countries in special situations, and are deemed more exposed to the ongoing war in Ukraine than others. A policy brief on "the War in Ukraine: Impacts, Exposure and Policy Issues in Asia and the Pacific" &mda..... [more >>](#)

Pending new connection requests: a lost opportunity

Source: [Raja Kamran, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-23

THE sustained growth of a country's socio-economic landscape hinges upon the provision of fundamental resources including a stable supply of electricity, gas and water. Pakistan has made significant strides in enhancing its generation capacity, achieving a surplus after decades of struggle, with 39,722MW as of 30th June 2021. However, downstream lacunas also need to be addressed to encourage..... [more >>](#)

Opportunity on western border

Source: [Dr Shahbaz Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-23

KARACHI: The bitterness between Pakistan and Afghanistan can be traced back to the latter opposing the resolution for Pakistan's UN membership in September 1947. They asserted that the region now called Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) should have been given the choice of independence too in the referendum of July 1947 in addition to joining India or Pakistan. Since then, Afghan governments have c..... [more >>](#)

KP's Energy & Power Department stands first in fund utilization

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-23

PESHAWAR: Energy and Power Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa stood first by utilising 98 percent released funds during the current fiscal year followed by roads and industrial sectors that stood second and third by utilising 92 percent and 89 percent utilisation respectively. This was told during a high-level meeting held the other day here with Chief Minister Mahmood Khan in the chair, said off..... [more >>](#)

Political uncertainty exacerbating fuel subsidy harm

Source: [Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-24

KARACHI: What began as an act of abounding generosity for car owners in the last weeks of the PTI government has now turned into a wholesale raid on the national exchequer. The fountain of borrowed money is about to run dry, yet the coalition government is still dragging its feet on the reversal of massive fuel and electricity subsidies that the last government doled out in February. Finance Min..... [more >>](#)

Mangla's two units refurbished, added to system

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-24

LAHORE: Two Mangla Hydel Power Station units refurbished under the financial assistance of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) were successfully commissioned on Monday. With refurbishment, the installed generation capacity of each unit has increased to 135MW from 100MW - with a cumulative increase of 70MW from 200 to 270MW. According to the Water and Power Development A..... [more >>](#)

Korean investors eye Pakistan's energy, tech sectors

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-24

KARACHI: South Korea is looking forward to strengthening bilateral relations with Pakistan and supporting the conduct of business-to-business (B2B) meetings, said Korean Ambassador to Pakistan Suh Sangpyo. During a meeting with members of the Pakistan-Korea Business Council of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) on Monday, Sangpyo urged the businessmen of both si..... [more >>](#)

AJK has potential to generate 9,000MW

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-24

ISLAMABAD: Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) has the potential to generate 9,000MW of hydroelectric power that will end load-shedding in Pakistan and benefit its businesses and industries, said AJK President Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry. Addressing the business community at Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) on Monday, he said that the region has huge potential for joint ventures [more >>](#)

BR - EPAPER MAY 24, 2022 FRONT PAGE 1 Rs374m earmarked for Power Division as provisional IBCs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-24

ISLAMABAD: Finance Division has earmarked Rs 374 million for Power Division as provisional Indicative Budget Ceilings (IBCs) for FY 2022-23 for civil expenditure, and directed that IBCs may be prepared in accordance with budgetary allocations. Finance Division has conveyed that IBCs for grants and subsidies and development projects (if any) will be communicated separately. IBCs for the F..... [more >>](#)

Karachi businessmen assured of 32mmcf more gas

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-24

KARACHI: Minister of State for Petroleum Dr. Musadiq Malik on Monday assured the Karachi business community to supply additional 32 mmcf gas to industry. Speaking after a meeting with BMG leadership and Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) office-bearers, he said that Karachi industries would be provided an additional gas supply of 32 mmcf and for this purpose he would take pe..... [more >>](#)

Two units of Mangla Hydrel Power station commissioned with USAID's grant

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-24

LAHORE: The Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) has successfully commissioned generating units No. 5 and 6 of the Mangla Hydrel Power Station, recently refurbished with the financial support of United States Agency for International Development (USAID). With refurbishment, installed generation capacity of each unit has increased to 135 megawatt from 100 megawatt with cumulative incre..... [more >>](#)

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Power generation: Highest- ever fuel bill

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-24

April 2022 power generation numbers reaffirm that Pakistan is well and truly back on the economic growth trajectory of FY17 and FY18. Another matter if Pakistan can actually afford such growth – as the worsening external account indicators would suggest. Regardless, the 23 percent year-on-year increase in April 2022 power generation is the highest-ever growth, barring the Covid-induced low b..... [more >>](#)

Fuel supply hampered by blockades

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-25

KARACHI: The government's decision to stop the PTI long march to Islamabad on Wednesday by blocking roads in major cities of Punjab is hampering deliveries of fuel products in the province, which may result in late supplies to pumps. This was stated by the Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) while confirming the availability of sufficient stocks of fuel products in the country, including [more >>](#)

Chinese IPPs face default risk

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-25

ISLAMABAD: Power projects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) face further risk of default on the upcoming debt repayments, as their outstanding dues have jumped above Rs340 billion amid Pakistan's backpedaling on fulfilling its contractual obligations. Owing to the gravity of the situation, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is expected to hold a meeting to find solutions to the ch..... [more >>](#)

Minister promises incentives for E&P firms

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-25

ISLAMABAD: The government will bring an aggressive incentive package for the facilitation of exploration and production (E&P) companies, so that they could step up their activities in potential areas and find much-needed new reservoirs of oil and gas in the country. This was stated by Minister of State for Petroleum Senator Dr Musaddik Malik in the National Assembly on Tuesday. "The e..... [more >>](#)

Documents debunk Imran's claim about Russia's cheap fuel offer

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-24

ISLAMABAD: There is no documentary evidence in the petroleum division of Russian offer of cheap LNG, crude oil and POL products as repeatedly claimed by former premier Imran Khan. This was stated by Syed Zakria Ali Shah, Joint Secretary Development and a spokesman for the Petroleum Division, while talking to this reporter. Sources at the petroleum division claimed trade of crude oil, POL product..... [more >>](#)

Fauji Oil Terminal to build 6 storage tanks at Port Qasim

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-24

ISLAMABAD: Fauji Oil Terminal and Distribution Company (FOTCO) has plans to invest in developing six buffer storage tanks to address ship traffic congestion at Port Qasim and handle additional cargoes. "We have already pitched this plan to Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) seeking finalisation of pricing mechanism," Adnan Samdani, General Manager of FOTCO told The News in an exc..... [more >>](#)

Blockade hits petrol, vegetable supplies

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-26

LAHORE: Scores of motorists queued at petrol pumps on Wednesday for petrol after several pumps ran dry due to the disruption of petroleum product supplies to different filling stations of the city. The city's daily consumption is three million litres of petroleum products. The petrol shortage was reported in Dharampura, Garhi Shahu, Ravi Road, Shadbagh, Shahdara and Lower Mall areas of the..... [more >>](#)

Global banks stop trade credit for oil imports by Pakistani firms

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-26

KARACHI: Foreign banks have stopped offering trade credit for oil imports to Pakistani refineries, and some suppliers are seeking payment upfront to avoid potential problems resulting from political standoff in the country, industry sources said on Wednesday. They said politically-tense Pakistan is likely to face fuel shortages in days to come as international banks have refused to confirm letter..... [more >>](#)

PSO circular debt closes up to Rs1 trillion mark

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-26

ISLAMABAD: In the midst of rapidly bleeding economy and rising uncertainty on account of PTI Long March, the state owned Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has virtually landed in hot water with its circular debt skyrocketing to a whopping Rs939.838 billion, just over Rs60 billion short of Rs1 trillion mark. The receivables of PSO have jacked up to Rs591.665 billion with payables at Rs348.173 billion, data..... [more >>](#)

Double whammy hit oil sector eyes govt hand-holding

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-26

KARACHI: Country's oil sector has been hit by double whammy of first buying petroleum products at higher prices and then selling them at lower rates by absorbing the difference through a government-funded subsidy, which has choked the industry's cash-flows dangerously. As the budget is nearing and the sector is faced with liquidity problems because of delayed price differential claim (P..... [more >>](#)

A tough decision

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-27

THE government's decision to raise fuel prices from Thursday night to partially pass on the impact of rising global oil prices to consumers will remove a major hitch in the way of concluding a staff-level agreement with the IMF. The Fund had on Wednesday refused to revive the \$6bn programme without the removal of the fiscally unsustainable fuel and electricity subsidies and had given Islamabad [more >>](#)

PHC orders restoration of gas supply to cement factory

Source: [Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-27

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court on Thursday directed the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) to ensure uninterrupted gas supply to a major cement factory in Lakki Marwat district. Advocate general Shumail Ahmad Butt told a bench consisting of Justice Lal Jan Khattak and Justice Abdul Shakoor that the province produced more natural gas than its need but even then, its industries and other..... [more >>](#)

Fuel price hike can push up cost of production, complains industry

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-27

KARACHI: Trade and industry leaders have slammed the government for increasing the petrol and diesel rates by a whopping Rs30 per litre which will not only multiply the woes of already inflation-hit masses but will also push up the cost of production. They said the government bowed to the IMF pressure to withdraw the fuel and power subsidies for releasing a \$1bn tranche to pull the country from a..... [more >>](#)

Ministry for collecting oil levy, GST

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-27

ISLAMABAD: While cautioning about the widening current account deficit and mounting pressure on the country's foreign currency reserves, the Ministry of Finance has called for resuming the collection of petroleum development levy and general sales tax (GST) from the consumers of petroleum products. Sources told The Express Tribune that the finance ministry drew the attention of economic poli..... [more >>](#)

The petrol punch

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

The beleaguered government of Shehbaz Sharif mustered courage to reorient the economy and raised the prices of various petroleum products by Rs30 per liter each. Though it was an unpopular decision carrying a political cost, it was indispensable for striking a deal with the IMF. The raise constitutes almost one-fourth hike in existing prices, and the retail price of petrol is now Rs179.88 per liter..... [more >>](#)

K-Electric's tariff rises Rs4.8 per unit

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) has allowed K-Electric an increase of Rs4.8269 per unit in power tariff for March 2022 on account of fuel cost adjustment. The increase in tariff will put a burden of Rs7.86 billion on the power consumers in Karachi. The company will recover the tariff adjustment in the electricity bills of June 2022. Earlier, K-Electric reque..... [more >>](#)

Businessmen denounce fuel price hike

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

ISLAMABAD: Businessmen have slammed the government's decision to make a massive hike of Rs30 per litre in prices of petroleum products, which is the highest-ever increase in one go. They termed it a very harsh decision that would unleash a new wave of inflation in the country and cause a hefty increase in the production cost. Speaking at a meeting of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and [more >>](#)

Rupee recovers to one-week high Appreciates after increase in petroleum prices

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani currency partially recovered 1.13% (or Rs2.25) to a one-week high at Rs199.76 against the US dollar in the inter-bank market, ending the previous 15 working days' long free-fall on Friday. The currency regained after the PML-N coalition government took the much-awaited tough decision of increasing petroleum product prices with effect from May 27. The action is expected..... [more >>](#)

FO doesn't rule out oil, wheat import from Russia

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office on Friday did not rule out the possibility of Pakistan importing oil and food products from Russia, saying the country has an "open policy" driven by national interest to expand economic and trade relations. "Our policy is clear, you know in terms of expanding economic and trade relations, we have an open policy, driven by national interest. Wherever..... [more >>](#)

Frequent power cuts disrupt routine life, businesses

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

ISLAMABAD: Frequent power cuts and unannounced load-shedding have disrupted routine life and businesses in Rawalpindi amidst sizzling and sweltering temperatures. The unannounced load-shedding has also badly disrupted work in offices and educational institutions. Citizens said that they were facing a dire situation due to power outages after every two hours. Residents of several areas including..... [more >>](#)

POL price shock

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

THE petrol price hike announced on Thursday night was inevitable. Considering the fast-depleting government coffers and the high price of crude globally, the heavy subsidy on petroleum products was unsustainable, hemorrhaging funds as it was from the national treasury. Moreover, removal of the petroleum and electricity subsidies was a key demand of the IMF, without which the multilateral lender would..... [more >>](#)

Power tariff hike coming up, minister warns

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

ISLAMABAD: An increase in electricity tariff would follow fuel price adjustment through withdrawal of subsidies while protecting the poor under principles agreed to with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Minister of State for Petroleum Musadiq Malik said on Friday. Speaking at a news conference, he said Minister for Finance Miftah Ismail had very skillfully finalised conditions with the International..... [more >>](#)

PM takes step to 'insulate' the poor from price hike

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has announced a relief package of Rs28 billion for 1.4 million families and stated that the prices of petroleum products were increased with heavy heart for the interest of the economy and country. In his first relieved address to the nation, the prime minister held previous government responsible of the economic woes and stated that increase in petroleum..... [more >>](#)

KE demands natural gas instead of costly RLNG

Source: [Muhammad Shafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE) on Friday demanded supply of 'cheaper' indigenous natural gas instead of the 'five times expensive' RLNG from Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGC) to run its power generation plants. KE said that SSGC is currently supplying RLNG to KE instead of local gas which is 'contempt' of orders of the Sindh High Court (SHC). An immediate shutdown..... [more >>](#)

Policy rate and oil subsidy — I

Source: [Dr Omer Javed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

In its latest Monetary Policy Statement (MPS), released a few days ago, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) raised policy rate by 150 basis points to 13.75 percent. As per his interview with Bloomberg, published as part of an article 'Pakistan-IMF talks going well, take "bit of time": Acting SBP governor Dr Murtuza Syed indicated that '...and so far in this monetary policy ti..... [more >>](#)

Minister debunks Imran's claims of oil deal with Russia

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-28

ISLAMABAD: The previous government's decision to reduce the petroleum prices by Rs10 per litre and cap them till end-June 2022 had no documentary evidence. There was no approval from the ECC or the cabinet, and it was a verbal decision. This was stated by Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik while addressing a press conference here on Friday. He said no funds were allocated to s..... [more >>](#)

Reducing fuel and electricity consumption

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

It's about time the government seriously considered reduced working days and other ways of rationing energy as well because unless some out-of-the-box arrangement is implemented very urgently to bring down power and oil consumption, the economy will simply implode. It turns out that the power division recommended that the new government cut working days as soon as it was sworn in. But the pr..... [more >>](#)

Oil prices and efficient buying

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-28

The government has increased petroleum prices by Rs30 per litre. The increase is uniform against all products. There was much talk about some subsidy mechanism for the poor (motorcycles and older cars) and the present finance minister spoke in its favour. This has not yet happened. Possibly it may take some time, or it may be in the second round of the increase since the minister has not negated t..... [more >>](#)

Public fears repercussions of POL bomb

Source: [Khalid Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-28

Islamabad : People belonging to different walks of life have rejected the fresh hike in petroleum prices saying the hefty increase in petrol and diesel prices has broken the back of a common man completely. They condemned the rise in prices of oil products saying it will have repercussions on the prices of daily commodities, particularly kitchen items. The business community has also warned of a [more >>](#)

'Sanctions increasing energy prices'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-28

Islamabad : John Ghazvinian, Executive Director, Middle East Centre of the University of Pennsylvania, has said that energy prices were rising due to US and EU sanctions on Russia. Ghazvinian was speaking at an international webinar at the Institute of Regional Studies here. The webinar was conducted to analyse the alternatives to Russian gas in Europe and beyond as Ukraine Crisis persisted. Gha..... [more >>](#)

G7 urges Opec to boost output to cool oil market

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-28

BERLIN: G7 energy ministers have called on the Opec group of oil producing countries to pump more oil as Russia's war in Ukraine pushes crude prices to their highest levels in a decade. The call was contained in the final communique of a meeting of G7 energy and environment ministers in Germany, which holds the rotating presidency of the group of advanced industrial economies. The minister..... [more >>](#)

Oil importers press govt to fix trade credit issues

Source: [Tanveer Malik, The News, International](#), 2022-05-28

KARACHI: Cash-strapped oil sector has moved the government to help resolve the issue of foreign banks' reluctance to offer trade credit, which is slowing down the petroleum imports at a time when the country needs them the most. Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) in a letter warned the federal secretaries of energy and finance about the financial challenges threatening the country's oi..... [more >>](#)

POL products' prices hiked by Rs30 per litre

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi / Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-27

ISLAMABAD: The government has announced to increase petroleum products' prices by Rs30 per litre from Thursday with their implementation from midnight in an effort to revive the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme. The increase in petroleum prices was announced by Finance Minister Miftah Ismail at a hurriedly-called press conference. He expressed the hope that now reaching an un..... [more >>](#)

Prior actions for PACE-1; WB, Power Div to hold weekly talks

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-27

ISLAMABAD: World Bank and Power Division are said to hold weekly meetings to achieve prior actions on Programme for Affordable Energy (PACE-1). The World Bank Vice President for South Asia Region, Hartwig Schafer who recently visited Pakistan and met with different top officials has written a letter to Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan, saying that he appreciates the Government's..... [more >>](#)

The downward spiral of the power sector

Source: [I. M. Ahmed, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-27

Pakistan's power sector is currently reeling from a fuel supply chain crisis capable of leading to an implosion. Notwithstanding the non-availability of sufficient fuel quantities, macroeconomic and geopolitical factors have caused a surge in prices — furnace oil is twice as expensive for every metric tonne, and RLNG costs have also tripled since June 2021. Simultaneously, the demand f..... [more >>](#)

Fuel pricing: stop wasting time

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-27

The question is why the successive governments are too fixated on the petroleum prices. The question is why this has become make and break for everyone. Yes, it has an impact on direct and indirect inflation. Yes, it does impact the affordability of the common man. But by not doing this the economic impact is much bigger. Now the IMF is saying in plain words that there are no talks without removin..... [more >>](#)

Increase in petroleum product prices to hit economy hard: analyst

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-29

KARACHI: With the removal of fuel price cap and subsidy by government on petroleum by raising its price by Rs 30 per litre, the economy has landed into a very difficult situation so far as economic factors, existing high inflation and day-to-day affairs are concerned, says Ateeq Ur Rehman, an economic and financial analyst. Under the current circumstances the common man, who uses the existing..... [more >>](#)

Liquidity crunch; KE seeks urgent payment of Rs25bn from TDS receivables

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-29

ISLAMABAD: The cash strapped K-Electric (KE) has sought payment of Rs 25 billion urgently out of its Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) receivables, directly, to enable it to keep its operations afloat and timely payment to SSGC, PPL and PSO for fuel supply. In a letter to Finance Minister, CEO KE has stated that since his last communication of May 17, 2022, mainly due to non-release of TDS an..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum Subsidy Slashed

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-28

The government finally swallowed the bitter pill as it announced on Thursday that the rates of petroleum products will be increased by Rs30 per litre, paving the way for reaching a staff-level agreement with the IMF by June 12. As a result of this increase, ex-depot prices of petrol would increase to Rs179.86 per litre, high-speed diesel (HSD) to Rs174.15, kerosene to Rs155.56 and light diesel oil..... [more >>](#)

No Respite Amid Sizzling Heat As Load-Shedding Grips Pakistan

Source: [News Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-29

Amid sizzling hot weather, Power outages have severely hit Pakistan as Pakistanis have been suffering up to 12 hours of power load-shedding. All urban centers, such as Karachi, Hyderabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Faisalabad, and Sialkot have been severely hit with load-shedding and situation in rural areas of the country is even worse. Sources have said that power shortfall risen to over 5,500 MW as [more >>](#)

Fuel cost impact: Hiked prices await customers in every nook and corner

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-30

LAHORE: Following a 20 per cent increase in the prices of the petroleum products, the retailers also raised the prices of fruits, vegetables and other commodities in the open market. The official price lists showed slight increase in the rates but the actual situation in the open market was quite different. "Since the increase in the petroleum products' prices a couple of days, the s..... [more >>](#)

Past energy decisions haunting the future

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-30

The coalition government led by the PML-N is in the process of finalising an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a fiscal adjustment of well over Rs 1.4 trillion in the upcoming budget. It would be looking at additional tax measures of no less than Rs300 billion besides expenditure cuts, primarily the development programme — the traditional victim. This is set to comprom..... [more >>](#)

Let's defuse the petrol and diesel bomb

Source: [AAH Soomro, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-30

KARACHI: Politicians have plenty of tools at their disposal. The economy being the prime area, hence, the economic policies are a way to advance the political capital in times of uneasiness, elections and loss of votes, by targeting voter needs and, intriguingly, making it difficult for the next policymakers to manage. It's a product of this strategic chess game. Masses live with it. In 20..... [more >>](#)

Time to depoliticise fuel prices

Source: [Sarfaraz A Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-30

ISLAMABAD: The latest increase in fuel prices threatens to flare up inflation and consumers' tempers while damaging the political capital of the ruling party. In many countries, fuel prices move in tandem with the international crude oil prices, but in some like Pakistan successive governments have found it tough to raise prices. With inflation climbing to 13.37% in April, the decision to [more >>](#)

Indigenous fuel options linked to poverty eradication

Source: [Muhammad Shafa, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-30

KARACHI: Liberalisation of the power market and indigenisation of energy mix should be the way forward for Pakistan to get rid of International Monetary Fund (IMF) borrowings, and eradicate poverty from the country. Chief Executive Officer of Engro Powergen Qadirpur Limited Shahab Qader told Business Recorder that the country should explore Thar coal, low BTU gas fields, and renewable energy [more >>](#)

The bitter pill at last

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-30

The decision of the government communicated through an unscheduled press conference by Finance Minister Miftah Ismail to withdraw subsidies extended by the former Prime Minister Imran Khan on 28 February 2022 has to be appreciated on two counts. First, the subsidy was becoming ever more economically unsustainable as the international prices of oil and products continued to rise, a trend that conti..... [more >>](#)

Increase in POL products' prices; Pasha says: 'Well, better late than never'

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-30

ISLAMABAD: Inflation could skyrocket to 19 percent against the current 13 percent in the short term if subsidies on petroleum products are entirely withdrawn. This was stated by former finance minister Dr Hafiz Pasha while speaking as a guest at the Aaj News show "Paisa Bolta Hai" with Anjum Ibrahim. Dr Pasha referred to the recent increase in petroleum prices as "bette..... [more >>](#)

Discontinuation of special power tariff; Apparel textile sector warns govt of grave implications

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-30

KARACHI: The country's apparel textile sector on Sunday warned the federal government of a 'disastrous' implications for the economy if it discontinued the special power tariff to the five export-oriented sectors, saying that the IMF should be told the concessional facilities is not a 'subsidy.' The IMF should be informed that the special tariffs and DTL are not..... [more >>](#)

8 to 12 hour outages as power shortfall widens

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-05-30

LAHORE: The shortfall between electricity demand and supply Sunday climbed to over 6,000MW, causing outages for over 8-12 hours in various parts of the country. The frequent and unannounced suspension in the power supply have made the lives of the common people difficult, thanks to the non-provision of fuel for power generation that has emerged as one of the main reasons behind the blackouts in t..... [more >>](#)

IMF programme: Raise in base power tariff by Rs7-7.5/unit on the cards

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2022-05-30

ISLAMABAD: To ensure restoration of the IMF program, a massive increase in electricity base tariff by up to Rs7-7.50 per unit is on the cards within the next 2-3 weeks, which is to be enforced from July 1, 2022, top official sources told The News. "The current average base tariff stands at Rs16.64 per unit, which will go up to Rs24.14 per unit with the expected raise of Rs7-7.50 per unit.&rd..... [more >>](#)

Iesco fails to improve power supply system

Source: [Khalid Iqbal, The News, International](#), 2022-05-30

Rawalpindi : Although Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) is a profitable department and being a profitable department it is obligated to provide the best electricity system to its consumers but the irony of the fact remains that consumers have been suffering from poor electricity systems for years due to the non-availability of basic items like insulator conductors, transformers, PVS (cable..... [more >>](#)

Oil and gas sector's circular debt reaches Rs1.5trn mark, Senate panel told

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-31

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division Secretary informed a parliamentary panel on Monday that the oil and gas sector's circular debt reached to Rs1.5 trillion which needs to be controlled. A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum was held here at the Parliament House on Monday with Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir in the chair. Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir expressed his rese..... [more >>](#)

PM orders release of Rs50bn to Chinese IPPs

Source: [Mehtab Haider & Muhammad Anis](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-05-31

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Monday directed the authorities concerned to immediately release Rs50 billion to Chinese Independent Power Producers (IPPs) as the first instalment out of outstanding dues of Rs340 billion. The PM chaired a meeting here and approved the immediate payment. With failure in opening up a revolving account as envisaged under CPEC and delays in payments over fou..... [more >>](#)

Govt says increasing gas prices inevitable

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-05-31

ISLAMABAD: The government on Monday told a parliamentary panel that the two state-run gas distribution companies would go bankrupt if the gas prices were not increased. Especially, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority's new rules limit the power of the federal government to cap its prices so it becomes inevitable now. Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Malik said this while briefing th..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy

Gwadar's 300MW coal power plant to end energy scarcity by 2023

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The longstanding vagaries of the port city of Gwadar due to growing energy scarcity would end by October 2023 after the completion of the 300 megawatts (MW) coal-fired power plant. The 300MW coal-fired Gwadar Power Plant would cater needs of some 150,000 local people by the end of 2023 under the 2050 Master Plan of Gwadar, an official source said while sharing exclusive updates on the..... [more >>](#)

Businessmen laud abolition of GST on solar panels

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-05-22

LAHORE: The business community has appreciated the PML-N-led coalition government for abolishing 17 per cent general sales tax the PTI government had imposed on the import of solar panels. It has also lauded the government for imposing a ban on the import of several luxury items in a bid to reduce the import bill. "We hail the government's decision to abolish the 17 per cent general [more >>](#)

Viability of clean energy

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-05-24

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has announced withdrawal of the 17% GST on solar panels primarily to cut the oil import bill, which has ballooned to \$20 billion. He made the announcement at a meeting with businesspeople and industrialists of Karachi on Sunday. The lifting of GST on solar panels will encourage the use of clean energy and thereby cut the oil import bill. While the rupee has been in fr..... [more >>](#)

'Removal of 17pc GST will reduce price of solar systems by 30pc'

Source: [Hamid Waleed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-05-24

LAHORE: Removal of 17 percent General Sales Tax (GST) would reduce the price of solar systems by 30%, said energy sector experts. It may be noted that some unconfirmed reports suggest that the government has withdrawn GST on solar system after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had objected to it by terming it 'exorbitant' during his address to businessmen in Karachi last week. He had direc..... [more >>](#)

Solar power grid stations planned for villages

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-05-26

KARACHI: Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh on Wednesday directed his department to establish mini solar grid stations for power supply to rural areas of the province. He issued the directive while presiding over a

meeting held in the department. It was attended by Energy Secretary Abu Bakar Madani, Sindh Solar Energy Project director, senior officials of the department and senior exe..... [more >>](#)

Chinese firms can invest \$6b in ARE

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-05-26

ISLAMABAD: The world needs more and more energy but natural energy sources are dwindling, therefore Pakistan is coming up with new ways to meet its growing needs – via free wind and sun! Pakistan is planning to generate 10,000 megawatts of alternative renewable energy (ARE) by 2030 with an investment of over \$6 billion, for which bidding will take place later this year. Alternative Energy [more >>](#)

'No proof' of cheap oil pact with Russia

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-05-28

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik on Friday said that there was no evidence of a deal with Russia for cheaper oil -- a claim former premier Imran Khan had been making since his ouster from power. Addressing a news conference in the federal capital, Malik said before the dismissal of the PTI government, then energy minister Hammad Azhar had written a letter to Russia, as..... [more >>](#)

Environmental movement

Source: [Inger Andersen](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-05-28

Stockholm+50 is taking place 50 years after the original Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, which many consider the starting point of the modern environmental movement. The original conference wasn't just about the environment, of course. It was about how harming the environment harms development and causes poverty, and how poverty reduction is key to addressing environmental har..... [more >>](#)

Security

Nepa chief for debt restructuring, expensive debt swapping

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-05-31

ISLAMABAD: Chairman, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa), Tauseef H Farooqi has proposed to the government to optimize the mix of take or pay and take & pay contracts and go for debt restructuring and swapping of expensive debt especially China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to save the power sector. He submitted these recommendations titled "challenges of exi..... [more >>](#)

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SDPI Articles

Danger to the vulnerable

Source: [Maryam Shabbir Abbasi](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-22

“Vulnerability to climate change varies substantially among ecosystems and people and within regions. It is driven by patterns of intersecting socio-economic development, unsustainable ocean and land use, marginalisation, historical and ongoing patterns of inequity such as colonialism and governance. Between 3.3 and 3.6 billion people live in co..... [more >>](#)

Guest editorial: Many policies, few outcomes

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-22

C Climate change affects every aspect of our lives, from food security to health to energy to disaster vulnerabilities – the list goes on. It affects our economic decision-making when the federal government has to decide the fate of fossil fuel subsidies amidst sizzling heatwaves; it affects interprovincial relations when the provincial governmen..... [more >>](#)

Trade deal stands for peace, Union, and Development

Source: [Zahra Khalid](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2022-05-26

Pakistan’s trading ties with India were indeed the most pressing need and advantageous to both countries while legitimating political and human rights scrutinizy. But both states must look for a lasting peaceful resolution. On 14 January, Pakistan launched its first-ever National Security Policy (NSP) 2022-2026. The public version is stated to be a citizen-centric policy framework, placing e..... [more >>](#)

Time for a new beginning?

Source: [Zahra Khalid & Purushendra Singh](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-29

N ow that Pakistan has appointed a trade minister in its high commission in New Delhi after a gap of five years, the spotlight is back on reviving bilateral trade. Can this be a new dawn for India-Pakistan trade? A new beginning in trade relations has huge potential for both the nations as well as for the sub-continent, which is currently reeling und..... [more >>](#)

Apocalypse now?

Source: [Dr Sajid Amin Javed](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-29

A After exhibiting some tentativeness, the new government has resolved to stay on and will be presenting the annual budget on June 10. Negotiation with the International Monetary Fund will continue in Doha over the next week. In the first round of talks, the IMF has made it clear that it will not release more funds unless and until subsidies on petrole..... [more >>](#)

The state of the economy

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The good news is that, as per the national accounts committee’s numbers, the provisional GDP growth rate for the current fiscal year (2021-22) is 5.97 per cent. The bad news is that, despite this healthy growth, Pakistan is once again facing the menace of twin deficits – dollars deficit (current account deficit, CAD) and rupee deficit (fiscal deficit). This is not the first time that [more >>](#)

SDPI News

Pakistani experts foresee new wave of inflation as USD crosses 200 mark against local currency

Source: [Xinhua](#), [China.org.cn](#), 2022-05-20

ISLAMABAD, May 20 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani experts are foreseeing a new wave of inflation after the U.S. dollar touched an all-time high against the local currency by zooming past 200 rupees. According to the Forex Association of Pakistan, the U.S. dollar traded at 200.50 rupees on Friday, continuing its upward trend after crossing the 200 mark on Thursday. The experts believed that multiple factor..... [more >>](#)

PD&SI Ministry to hold Turnaround Conference

Source: [Latifur Rehman](#), [BOL News](#), 2022-05-20

KARACHI: The Ministry of Planning and Development and Special Initiatives (PD&SI) will hold the Turnaround Pakistan Conference on May 28, a statement said. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif will address the conference, with the aim to chalk out an urgent plan of action to turnaround the economy in light of vision 2025. PD&SI Minister Professor Ahsan Iqbal will present a plan encompassing sev..... [more >>](#)

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Continuing oil subsidy wrong: experts

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Leading economists and businesspersons believe the government's decision of continuing fuel subsidy is wrong as it would increase inflation. They were speaking in Geo News programme, Naya Pakistan, hosted by Shehzad Iqbal who arranged a panel discussion on Sunday. The panel included industrialist Arif Habib, economists Dr Akbar Zaidi, Yusuf Nazar, Muhammad Suhail, Dr Khaqan Naje..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan requires Rs1.4tr in subsidies to keep POL prices unchanged

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-21

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has estimated that Pakistan requires Rs1,416 billion in subsidies for keeping the POL prices unchanged on an annual basis at the prevalent existing prices in the international market, so Islamabad will have to reverse fuel subsidies for achieving fiscal prudence. On electricity, the government requires subsidy of Rs139 billion on per annum basis. T..... [more >>](#)

Q&A with IDA Delegate Rayan Kahn from Pakistan

Source: [Rayan Khan](#), [Intl. Dark-Sky Association](#), 2022-05-24

Each month the International Dark-Sky Association features an IDA Advocate from the worldwide network of volunteers who are working to protect the night in a feature called 'Monthly Star.' This month we're highlighting the work of Rayan Kahn from Pakistan with a Q&A. This month, we sat down for a Q&A with IDA Delegate Rayan Kahn from Karachi, Pakistan. We chatted about t..... [more >>](#)

Webinar News

63rd meeting of SDPI's Study Group on ICT: Expert speaks about cybersecurity challenges

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Dynamic Laws Must to Cope with Cyberattacks: Experts

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This was stated by Brig. (Retd) Mohammad Yasin, the Adviser Emeritus, Sustainable Development Policy Institute while initiating a discussion at the 63rd Meeting of SDPI's Study Group on Information Technology and Telecommunication (ICT). Pakistan has such policies and laws which obviously cannot be static, and must be evolved to keep pace with the impending cyber threats and attacks, Brig. [more >>](#)

Experts Call For Need Based Policy To Foil Cyber Attacks In Pakistan

Source: [Nazia Gulzar](#), [NEWSMAN](#), 2022-05-27

ISLAMABAD: Aslam Hayat, Senior Policy Fellow LIRNEASIA; Partner HaYat and Noorwala; Former Head Telenor Pakistan Regulatory Wing said that Pakistan's cyber security policy does not match with the current needs. He described the indicators for success of any policy to check status, execution plan of policies and capacities development with legal structures of Global Security Agenda. He further..... [more >>](#)

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