

## 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 daily newspapers.*

### **Newspapers Covered:**

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

## **Editor Note:**

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

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

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

## **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

### Investment, energy and trade; MBS urged to expedite cooperation

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud on Monday expressed the resolve to further strengthening the strong, longstanding Pakistan-Saudi Arabia fraternal ties. The two leaders in a telephonic conversation also exchanged views on issues of mutual interest, the PM ..... [more >>](#)

### Petrol price raised by Rs6.72/liter

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

ISLAMABAD: The government has increased the price of motor spirit by Rs 6.72 per litre saying that in the wake of fluctuations in petroleum prices in the international market and exchange rate variation, the Government has decided to revise the existing prices of petroleum products to pass on the impact to the consumers. According to a statement issued by the Finance Ministry motor spirit pri..... [more >>](#)

### PM likely to cut new LNG deal with Qatar

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is likely to undertake a two-day (August 23-24) official visit to Qatar aimed at cementing existing bilateral relations and seal some agreements including deliberations on new LNG deal, well informed sources told Business Recorder. During a meeting on August 11, 2022, to review the progress on his upcoming visit to Qatar, the Prime Minister had ordered..... [more >>](#)

### Experts present suggestions aimed at transforming energy sector

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

ISLAMABAD: The country's 25 top experts, in a joint open letter to politicians and decision makers have urged to make the current economic crisis the last one by transforming the country's energy sector which is only sustainable path to economic sovereignty. The experts have presented their suggestions to bring improvement in the following areas/ sectors; (i) overhauling governanc..... [more >>](#)

### Power tariffs: painful adjustments continue

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

Electricity consumers will have it tough in FY23. The power system regulator notified an upward adjustment of Rs9.9/unit in lieu of Fuel Charges Adjustment for June 2022, to be collected in August 2022. The fuel cost in June 2022 has been calculated at Rs213 billion of Rs15.8/unit – over the reference fuel cost of Rs5.93 per unit. The resultant FCA is easily the highest-ever, beating FY22 av..... [more >>](#)

### Petrol price raised, HSD, kerosene rates cut

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

ISLAMABAD: The government raised the price of petrol and reduced those of high speed diesel (HSD) and kerosene on Monday for the next fortnight. According to an announcement by the ministry of finance, the rate of petrol and light diesel oil (LDO) was increased by Rs6.72 and 43 paise per litre, respectively. On the other hand, the prices of high speed diesel (HSD) and kerosene were cut by 51..... [more >>](#)

**Energy sector reforms urged**

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

LAHORE: Experts have urged the government to immediately go for energy sector reforms along with decentralisation and deregulation of the sector in a bid to put the country on a sustainable path leading towards economic sovereignty. In a letter addressed to the government, major politicians, and decision-makers, over two dozen independent experts from the energy, education, security, and monetary..... [more >>](#)

**Fuel stations in Karachi closed sans strike, shortage**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

KARACHI: Several fuel stations in Karachi remained closed on Tuesday morning despite no call of a strike or shortage of petroleum products in the country. Oil marketing companies and petroleum dealers have allegedly created a man-made fuel crisis as the incumbent coalition government increased petrol prices by Rs6.72 per litre with effect from yesterday (Monday) midnight. Finance Minister Miftah ..... [more >>](#)

**Divisions in PML-N's camp after fuel price hike**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice President Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday said party supremo Nawaz Sharif "strongly opposed" the government's decision to raise petroleum prices. In a tweet, Maryam said that Nawaz walked out of a meeting after saying that he "cannot even burden the people with another penny" and that "if the government's hands are..... [more >>](#)

**Despite crude price drop in int'l market petrol price up by Rs6.72/litre under IMF demand**

Source: [Israr Khan, The News, International](#), 2022-08-16

ISLAMABAD: Following the strict conditions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to end the subsidies on petroleum products, the government has increased the prices of petrol by Rs6.72/litre and light diesel oil by 0.43/litre, despite drop in the crude price in the international market on demand fears as disappointing Chinese economic data renewed global recession concerns. Over the last few d..... [more >>](#)

**SNGPL starts laying pipelines to tap gas reserves**

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-17

LAHORE: The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has launched work to develop new infrastructure network (laying of pipelines) for extraction and distribution of the newly-discovered gas reserves in the districts of North Waziristan and Lakki Marwat, Bannu division, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The new discovery would initially add 70MMCFD of gas to the SNGPL's system, improving supplies, espe..... [more >>](#)

**MOL finds oil, gas in KP**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-17

KARACHI: Pakistan Oilfields Ltd (POL) told its shareholders on Tuesday that MOL Pakistan, which operates the Tal Block in Kohat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has encountered hydrocarbons in the development well of Tolanj West-02, which has been drilled and is currently under the testing phase. In a regulatory filing, the oil and gas explorer that's part of the consortium extracting energy..... [more >>](#)

**Oil companies suffer losses**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-17

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) is allegedly involved in manipulating exchange rate adjustment in the process of determining oil prices in a bid to keep petrol and diesel rates lower to prevent the government from political backlash. However, the move has aggravated the cash flow of state-run Pakistan State Oil (PSO) and other oil companies. "There has been uncertainty ..... [more >>](#)

### **Zardari concerned over petrol price hike**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-08-17

Former president and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Co-Chairman Asif Zardari expressed concern on Tuesday over the latest hike the petrol price by Rs6.72 for the next fortnight, and urged the government to consult the allies before taking such important decisions. "Pakistan People's Party is a part of the government and supports it, but there must be consultation when it comes to such d..... [more >>](#)

### **Petrol and politics**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-08-17

As would be expected, Monday's hike in the pump price of motor spirit has not gone down well with the populace. There is fire and fury over social media, with many of the government's loyalists joining in the action, bashing Finance Minister Miftah Ismail over the development. Maryam Nawaz Sharif, seen as a mouthpiece of her father, deemed it fit to pour oil over the fire by distancing..... [more >>](#)

### **Ogra's miscalculation to mire next fuel price review**

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-08-17

KARACHI: Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) didn't incorporate the full exchange rate loss of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) in the latest fortnightly revision of the petroleum prices and the carryover exchange rate loss may create problems in the next review, The News learnt on Tuesday. Ogra didn't follow the directives of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) to fully adjust t..... [more >>](#)

### **PM's visit to Qatar: Pakistan may seek 15-year LNG deal with Qatar**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-08-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan may seek a 15-year LNG contract with Qatar on a G2G (government to government) basis — two cargoes in a month with a reopening price clause after 11 years — during the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, a senior official of the coalition government has told The News. "The likely dates for the visit of the premier are August 23-24, but these a..... [more >>](#)

### **BoD displeased with PESCO's performance**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-08-17

ISLAMABAD: The Board of Directors (BoD) of Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) has charged top management of the company with extremely poor performance during FY 2021-22 and sending inflated bills to consumers. Amir Zafar, Chairman PESCO Board, in a letter to Board members stated that the annual performance report FY 21-22 of the company was presented, which gives a very dismal reading,..... [more >>](#)

### **The net-metering remedy**

Source: [Naila Saleh](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-08-17

The energy sector of Pakistan is in a crisis mode once again. LNG shortages in the last couple of months and rising fuel oil prices have resulted in prolonged power cuts countrywide. Unfortunately, these fuel prices are likely to remain high and volatile given the uncertain geo-political crisis triggered by the Russian war. 'Circular debt' is rising fast too and is set to rise even fu..... [more >>](#)

### **Energy game**

Source: [Mel Gurtov](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-08-17

It won't be long before winter descends on Europe. Before it does, most European countries must address the question of how long and how well they will be able to handle decoupling from Russian energy. Because of the Ukraine war, oil and natural gas are the chief currencies, which means that energy politics is central to determining the war's future. Oil and gas finance Putin's ..... [more >>](#)

**Miftah Ismail Again Defends Hike In Petrol Price**

Source: [News Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-17

Federal Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said that this time around, the federal government has not imposed any new tax on petroleum products in the mid-August price hike, which he said was “unavoidable”. He said the POL prices will not be subsidised and the burden will be passed on to the consumers under the IMF deal. The finance minister supported the August 15 decision to ramp up the..... [more >>](#)

**The fall guy**

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-18

WITH one camp in the PML-N repeatedly undermining the party's own government, it is no wonder that economic and political stability has been so hard to come by. Maryam Nawaz's public distancing from Finance Minister Miftah Ismail over the recent fuel price hike, and her assertion that her father had stormed out of a meeting in which it was discussed, were quite uncalled for. They only op..... [more >>](#)

**Shell Pakistan to stop aviation operations**

Source: [Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-18

KARACHI: Shell Pakistan Ltd announced on Wednesday it's going to discontinue its aviation operations across Pakistan. In a regulatory filing to the Pakistan Stock Exchange, the oil marketing firm said it was “no longer commercially viable” for it to run the aviation business. The company currently conducts its aviation-related operations at four locations: Karachi's Jinna..... [more >>](#)

**Senate sees rare unity in debate on petrol prices**

Source: [Iftikhar A. Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-18

ISLAMABAD: In a rare display of harmony, Senate members from both sides of the aisle on Wednesday rejected the recent hike in fuel prices, with a Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz lawmaker saying it is impossible to defend the move, a Pakistan Peoples Party legislator demanding that the agreements reached between the International Monetary Fund and the present coalition government and the previous PTI ..... [more >>](#)

**SSGC to opt for gas load management**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-18

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has announced that it has been facing curtailed gas supplies from a few gas fields that has resulted in additional pressure on the system with “our line pack getting badly affected”. “The reason for reduced supply is unforeseen tripping in multiple gas fields, as a result of which there have been multiple complaints of low gas pressure,&..... [more >>](#)

**Offshore terminal, stake in PIA to be offered; Strategy for LNG devised ahead of PM's Qatar visit**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is to seek long-term and short-term Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) contracts with Qatar in addition to offering the latter the establishment of offshore LNG terminal and a stake in Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. This strategy was devised by the government at a meeting convened in relation to Prime Minister's visit to Qata..... [more >>](#)

**POL FY22 – profits double!**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-18

Pakistan Oilfields Limited (PSX: POL) posted a massive growth in earnings for FY22 – 94 percent year-on-year to be precise. The oil and gas company's earnings growth came from higher topline. Revenues for POL increased by 44 percent year-on-year on account of higher crude oil prices and Pak rupee depreciation. Crude oil prices were up by over 65 percent year-on-year in FY22, while curr..... [more >>](#)

### **Fuel price hike; Govt comes under fire in Senate**

Source: [Sardar Sikander Shaheen](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-18

ISLAMABAD: Federal government on Wednesday came under sharp criticism in the Senate not only from the opposition but also from the treasury lawmakers for the recent fuel price hike and for “abruptly” convening the house’s session without prior intimation. “This is the height of injustice meted out to the people by this “imported government”,” said Lea..... [more >>](#)

### **Petrol price increase**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-18

The government, unexpectedly, raised the price of motor spirit (MS) by 6.72 rupee per litre to 233.91 rupee per litre and light diesel oil’s (LDO’s) by 0.43 rupees per litre. However, it decreased the price of high speed diesel (HSD) by 51 paise per litre and kerosene’s by 1.67 rupees per litre. Sceptics suggest that this may not reflect the international prices of oil and produc..... [more >>](#)

### **Maryam’s outburst**

Source: [Dr Pervez Tahir](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-19

Maryam Nawaz’s latest outburst on petrol price increase is unfortunate, to say the least. The stated position of the coalition government, the linchpin of which is her PML-N party, is that it assumed power to fix a defaulting economy. On more occasions than one, the senior leadership of the party present in the country has made it clear that the objective would be pursued, even if it meant I..... [more >>](#)

### **Refinery warns of shutdown**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-19

ISLAMABAD: Attock Refinery Limited (ARL) has warned Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) of going for a complete shutdown during the upcoming week due to refusal of oil marketing companies (OMCs) to lift oil stocks due to heavy imports. In an urgent letter written to Ogra Chairman Masroor Khan on Thursday, ARL Chief Executive Officer Adil Khattak drew attention towards the high stocks of petr..... [more >>](#)

### **Power sector destroying economy: Pasha**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-19

LAHORE: Former federal minister for finance Dr Hafiz A Pasha has said that promotion of exports, increase in tax-to-GDP ratio, revenue collection from the untaxed and a crash programme for the loss-making state owned enterprises are a must to get rid of the economic challenges being faced by the country. Speaking to the business community at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), Pa..... [more >>](#)

### **LPG Pipeline**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-19

Reports have emerged that the Petroleum Division is proposing the construction of an LPG pipeline with the capacity of 12,000 tonnes per day from Karachi to the north of the country, with offtake points along Lahore, Rawalpindi, Bahawalpur, Multan and others. This could be a positive development for the sector as it currently lacks the requisite infrastructure to keep up with growing demand. In ad..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt okays major changes to LNG policy**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-20

ISLAMABAD: Ahead of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif’s visit to Doha next week, the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Friday approved major changes to the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Policy to remove restrictions on upcoming private sector LNG terminals to provide their part capacity to the government. The meeting of the ECC, presided over by Finance Minister Miftah Ismai..... [more >>](#)

**Rs50m penalty imposed on CPGCL**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-20

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday imposed Rs50 million fine on Central Power Generation Company Ltd (CPGCL) over a country-wide power failure about one and half years ago. In an announcement, Nepra said it had imposed the penalty while taking cognisance of the 'massive power breakdown which plunged the whole country into darkness' ..... [more >>](#)

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**Power Division accuses IPPs of 'over invoicing'**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-20

ISLAMABAD: Power Division on Friday accused Independent Power Producers (IPPs) of involvement in substantial over invoicing due to which costs of projects were far higher than the actual. This was testified by Secretary Power Division, Rashid Mahmood Langrial before Senate Standing Committee on Power, which met with Senator Saifullah Abro in the chair. The issue of over invoicing surfaced dur..... [more >>](#)

**Deregulating the oil sector – I**

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-20

There has often been talk of deregulating the petroleum sector. There are pros and cons which have been hotly debated. In policy circles, the same debate or even preparations are reportedly undergoing. We will examine the pros and cons of regulated versus open markets in this space. In Pakistan, petroleum sector is largely regulated — from crude oil production through refining and marke..... [more >>](#)

**Dr Atif Mian Says Petrol Currently 20% Cheaper Than India**

Source: [Twitter., The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-20

Internationally acclaimed Pakistani American economist Dr Atif Mian has criticised politicians and journalists arguing in favour of a reduction in petrol prices in Pakistan, saying that such a view is "irresponsible and short-sighted", and explained the need to keep the rates high. He said that Pakistan just had a very serious balance of crisis and it is only due to the International ..... [more >>](#)

**73 booked for ransacking Fesco offices**

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-21

TOBA TEK SINGH: Faisalabad's D Type Colony police booked on Saturday 73 people, including three nominated, for allegedly damaging a Fesco truck and ransacking offices on Samundri Road. According to first information report registered under sections 280, 291, 427, 148, 149 and 186 of Pakistan Penal Code, complainant/police constable Asad Shoab Husnain claimed that a mob led by Mian Mahmood ..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan mulls taking upfront cost**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is reviewing a proposal to receive upfront 20% of the total cost of five China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects as deposits in the central bank in a bid to get breathing space amid declining foreign exchange reserves. The proposal has been discussed at the highest level as the prime minister has given instruction to further fine-tune it, a cabinet minister told The ..... [more >>](#)



### Public transport; OGRA extends ban on LPG as fuel

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-21

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has extended the ban on the use of LPG as fuel in public transport and letters have been issued to all chief secretaries of the provinces. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) as fuel in public transport is the reason behind blasts which continue unabated despite a ban imposed by the OGRA. On December 26, 2013, the OGRA amended LPG Rules 2001 an..... [more >>](#)

### Power companies seek extra Rs64bn next month

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-22

ISLAMABAD: The power distribution companies (Discos) have sought an additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of Rs4.69 per unit to generate about another Rs64 billion in revenue on account of the higher cost of electricity consumed in July. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has accepted the tariff petition for a public hearing fixed for Aug 31. The additional FCA demanded by D..... [more >>](#)

### Brewing petroleum price controversy

Source: [Dr Syed Akhtar Ali Shah](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-22

ISLAMABAD: In Pakistan, petrol prices have been increased by Rs6 per lite and diesel prices have been kept almost the same as they were on August 14. In US dollar terms, the petrol price increase is 14.67% and diesel 11.8%. In rupee terms, the petrol price increase is 7.59% and diesel decreases by 0.21%. This shows the currency effect. There is no GST as per previous period. In this fortnight, ..... [more >>](#)

### Deregulation: only way forward

Source: [Sarfaraz A Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-22

KARACHI: Petroleum is a tightly regulated industry in Pakistan. Most of the petroleum product prices, including the two dominant fuels – motor spirit (petrol) and high-speed diesel (HSD), are set by the government. Additionally, the government also determines how much money the downstream energy companies like refineries, OMCs (oil marketing companies), and fuel retailers can make from sal..... [more >>](#)

### OGRA accused of creating unrest among oil marketing firms

Source: [Hassan Abbas](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-22

LAHORE: Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority is deliberately trying to create unrest among the Oil Marketing Industry by setting up the prices of petroleum products without consultation with the stakeholders. According to a letter written to chairman OGRA by Oil Marketing Association of Pakistan, the authority is creating unrest among the oil marketing companies by setting up the prices of petrol..... [more >>](#)

### Petroleum price conundrum

Source: [Anjum Ibrahim](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-22

A visibly agitated Finance Minister Miftah Ismail gave one press conference, addressed the All Parties Economic Recovery Conference and was a guest in at least five talk shows on Tuesday 16 August — the day the rise in the price of petrol by 6.72 rupee per litre became effective. Too much exposure did little to appease a populace struggling under year on year Sensitive Price Index (SPI)..... [more >>](#)

### Mari Petroleum Company Limited

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-22

By operating the country's largest gas reservoir at Mari Gas Field, Daharki, Sindh, Mari Petroleum Company Limited (PSX: MARI) is the second largest producer of natural gas. Its key customers include fertilizer manufacturers, power generation companies, gas distribution companies; and refineries. In addition to Mari Gas Field, it holds development and production leases as well as operatorshi..... [more >>](#)

### **PIDE forms 'power commission'**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-22

PESHAWAR: Under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Dr Nadeem ul Haque, the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) has formed a 'PIDE Power Commission,' which is comprised on experts from power sector, having decades-long experience in the sector. The members of the commission include Engr Tahir Basharat Cheema, former MD, PEPCO; Engr Salis Usman, General Manager Power Pla..... [more >>](#)

### **Hike in power bills draws PM's ire ahead of Qatar trip**

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza | Baqir Sajjad Syed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday took strict notice of public complaints about inflated electricity bills and directed authorities concerned to submit an urgent report on the matter. "Khadim-i-Pakistan is answerable to his people for resolution of their grievances. I am committed to telling truth to my people," the PM was quoted as telling participants..... [more >>](#)

### **Turkmenistan interested in TAPI project**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

LAHORE: Turkmenistan wants to speed up work on the Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India (TAPI) gas pipeline project, says the country's ambassador to Pakistan. "My country gives great importance to having better relations with Pakistan and wants to speed up work on the TAPI gas pipeline project," ambassador Atadjan Movlamov said at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industr..... [more >>](#)

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### **Uniform gas prices proposed for fertiliser plants**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

ISLAMABAD: The government is working on a plan to introduce uniform gas prices for fertiliser manufacturers. Two new fertiliser plants have been receiving gas at lower prices as compared to other plants. Despite this, they have been charging higher prices from farmers. In addition, a couple of fertiliser plants are operating on expensive liquefied natural gas (LNG) and the government is paying ..... [more >>](#)

### **WAPDA to complete projects on time**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

LAHORE: Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) Chairman Lt Gen (Retd) Sajjad Ghani on Monday announced that it would be the foremost priority to complete the under-construction projects as per their schedule and initiate new projects to cope with the increasing requirement of water and electricity in the country. He stated this at the end of a week-long daily briefing sessions on ..... [more >>](#)

### **Export-oriented sectors; Govt backs out of subsidised power decision**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

ISLAMABAD: In a major U-turn, the Federal Government has reportedly backed out from its decision to supply electricity to five export-oriented sectors (erstwhile zero rated sectors) at cents 9 per unit for the entire current fiscal year (CFY 2022-23) after a summary approved by the Prime Minister was sent by the Finance Division in “violation” of rules of business 1974, well informed s..... [more >>](#)

### **Export-oriented sectors; Govt backs out of subsidised power decision**

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ISLAMABAD: In a major U-turn, the Federal Government has reportedly backed out from its decision to supply electricity to five export-oriented sectors (erstwhile zero rated sectors) at cents 9 per unit for the entire current fiscal year (CFY 2022-23) after a summary approved by the Prime Minister was sent by the Finance Division in “violation” of rules of business 1974, well informed s..... [more >>](#)

### **APL in FY22**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

Attock Petroleum Limited (PSX: APL) announced over 3.5 times increase in bottomline for FY22. The growth in earnings during the fiscal year came from the top where the OMC's revenues were seen posting a growth of 96 percent year-on-year. The rise in revenues stemmed from both higher petroleum product prices and volumetric growth. APL's volumes grew by 22 percent year-on-year in FY22 wi..... [more >>](#)

### **Renewable energy developers highlight concerns of RE sector**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

KARACHI: Renewables First in collaboration with The Pakistan Renewable Energy Coalition organized a meeting of the Renewable Energy (RE) Developers' Forum in Karachi. The session was attended by industry experts, developers and renewable energy professionals. Highlighting the objective behind the initiation of the Renewable Energy Developers Forum, Mustafa Amjad from Renewables First in..... [more >>](#)

### **700MW hydropower project: LoS given fourth extension**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

ISLAMABAD: The Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has given fourth extension in Letter of Support (LoS) to 700-MW M/s Azad Pattan Hydropower Project for another year starting from January 1, 2022. The company was issued Letter of Support on June 30, 2016 as amended on September 19, 2018, September 27, 2019 and April 26, 2021. The company requested for an extension in the Fin..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt not happy with Nepra's decision on wheeling charges**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Government is reportedly unhappy with the power sector regulator for giving “unfair” determination on wheeling charges, and is considering issuing guidelines to Nepra for reconsideration of the decision, well informed sources told Business Recorder. National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), sources said, has acknowledged in its determination that..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt to scrap fixed tax, waive fuel adjustment charges on power bills**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has announced scarping of fixed tax imposed on traders in the budget and also waived fuel adjustment charges (FCA) on electricity bills for millions of consumers. “The economy was on verge of default... but now due to the efforts of coalition partners we have averted this danger,” announced PM Shehbaz while speaking in Doha on Tuesday where he is on an of..... [more >>](#)

### Protesters block roads against electricity bills

Source: [Khalid Iqbal, The News, International](#), 2022-08-24

Rawalpindi: A large number of protesters choked city roads and main GT Road here at T-Chowk Rawat for hours over power bills on Tuesday. The angry protesters burnt tyres and blocked GT Road for all kinds of traffic from both sides. Thousands of vehicles remained stranded since morning. A heavy contingent of police reached the spot to disperse the protesters but in vain. Some protests were also ..... [more >>](#)

### 17m power consumers exempted from fuel adjustment charges

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

ISLAMABAD: In view of the severe reaction from the general public and traders, the government on Tuesday exempted over 17 million electricity consumers from fuel adjustment charges (FAC) and traders from the fixed tax. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, soon after arriving in Qatar's capital Doha on a two-day official visit on Tuesday, announced that 17.1 million power consumers will be exempte..... [more >>](#)

### 200 PKI activists booked

Source: [A Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

VEHARI: Danywal police on Tuesday registered a case against 200 Pakistan Kissan Ittehad (PKI) activists for staging a "violent" protest against Multan Electric Power Company (Mepco). As per police, on Monday scores of PKI activists gathered in front of the local Mepco offices situated on Multan Road staged a protest demonstration and sit-in against fuel price adjustment (FPA) charges ..... [more >>](#)

### Defiant protests against electricity bills continue across Punjab

Source: [Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

LAHORE: Protest demonstrations against the fuel price adjustment (FPA) and other taxes on the electricity bills that shocked most of the consumers this month continued in Lahore and other cities of the province on Tuesday. The protesters burnt the electricity bills during the demonstrations and pledged not to deposit the payments until immediate withdrawal of the FPA and other taxes and issuance ..... [more >>](#)

### PM seeks report on inflated power bills

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-08-23

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday sought a detailed report from authorities concerned regarding complaints about inflated electricity bills. The prime minister on Monday chaired an emergency meeting with regard to complaints about inflated domestic and commercial bills, the PM media wing in a statement said. Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan and Special Assistant to Prime M..... [more >>](#)

### Advance purchases, petroleum levy blamed for higher fuel prices

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum was informed on Tuesday that advance purchases and imposition of the petroleum development levy (PDL) were the key reasons for the rise in fuel prices in Pakistan despite a drop in the international market. The committee directed the authorities concerned to facilitate the private sector for importing liquefied natural gas (LNG) to reduce pres..... [more >>](#)

### Ahead of PM's visit to Qatar: Way cleared for FDI from Qatar in LNG terminal

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2022-08-22

ISLAMABAD: In a welcoming development, the coalition government has done away with all the hurdles that had delayed the construction of four LNG terminals during the PTI government's tenure, a senior official told The News. "Ahead of prime minister's visit to Qatar, the ECC has amended the LNG Policy 2001 for exemption from mandatory Third Party-Access (TPA) to new LNG terminals..... [more >>](#)

### Consumers protest highly inflated electricity bills

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-22

LAHORE: Consumers have castigated power utility over issuance of highly-inflated electricity bills. Residents of different localities of the City staged a protest demonstration against inflated electricity bills on Wahdat Road here on Sunday. The protesters blocked the main road, burnt the electricity bills and demanded the government abolish all cruel taxes on the electricity bill. Besides hol..... [more >>](#)

### Early purchases keep oil prices up

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel on Tuesday asked the energy ministry about the reason for the exorbitant petrol prices in the country despite a drop in rates in the global market. The Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum, headed by Senator Abdul Qadir, met at the Parliament House. The committee took strict notice of the absence of minister for petroleum and Ministry of Petroleum secretary. .... [more >>](#)

### Oil firms ask SBP to review merchant rate

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

ISLAMABAD: Oil industry has asked State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to review the merchant discount rate on fuel purchases being charged by banks through cards that is eating up gross profits of oil marketing companies (OMCs) and dealers. Banks are currently charging an average 1.5% merchant discount rate (MDR) on fuel purchases through credit cards. "MDR of 1.5% being charged by banks is eati..... [more >>](#)

### K-Electric seeks Rs14.53 tariff increase

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has requested the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to increase power tariff by Rs14.533 per unit (kilowatt-hour - kWh) on account of quarterly tariff adjustment. In its petition, K-Electric (KE) demanded negative fuel charges adjustment (FCA) at the rate of Rs3.47 per kWh for the month of July 2022. Nepra has announced that it will conduct a public hear..... [more >>](#)

### Petrol controversy

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-22

Petrol prices in Pakistan have increased by Rs6 per litre, and diesel prices have remained unchanged. In dollars terms, the petrol price increase is 14.67 per cent and that of diesel prices is 11.8 per cent. In the rupee terms, the increase in petrol prices is 7.59 per cent and the decrease in diesel prices is 0.21 per cent. No GST has been levied on the two petroleum products. In this fortnight,..... [more >>](#)

### Inflated electricity bills unnerve Pindiites

Source: [Khalid Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-22

Rawalpindi : The consumers belonging to different walks of life strongly condemned 'inflated electricity bills' in the month of August even in long hours of unscheduled loadshedding followed by blackouts by Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) and demanded of the federal government immediately take up this burning issue otherwise public will come on streets in coming days. Several..... [more >>](#)

### 17.1m power consumers exempted from fuel charge adjustment

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

DOHA: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday announced a complete exemption to about 17.1 million electricity consumers out of 30 million in the country from paying their fuel adjustment charges in the electricity bills. As immediate relief measures to masses, the prime minister said the government had also notified rescinding of levy of fixed taxes on retailers and shopkeepers. .... [more >>](#)

**5,384 illegal connections removed this month: KE**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

KARACHI: The K-Electric on Tuesday claimed to have conducted as many as 762 anti-power theft drives across the city in the first two weeks of August and removed 5,384 illegal connections. The kunda-removal drives were carried out in different parts of the city, including Surjani, New Karachi, Gulistan-e-Johar, Orangi, Liaquatabad, Nazimabad, Bin Qasim and Malir. In the process, wires weighing..... [more >>](#)

**Deregulating the oil sector — II**

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

The two biggest risks are demand-supply manipulation, creating shortages and manipulate prices. Shortages can be countrywide by importing or procuring less or in inner locations. In OECD countries, there is a requirement of three months of storage, which is diligently maintained. Storage costs money both in terms of capex and operating and financial costs of maintaining inventories. All of this..... [more >>](#)

**Discos seek Rs3.7 per unit hike, Rs94.4bn more recoveries**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

ISLAMABAD: The power Distribution Companies (Discos) have sought an increase of Rs 3.7 per unit and to recover additional amount of Rs 94.4 billion from consumers for 4th quarter of CFY 2021-22 under Quarterly Tariff Adjustment (QTA) mechanism. K-Electric has sought an increase of Rs 14.53 per unit for third quarter under QTA mechanism against additional financial burden of over Rs 60 billion..... [more >>](#)

**100MW solar power project; Nepra approves 13pc RoE for Turkish co on PM's intervention**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-24

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has shown 'special kindness' to Turkish company M/s Zorlu Solar Pakistan Limited (ZSPL) by approving 13 percent Return on Equity (RoE), after intervention of the Prime Minister who apologized publicly to the Turkish companies for mistreatment in the past. The company intends to establish 100MWp solar power project..... [more >>](#)

**High electricity prices**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-25

ALREADY frustrated with the rapidly rising cost of living that is the result of runaway inflation, residential electricity consumers are outraged at their puffed-up power bills. The latter are the outcome of the country's largest-ever fuel price adjustment charges and the size of the various taxes being collected by the government on them. Thus, it is not surprising to see thousands of peopl..... [more >>](#)

**SC moved for withdrawal of fuel price adjustment from power bills**

Source: [Nasir Iqbal | Wajih Ahmad Sheikh](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-25

ISLAMABAD / LAHORE: In the wake of daily protests by the general public and traders against inflated electricity bills, a local lawyer on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the federal government to either withdraw completely or at least reduce to some extent the Fuel Price Adjustment (FPA) charges and other surcharges from the utility bills. Meanwhile, the Lahore High Court a..... [more >>](#)

**Protest against power bills: 40 farmers booked for blocking motorway**

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-25

SAHIWAL: Ghala Mandi police have registered a case against 40 farmers belonging to the Kisan Board and a few activists of the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf for disrupting traffic at national highway during protests against exorbitant electricity bills at View Hotel and in front of Mepco office on old GT Road on Tuesday. The case was registered under 16 Maintenance of Public Order and different section..... [more >>](#)

### **Power sector circular debt rises to Rs2.6 trillion: PAC told**

Source: [Asim Yasin, The News, International](#), 2022-08-25

ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee was informed on Wednesday that the circular debt of the power sector had risen to Rs2.6 trillion, increasing by Rs1.6 trillion in one year. It was also revealed in the Public Accounts Committee meeting that no progress had been made on the investment of 8 billion dollars from Saudi Arabia in Pakistan due to the absence of the oil refinery policy. It may be..... [more >>](#)

### **LHC allows petitioners to pay power bills sans FPA**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-08-25

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Wednesday allowed dozens of petitioners to pay only outstanding electricity bills for the month of July except the amount of Fuel Price Adjustment (FPA). The LHC passed the order on the petitions filed by Muhammad Sadiq and others challenging the recovery of the FPA in the electricity bills for the month of July, 2022. The counsel for the petitioners argued ..... [more >>](#)

### **SC moved against hefty electricity bills**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-08-25

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan was requested on Wednesday to direct the federal government to withdraw or minimize Fuel Adjustment Charges and other taxes in July-August electricity bills, which have shocked most of the consumers. Advocate Zulfiqar Ahmed Bhutta filed a petition under Article 184 (3) of the Constitution, making the federation of Pakistan respondent. He submitted that peo..... [more >>](#)

### **Net hydel profit: KP seeks Rs21bn from Nepra**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2022-08-25

ISLAMABAD: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has sought from the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) over Rs21 billion as five percent indexation from 2015-16 to 2021-22 over the existing net hydel profit of Rs1.10 per unit in power tariff till the final decision by the Council of Common Interests (CCI). The five percent indexation means that legitimate consumers will pay an addi..... [more >>](#)

### **200 units power cap for FCA exemption**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-08-25

KARACHI: Following the announcement of the relief package by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan explained on Wednesday that only the households that consume electricity up to 200 units will get an exemption from the Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA). The power minister revealed that 17 million people were being provided relief amounting to Rs22 billion on ac..... [more >>](#)

### **No relief for consumers rushing to lesco offices for slash in FCA**

Source: [Khalid Iqbal, The News, International](#), 2022-08-25

Rawalpindi : Neither banks nor Islamabad Electric Supply Company (lesco) was ready to provide any kind of relief to the public on inflated electricity bills till the issuance of a proper notification regarding exemption from paying the high fuel charges adjustment (FCA) in their bills here on Wednesday. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Tuesday night announced that 17 million of the total power co..... [more >>](#)

### **No progress on \$8b Saudi investment yet**

Source: [Saqib Virk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-25

ISLAMABAD: There had been no progress in the investment of \$8 billion by Saudi Arabia in Pakistan, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of parliament was informed on Wednesday. The additional petroleum secretary told the forum that Saudi Arabia was supposed to set up oil refineries in Hub and Gwadar. However, he added that the plan could not proceed because of the lack of an oil refinery policy..... [more >>](#)

### **Inflated electricity bills trigger huge protest**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-25

LAHORE: Though the prime minister has announced to withdraw fuel price adjustment, electricity consumers continued their protest demonstration against an exorbitant hike in electricity bills consecutively for the fourth day in different cities. Hundreds of citizens staged protest demonstration on Ferozepur Road and blocked the main city artery for all kinds of traffic and caused traffic jam for ..... [more >>](#)

### **PD plans to withdraw gas from old units of TPSG**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghuman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-25

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division has reportedly prepared a plan to withdraw gas from older and inefficient units of Thermal Power Station Guddu (TPSG) aimed at giving it to the fertilizer sector, which has been lobbying for quite some time, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. TPSG under Genco-II comprises of 13 gas + steam based old units as Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP) commis..... [more >>](#)

### **Power generation goes down**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-25

By choice or otherwise, Pakistan's national grid power generation was down 10 percent year-on-year in July 2022. Less than 14 billion units for July, which has historically been the peak demand month, is the lowest July generation since July 2018. Even July 2020 during peak Covid had higher generation numbers. You could put it down to reduced temperatures, as monsoon came early, but con..... [more >>](#)

### **Turning around energy sector**

Source: [Dr Tariq Khan](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-25

In its 16th August edition, the Business Recorder reported that a 25-member body of experts suggested government through an open letter on energy sector problems and a set of comprehensive solutions. The experts belong to the energy sector comprising of practitioners and academia. The paper reported that the experts covered six prominent areas such as: 1. Overhauling governance and building inst..... [more >>](#)

### **PAC examines audit reports of petroleum division for 2019-20**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-26

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel on Wednesday was apprised that the Saudi government's pledge to set up an ultra oil refinery will be matured after the finalization of the new proposed Pakistan Oil Refining Policy, 2021. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) met under the chairmanship of Noor Alam Khan. The committee examined the audit reports of the Petroleum Division for the year 2019-20..... [more >>](#)

### **Structural problems**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-26

THE fact that Qatar's stated intention to invest \$3bn in key commercial and investment sectors of Pakistan's economy has failed to create positive vibes in the country's stock and currency markets shows that the latter need more than such promises to lift their mood. The ambiguity surrounding the gas-rich Gulf state's plans and the time frame for the promised investment hasn't..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan Oilfields finds hydrocarbons in KP**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-26

KARACHI: Pakistan Oilfields Ltd (POL) told its shareholders on Thursday that MOL Pakistan, which operates the Tal Block in Kohat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has encountered hydrocarbons following Drill Stem Tests (DSTs) conducted in the Tolanj West-2 well to measure the potential of Samanasuk, Shinawari and Lockhart formations. In a regulatory filing, the oil and gas explorer that's par..... [more >>](#)



### **A belated relief**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-26

The relief gesture from the government on fuel adjustment charges has not come well with the consumers. Rather, it is a tale of confusion as it will come into effect only from September bills. Secondly, the fact that electricity consumers will have to bear the toil for July to September bills is an untenable cost. The decision to exempt the recently announced fuel adjustment charges came after cou..... [more >>](#)

### **PM orders adjustment of FAC relief in electricity bills within 24hrs**

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-26

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday directed the power distribution companies to revise the electricity bills of up to 200 units within 24 hours, adjusting the relief under the fuel adjustment charge (FAC) announced by the government. The premier chaired a high-level meeting to address the issues faced by the power consumers and constituted a committee on the issue. "The st..... [more >>](#)

### **Fuel adjustment relief**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-26

Not quite the "landmine" the current government cried when it took over, but the power sector relief is back in some form. This is not the first time, and won't be the last, and is not necessarily uncalled for. June's FPA at Rs10/unit was the highest ever and was always going to be difficult to be passed through, especially when base tariffs have also been revised upwards. .... [more >>](#)

### **How to wheel power wheeling charges along**

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-26

There are efforts from the power sector stakeholders to start moving towards deregulation of this sector. However, there are a number of issues that have to be resolved in order to make the plan feasible for all the players. Exclusivity of all power distribution companies (Discos), including K-Electric, is to end by July 2023. Thereafter, other players would have the option to sell in the market..... [more >>](#)

### **Heat or eat? Winter protests loom as energy poverty sweeps Europe**

Source: [Joanna Gill, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-26

Europe is facing a major social test ahead of winter, as it juggles rising discontent, fuelled by soaring energy prices, and pressure to meet climate goals as the Ukraine conflict drags on. British grassroots group "Don't Pay UK" is calling for people to boycott energy bills from Oct. 1, while the trade union-backed "Enough is Enough" campaign kicked off a series..... [more >>](#)

### **Three Lesco officers suspended for taking bribe to rectify power bills**

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-27

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) on Friday suspended its three officers from service for taking bribes from consumers for rectifying inflated bills. The company had received complaints about its Baghbanpura (Lahore) division. "It is very ridiculous that the consumers, who are already under severe financial stress due to inflated bills having massive fuel price adjustment ..... [more >>](#)

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**PML-N's Hanif Abbasi demands relief for power consumers of 500 units**

Source: [Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-27

RAWALPINDI: Terming the government's announcement to give relief to consumers of electricity bills using 200 units "a joke", Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice President Hanif Abbasi on Friday demanded relief for all people using 500 electricity units. Addressing a press conference, Mr Abbasi said all electricity consumers should be exempted from fuel adjustment charges. .... [more >>](#)

**Body to consider electricity relief**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-27

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday constituted a committee to consider the possibility of deferring recovery of a one-time Rs9.9 per unit electricity surcharge from consumers of up to 300 units. The finance minister, however, sees no reason for halting recoveries. The prime minister has set up a committee to deliberate whether any relief can be provided to electricity consumers o..... [more >>](#)

**Govt to mull GIDC recovery options**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-27

ISLAMABAD: Stay orders granted by the lower courts against the decisions of the Supreme Court have enabled business tycoons, mainly the fertiliser industry, to stop payment of Rs453 billion worth of Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) to the government. The Prime Minister's Office has now formed a ministerial committee to examine different options including a forensic audit of ferti..... [more >>](#)

**FCA exemption to cause Rs21bn impact: Miftah**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-27

ISLAMABAD: The government would not charge FCA from electricity consumers using less than 200 units monthly after taking into confidence the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB). This was stated by Finance Minister Miftah Ismail while addressing a press conference on Friday. He said the decision not to charge FCA would entail Rs20-21 billion fiscal impact and resources wo..... [more >>](#)

**Govt aims to collect Rs91bn thru GST, PL on POL products**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-27

ISLAMABAD: The federal government may impose General Sales Tax (GST) on all petroleum products with effect from October 1, 2022 to generate revenues amid decreasing oil prices in global market, sources in petroleum division said. A proposal has been moved to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. In case it gets approval, the consumers will pay tax on account of Rs 10.5 percent GST and Rs 30 per liter..... [more >>](#)

**Thar coal; 2600MW production target to be achieved by next year: Dastgir**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-27

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Power Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan has said that the 2600-MW production target of Thar Coal will be achieved by the next year. During his visit to the Thar Coal projects in Thar Block I and II the other day, the minister shared his thoughts on how Thar Coal is playing a very important role in fulfilling the power needs of Pakistan. "Once the projects achie..... [more >>](#)

**Rectification of power bills; PM directs Discos to cancel leaves of customer care staff**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-27

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Friday directed the staff of distribution companies (DISCOs) to work round-the-clock to correct the electricity bills of the consumers using less than 200 per month units. The prime minister directed this while chairing a high-level meeting to solve the problems of the electricity consumers. He directed that the leave of all the staff should be termina..... [more >>](#)

### **Hubco asks CPPA-G to resolve payment 'disparity' issue**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-27

ISLAMABAD: The bitterness between M/s Hubco Power Company (Hubco) and Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) on alleged disparity in allocation of payment to different IPPs is rising with each passing day. The power company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kamran Kamal, has responded to CEO CPPA-G in his letter dated August 16, 2022, expressing disappointment at CPPA-G's..... [more >>](#)

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### **LPG producers seek end to tax disparity**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-28

ISLAMABAD: A lobbying group of domestic oil and gas explorers has again approached the government, complaining that importers of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) are pocketing billions of rupees due to tax waivers granted by the previous Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) administration. The previous government had issued a Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) that exempted LPG imports from regulatory duty..... [more >>](#)

### **Optimal use of LNG capacity at terminal-II; Ogra policy opposed by SNGPL**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-28

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA)'s promotion for gas liberalisation by engaging private sector to avail additional LNG capacity at terminal-II is constantly opposed by the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL). Since the TPA Rules-2012 for gas code for private sector import were in suspension and revised TPA rules were not notified at that time, the matter was ..... [more >>](#)

### **Hesco, Sepco asked to carry out repair works: Dastgir**

Source: [INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-28

HYDERABAD: Power Minister Khurram Dastgir Saturday said users consuming under 200 units would be reissued their subsidized bills. The last date for bill submission has also been forwarded to September 6, 2022, the power minister added. Talking to media representatives in Hyderabad, Khurram Dastgir said that rainfall seven times higher than average caused damage to grid stations. He has o..... [more >>](#)

### **Payments Halted**

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-28

Back in 2020, the Supreme Court passed a judgement that allowed the government to recover Rs.453 billion through the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC). The directive forced companies to pass the cost onto their consumers but petitions filed in the Sindh and Punjab High Court have granted petitions that stopped this payment on various grounds. Now, the future of gas pipeline development ha..... [more >>](#)

### **Centre, Sindh in talks on HESCO control**

Source: [Z Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-29

HYDERABAD: The Federal Water and Power Minister Khurram Dastgir has said the Center has been negotiating with the Sindh government the management transfer of Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) and Sukkur Electric Power Company (SEPCO). "If these companies go to the provincial government, a direct pressure of the consumers will be created on these companies [to perform]," Dastgir..... [more >>](#)

### The fuel price challenge

Source: [Sarfaraz A Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-29

KARACHI: The petroleum industry in Pakistan has the potential to grow substantially but the long-standing issues of excessive regulation and government-controlled fuel prices have held this industry back, which I explored in my previous column. Prices of fuels like petrol and diesel must be fully deregulated. Instead of determining prices, the government should concentrate on collecting taxes fr..... [more >>](#)

### PSO scraps HSFO delivery tenders

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has scrapped tenders for delivery of High Sulphur Furnace Oil (HSFO) cargoes for September 1-15, 2022 due to low upliftment by the power plants, well informed sources told Business Recorder. As per the daily stock receipts compiled by NTDC, the upliftment till August 16, 2022 has been extremely low (approx. 72.5000 tons) while the consumption has been much ..... [more >>](#)

### BoP to arrange over Rs20bn for Punjab Thermal Power project

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-29

LAHORE: A signing ceremony for the award of debt arrangement mandates exceeding Rs 20 billion to The Bank of Punjab (BOP) by Punjab Thermal Power Limited (PTPL) and Energy Department, Government of the Punjab (GoPb), was held on August 26 at BOP Head office. The ceremony was attended by Ajmal Bhatti (Secretary Energy, GoPb), Salman Zakaria (CEO, PTPL), Ghazanfar Jillani (Director& Acting,..... [more >>](#)

### Shell Pakistan – profitability up

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-29

Shell Pakistan Limited (PSX: SHEL) announced its financial performance for 1HFY22 with a massive growth in earnings. The oil marketing multinational company saw its earnings improve in 2021 as well with higher volumetric sales during the year. The OMC's sales in the ongoing year continue to show better volumetric sales of the petroleum products. Shell Pakistan's revenues for 1HCY22 grew ..... [more >>](#)

### Shifting to local coal could save over \$800m annually: experts

Source: [Shahram Haq, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-30

LAHORE: Industry experts believe the government's decision to convert three power plants from imported fuel to local coal could result in savings of \$175 per tonne which would translate to over \$800 million in savings annually from each plant "The government's decision to bet on local fuel will not only reduce the country's import bill, on which fuel imports bear the bigg..... [more >>](#)

### KCCI seeks reversal of electricity tariff hike

Source: [Usman Hanif, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-31

KARACHI: The Karachi Chamber of Commerce of Industry (KCCI), on Monday, called upon the government to immediately rescind the unprecedented hike in electricity rates because of fuel adjustment costs and fixed charges, warning that the hike would force closures. KCCI leadership, rejecting the unprecedented 80% hike in electricity tariff, stated that the upsurge in electricity tariff has created a..... [more >>](#)

### Tackling the energy crisis

Source: [Zahra Niazi, The News, International](#), 2022-08-30

An unprecedented energy crisis has gripped Pakistan. A supply crunch and an increase in energy prices have put persistent pressure on the economy, hurting the people. For the sake of Pakistan's long-term economic development and the economic security of the country's 220.9 million citizens, policymakers need to now realize that only a proactive approach to the current energy crisis is..... [more >>](#)

### **Power quarterly adjustment: Record high**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-30

The biggest quarterly power tariff adjustment appears well on its way, as the regulator will be hearing 4QFY22 quarterly adjustment petition of the power distribution companies next week. Adjustments have been plenty of late, with the government caving in, on the latest monthly adjustment, announcing waiver for a large portion of domestic and agriculture consumers. Currently, two quarterly ta..... [more >>](#)

### **PSO – earnings pouring**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-30

The oil marketing companies have seen robust sales of petroleum products in most of FY22. Higher volumes as well as higher petroleum product prices were the key factors behind PSO's revenue growth in FY22. The financial performance of Pakistan State Oil Limited (PSX: PSO) for FY22 shows that the largest oil marketing company saw a whopping increase in its profitability, which stemmed a fat top..... [more >>](#)

### **HUBC – earnings slip**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-30

HUB Power Company Limited (PSX: HUBC) announced its financial performance for FY22 recently with a slight dip in consolidated earnings for the year – 15 percent year-on-year. The decline in earnings stemmed from lower share of profits from associates as well as higher finance cost. The company's consolidated revenues were seen growing by 78 percent due to higher utilization of the base..... [more >>](#)

### **Motiwala calls for audit of KE's financial matters**

Source: [Muhammad Shafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-30

KARACHI: Chairman Businessmen Group (BMG) Zubair Motiwala who is also one of the members of K-Electric's board of directors (BoDs) on Monday called for a thorough audit of the Karachi-based power company's financial matters, before its 'distribution exclusivity' comes to an end, in 2023. Also, he raised fingers at National Electric Power Regulatory Authority's (N..... [more >>](#)

### **Complaint of PMLTC; PPIB to discuss 17pc GST on transmission services**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-30

ISLAMABAD: Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has convened a meeting on August 31, 2022 (tomorrow) to deliberate on 17 per cent GST on transmission services allegedly imposed in violation of agreement. Chinese Company, Pak Matiari-Lahore Transmission Company (PMLTC) agitated on imposition of 17 percent GST on transmission service charges, official sources told Business Recorder. .... [more >>](#)

### **Country faces challenge of costly power generation: PM**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-30

MOHMAND: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday stressed the need to immediately shift the country's power generation capacity to solar and wind power production systems as the costly power generation was continuously depleting the national exchequer. During a briefing at the Mohmand Dam site, the prime minister said Pakistan had been facing an acute problem of costly power ge..... [more >>](#)

### **PCE dispute with CPPA-G; Hubco approaches Power Div secy**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-30

ISLAMABAD: Hub Power Company (Hubco) has approached Secretary Power Division, Rashid Langrial, for support for resolution of dispute with Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) on Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE). Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Hubco, Kamran Kamal, in his letter to Secretary Power Division, a copy of which has also been sent to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) ..... [more >>](#)

### Fuel Adjustment Charges: SHC Issues Notice To NEPRA, K-Electric

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-30

The Sindh High Court (SHC) has issued notices to National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) and K-Electric on the petition against the collection of fuel adjustment charges and taxes in the electricity bills. According to details, a hearing was held in the SHC on the Jamaat-e-Islami leader Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman's constitutional petition against the collection of huge amount in the..... [more >>](#)

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### Will We Ever Run Out of Oil?

Source: [Tariq Wazir Ali](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-08-30

Without any doubt, crude oil is one of the most important resources we have ever discovered. Oil and the many products made from it have, literally, and figuratively, transformed the world beyond all recognition. However, as we are constantly reminded, crude oil is not in infinite supply. After all, it took millions of years to "brew." Estimates vary, but if our current consumption con..... [more >>](#)

### LHC strikes off fuel adjustment charges from electricity bills

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-31

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) Rawalpindi Circuit bench on Tuesday quashed fuel adjustment charges from electricity bills. The LHC Rawalpindi Circuit bench while hearing a plea moved against the collection of fuel adjustment charges from consumers in the electricity bills struck down the charges. Justice Jawadul Hassan directed the WAPDA and the NEPRA not to charge tax in the electricity bil..... [more >>](#)

### European gas prices surge to six-month peak

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-08-17

European gas prices surged to a six-month peak on Tuesday, exacerbating recession fears as the region faces the prospect of rationing following cuts to Russia supplies amid the war in Ukraine. Oil prices, meanwhile, extended losses a day after tumbling more than 5pc on fears demand will subside due to recessions or slow growth in major economies such as China. In Europe, the natural gas reference..... [more >>](#)

### Opening of L/Cs

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-31

ISLAMABAD: Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has urged the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to facilitate Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in opening Letters of Credit (L/Cs) to timely carry out periodic and breakdown maintenance of generation plants and machinery and to fulfil its contractual obligations, official sources told Business Recorder. The Independent Power Producers, i..... [more >>](#)

### Thar power plant to start operations soon: Dastgir

Source: [Muhammad Shafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-31

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Engr Khurram Dastgir Khan on Tuesday said the Shanghai Electric Coal Power Plant in Tharparkar Block-1 is expected to start commercial operations, very soon. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the 11th IEEE Fair 2022 as the chief guest at Expo Centre Karachi, Khurram said Thar Engro Coal Power Project has already been operational, and ..... [more >>](#)

### **Petrol raised by Rs2, diesel up Rs3**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-01

ISLAMABAD: The government raised prices of all petroleum products for the next fortnight despite a decline in global oil rates, mainly because of the exchange rate fluctuation and an increase in the petroleum levy in line with commitment with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). According to a late-night notification issued by the finance ministry, the per-litre price of petrol has been in..... [more >>](#)

### **KE's July tariff cut by Rs3.48, but Discos allowed Rs4.34 hike**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-01

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday cleared Rs4.34 per unit additional fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) and about Rs3.48 per unit reduction in FCA for K-Electric consumers for power consumed in July. However, the regulator did not decide on KE's other request for a Rs14.53 per unit increase under quarterly t..... [more >>](#)

### **Using local coal**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-01

There has been a renewed push to start using local coal for power generation. Experts believe that the government's decision to start using local coal at three power plants could save \$175 per tonne, or about \$2.5 billion a year, while also helping improve the forex situation by reducing the import bill. But amid the cost of savings and quality of life benefits that more electricity would br..... [more >>](#)

### **Power tariff jacked up by Rs4.34 per unit**

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### **Gas reserves discovered in K-P**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-01

KARACHI: Oil and gas exploration firms, on Wednesday, announced the discovery of gas reserves at 2.25 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscfd) at Tolanj's West-2 development, located in Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). In a notification to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) said the discovery had de-risked an exploration play in the deeper..... [more >>](#)

### **PM extends fuel adjustment charges exemption to 300 electricity units**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-01

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has extended the exemption in fuel adjustment charges (FAC) for consumers who have used up to 300 electricity units. Addressing the PML-N lawmakers in Islamabad on Thursday, the premier said around 75% electricity consumers will get relief in their August bill. Earlier, he had waived FAC for consumers who had used up to 200 power units. Amid protests over the infla..... [more >>](#)

**Fuel prices jacked up**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-01

ISLAMABAD: Despite decline of crude oil prices in the international market and rupee's stability against dollar, the government increased petroleum product prices up to Rs10.92 per litre for the next fortnight. This is the first increase after the IMF on Monday revived the stalled programme with Pakistan by approving \$1.16 billion. This is the second fortnightly increase in a row in August..... [more >>](#)

**Govt bound to hike gas prices, fuel GST under IMF deal**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-04

ISLAMABAD: The government has committed more utility price shocks under a straightjacket implementation plan with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) involving an over 53 per cent increase in gas rates, the revival of general sales tax on petroleum products and withdrawal of more subsidies. The IMF released a detailed 112-page country report on Friday on the completion of the seventh and ei..... [more >>](#)

**Power supply to parts of Balochistan restored**

Source: [Ali Raza Rind](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-03

CHAGAI: Electricity supply to 16 Balochistan cities has been restored after almost eight days, while Quetta is still without power and gas even after two weeks. Quetta Electric Supply Company (Qesco) spokesman Afzal Baloch told Dawn that the supply was suspended after three pylons carrying 132KV transmission line were damaged due to torrential rains followed by heavy flooding. He said at least 23..... [more >>](#)

**FCA exemption**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-03

The government has gone ahead with expanding the fuel adjustment charge exemption to consumers using under 300 units of electricity. The previously announced exemption only covered up to 200 units. According to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, this new tier will cover 75% of consumers nationwide, whereas the 200-unit exemption only covered about half of the country. As things stand, the charge, form..... [more >>](#)

**Inquiry into Neelum-Jhelum project's 'failure' begins**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-02

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Water Resources in collaboration with the Water and Power Development Authority will conduct an inquiry into the "failure" of the 969 megawatts Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project and hire international experts for the investigation process. According to sources, the Ministry of Water Resources and Wapda have started the investigation process and the former ha..... [more >>](#)

**After LHC, PHC also stops FCA collection**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-03

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court on Friday stopped the collection of fuel charges adjustment (FCA) from the electricity consumers of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. It also issued notices to the federal government, Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda), Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco), and National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa), seeking their response. The case was heard by a ..... [more >>](#)

**Rising electricity tariffs: a fact-sheet**

Source: [Farhat Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-03

The IMF (International Monetary Fund) conditionalities imposed with the grant of their loan is invariably cited by the incumbent government as the reason for an unending increase in prices of petroleum products and electricity tariffs in the country. This is only true to the extent that the IMF dictates that the prices of the two be charged on real cost basis and passed on to consumers as per actu..... [more >>](#)



### **Gas prices: govt fails to honour pledge**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-03

ISLAMABAD: Federal government has missed its pledge to International Monetary Fund (IMF) to increase the prescribed average gas price by some 45 percent to Rs 928 per mmbtu by end August 2022. This was stated in the staff level report on the combined seventh and eighth reviews under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) for Pakistan released on Friday. The report notes based on the receipt of..... [more >>](#)

### **PM enhances FCA waiver to 300 units**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-02

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has announced to exempt consumption of electricity up to 300 units from Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) to provide relief to the consumers. The prime minister, while addressing the members of the national and provincial assemblies, stated that previously the government has decided to exempt up to 200-unit consumption of electricity from the FCA. He said ..... [more >>](#)

### **PL keeps petrol price high**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-02

Whether the three times former PM left the meeting midway this time or not, it is not out there yet, but the petroleum prices went up alright yesterday. The usual petrol bomb, DSNGs at fuel stations, and motorists' responses predictably followed at midnight, but the decision was seen coming. There was nothing unpredictable about it, given that the IMF program is now well and truly back..... [more >>](#)

### **Wapda to hire experts to probe failure of NJHPP**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-02

ISLAMABAD: Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) is to hire a Panel of Experts (PoEs) as diagnostic consultants to ascertain the reasons for the failure of 969-MW Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHPP) as 17 international firms have not responded to Request for Proposals (RFP), sources close to Secretary Ministry of Water Resources told Business Recorder. Briefing the second meeting..... [more >>](#)

### **PM agrees to give NEECA back to Power Division**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-02

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has given his nod to transfer National Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (NEECA) back to Power Division from Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T), within four months 'due to pressure of World Bank', well informed sources told Business Recorder. However, Prime Minister has directed Power Division to propose an amendmen..... [more >>](#)

### **Surcharge Waived**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-03

On Thursday, it was reported that PM Shehbaz Sharif has waived the recovery of a one-time Rs 9.9 per unit electricity surcharge from consumers using up to 300 units. Due to the fuel adjustment charges being imposed in line with the IMF agreement, electricity bills have skyrocketed which has only added to the miseries of the middle- and lower-income classes around the country. Given how severe the ..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan to reopen power deals**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has assured the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that it will "strive" to reduce capacity payments to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) power projects either by renegotiating deals or having loans rescheduled -- a big concession that might prove to become costly. Written assurance has been given in the Memorandum for Economic and Financial Policies (MEF)..... [more >>](#)

**PLL extends deadline for LNG supply bids**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) has extended validity for liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply bids, being sought from international traders, from September 2, 2022 to October 3, 2022 keeping in view high prices of gas in global market and poor response from suppliers, say sources. As Pakistan is facing acute energy shortages, PLL sought a six-year LNG supply contract from international trad..... [more >>](#)

**Minister calls for waiver of electricity bills in flood-hit areas**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-04

KARACHI: Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh on Saturday demanded of the federal government to waive electricity bills of consumers in the flood-affected areas for the next three months. The minister welcomed Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's announcement of relief in electricity bills and said the poor and middle class people would get relief from the waiver of fuel adjustment charges o..... [more >>](#)

**FCA for July 2022: Nepra may allow charging consumers Rs4.34/unit extra**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-01

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has hinted to allow ex-Wapda distribution companies' (XWDiscos) to collect an additional Rs4.34/unit from consumers, while it may ask K-Electric to reimburse Rs3.63/unit to its clients in the next month's bills on account of monthly fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for July 2022. Nepra held public hearing on Wednesday on..... [more >>](#)

**PM prods Discos to restore power supply on a war footing**

Source: [INP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-04

ISLAMABAD: On the directions of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the administration is working on war-footing to restore electricity in flood-hit areas across the country. PM Shehbaz himself is monitoring the work of power restoration in areas hit by large-scale deluges and the authorities will report him about the progress on work on daily basis. All the high-ups in power division have be..... [more >>](#)

**K-Electric should not collect advance tax from mosques: FTO**

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-04

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) has declared that the M/s K-Electric Karachi is wrongly collecting advance income tax from mosques. According to an order issued by FTO Dr Asif Mahmood Jan against the K-Electric in case number 2862/KHI/ST/2022, the complaint was filed against the said company in terms of section 10(1) of the Federal Tax Ombudsman Ordinance 2000 for charging and coll..... [more >>](#)

**Deregulating versus regulating oil prices**

Source: [Muhammad Sheraz Khan Lodhi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-04

Energy plays a pivotal role in any nation's economic development and there are many different sources of it, including natural gas, solar electricity, nuclear power, biomass and biofuels, wind energy, water and geo-thermal. These energy sources are crucial for accelerating a nation's social and economic growth as they bolster domestic transportation, businesses, and households. Oil pro..... [more >>](#)

**FF Steel launches 132kV grid station**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-04

PESHAWAR: FF Steel, one of the leading steel manufacturers in Pakistan, has achieved a new stage of growth by being the first steel company in the country to have two 132kV grid stations in two separate units. According to a press release issued here on Saturday, the introduction of the new grid station in one of the units of FF Steel in Lahore will ensure that the production of steel bars wi..... [more >>](#)

### **PHC stops FPA charges collection**

Source: [Javed Aziz Khan, The News, International](#), 2022-09-03

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court (PHC) has stopped the relevant departments from collecting fuel price adjustment (FPA) charges from consumers in the electricity bills. A division bench of the PHC comprising Justice Roohul Amin and Justice Shahid Khan heard arguments from both sides. The bench issued notices to Wapda and Pesco and stopped them from collecting FPA in bills till further orders. A ..... [more >>](#)

### **Gas supply to Quetta restored after 11 days**

Source: [Saleem Shahid, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-05

QUETTA: Gas supply to the provincial capital was restored on Sunday after 11 days of suspension, triggered by raging floodwater that burst the banks of Bolan River due to incessant rains and swept away the 12-inch gas pipeline near Bibi Nani area of the Bolan district of Balochistan. The destruction of the pipeline also cut off gas supply to other areas including Pishin, Ziarat, Mastung, Kalat, K..... [more >>](#)

### **Relief in FCA notified**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-05

ISLAMABAD: The government on Sunday announced relief in fuel charge adjustment (FCA) for domestic power consumers having consumed 201 to 300 units. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sept 1 announced exemption in FCA in August's billing to consumers who used up to 300 units. The exemption previously applied to usage of up to 200 units. All power distribution companies, including K-Electric, ..... [more >>](#)

### **Iesco to extend relief to households consuming 300 units**

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-05

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco) will be providing relief to consumers in the form of fuel price adjustment to electricity consumers who have used 300 units during the month of June. The relief is being extended on the directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Domestic tariff consumers with single phase meters who have used 201 to 300 units during the month of June wil..... [more >>](#)

### **Hattar factory owners want taxes withdrawn from power bills**

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-05

HARIPUR: The owners of units in the Hattar industrial estate have threatened to stage a sit-in outside the offices of Peshawar Electric Supply Company if 'exorbitant taxes' were not withdrawn from their electricity bills. The warned was made by the office-bearers of Hattar Industrialists Association while addressing a news conference here the other day. On the occasion, the associati..... [more >>](#)

### **Comparative electrical scene in South Asia**

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-05

Worldwide the energy scene is bad; there are both supply and high price issues. Poor countries' hardship is obviously more. Governments do not have foreign exchange and money to subsidise while people cannot pay the high prices. Many people in Pakistan are wondering as to what is the situation in the region in terms of energy supplies and prices. We will try to provide a rough comparative ..... [more >>](#)

### **Fesco releases over 40,000 electricity meters for consumers: CEO**

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-05

FAISALABAD: An e-Kachhari was organised on Facebook at Fesco headquarters to listen to customer issues. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (Fesco), Engr Bashir Ahmed said that Fesco has released more than 40,000 meters of electricity, so that timely connections can be made to consumers and faulty meters can be replaced immediately. He congratulated Fesco offi..... [more >>](#)

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**LNG: Going long-term**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-05

August 2022 saw only one LNG tender imported by the private sector. This was one better than no private imports a month earlier. Pakistan managed to arrange seven LNG cargoes in August 2022, of which six were imported under PSO's various long-term arrangement. The six cargoes by PSO were evenly split between the long-term deal with Qatar at 13.37 percent slope and 10.2 percent with another p..... [more >>](#)

**Petroleum: consumption fizzling out**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-05

After a sharp decline in July-22 and the start of FY23, petroleum sales in the country witnessed another month of year-on-year decline in August-22. Petroleum sales in August-22 were down by 22 percent year-on-year. The oil and gas sector was seen commencing the fiscal year on a weaker note with overall petroleum sales by the oil marketing sector falling by 24 percent year-on-year in 2MFY23. .... [more >>](#)

**National grid deprived of 1000MW**

Source: [Munawar Hasan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-06

LAHORE: The already strained National Grid has been deprived of around 1000mw electricity due to the collapse of the recently completed power lines. No less than four towers of the transmission lines, including those commissioned last year from the 1320mw and 660mw coal power plants in the South with load centres up in the North. The 500kv D/C Port Qasim-Matiari and the Lucky-Matiari tripped on S..... [more >>](#)

**OPEC+ agrees 100,000 barrels/day oil output cut to prop up prices**

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-06

Vienna: The OPEC+ oil cartel agreed on Monday to cut production for the first time in more than a year as it seeks to lift prices that have tumbled due to recession fears. The move could irk the United States as it has pressed the group to increase output in order to bring down energy prices that have fuelled decades-high inflation. OPEC+, a 23-nation coalition led by Saudi Arabia and Russia, ha..... [more >>](#)

**LHC seeks details of mechanism for POL prices**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-06

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday directed the federal government to submit the mechanism for fixing petroleum, oil and lubricant prices. Earlier, hearing a public interest petition, Justice Shahid Karim observed that apparently the fuel prices in the international market were on decline but they were going up in Pakistan. The judge directed the federal government's counsel to ..... [more >>](#)

**Plan to set up gas utility courts**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-06

ISLAMABAD: The government has planned to amend a gas theft and recovery law to introduce gas utility courts and delegate federal government powers to prime minister for taking action against people involved in gas theft and delay in recovery of consumer bills. Sources told The Express Tribune that the government would make amendments to the Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act 2016. Under the am..... [more >>](#)

### Advisers to set LNG plants' price

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-06

ISLAMABAD: The board of Privatisation Commission (PC) on Monday agreed to re-engage Credit Suisse, Singapore, for determining the price of multibillion-dollar LNG-fired power plants that Qatar wanted to buy for past three years but Pakistan's bureaucracy seemed to be a hurdle in its way. However, Credit Suisse has set the conditions of clearing its outstanding dues of around \$1.7 million a..... [more >>](#)

### Comparative electrical scene in South Asia

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-06

Worldwide the energy scene is bad; there are both supply and high price issues. Poor countries' hardship is obviously more. Governments do not have foreign exchange and money to subsidise while people cannot pay the high prices. Many people in Pakistan are wondering as to what is the situation in the region in terms of energy supplies and prices. We will try to provide a rough comparative ..... [more >>](#)

### NTDC restores transmission line

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-06

KARACHI: The National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) on Monday completed the rehabilitation work on the Dadu-Khuzdar transmission line, and started to supply power to the Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO), resulting in electricity restoration to major parts of the Balochistan province. The NTDC spokesman said that, on the directions of the prime minister, the minister and ..... [more >>](#)

### Energy prices: More pain coming your way

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-06

As much as the government may want to talk down the inflation expectations, the very actions agreed with the IMF point in another direction. The IMF's latest Country Report on Pakistan is heavily focused on energy related matters, and for the right reasons too, for most part. As it has almost always been the case, the singular focus remains on revenue measures for power, gas, and petroleum s..... [more >>](#)

### Qatar says emphatic no

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-06

The news is out. As per Business Recorder exclusive, there is nothing concrete coming from Qatar. The vibes coming from Qatar are similar. Now it's out in the public. The government was initially looking at getting deposits from Qatar. Got a plain no on it. The next in line are investments. Government is attempting to put everything under the sun for sale. But only doable investments in the ..... [more >>](#)

### Ogra asks officials keep check on LPG prices

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-06

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has issued directions to the chief secretaries and district authorities to ensure the LPG prices, as notified by the OGRA on September 1, 2022. The current notified LPG producers price is Rs 2,013 per 11.8 kg cylinder and for the consumer, it is Rs 2,496. The district authorities are advised to initiate action against the profiteers under..... [more >>](#)

### Deregulating oil

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-07

THE government is seriously thinking of deregulating the pump prices of petrol and diesel in line with a previous cabinet decision. Simply put, it means that for the consumer, the cost of petrol and diesel will vary from city to city, pump to pump and brand to brand. Consumers residing closer to the port and refineries will be at an advantage and pay less than those living elsewhere, depending on ..... [more >>](#)

**Power users to pay Rs3 more per unit after adjustment**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday allowed ex-Wapda Distribution Companies (Discos) to charge Rs3.39 per unit to their consumers to mop up Rs95 billion in additional funds under the quarterly tariff adjustment (QTA) mechanism. At a public hearing presided over by Nepra Chairman Tauseef H. Farooqui and attended by members Rafique Shaikh and Maq..... [more >>](#)

**AIIB keen to fund Wapda hydro projects**

Source: [Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

LAHORE: After the interest shown by the Beijing-based Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in hydropower projects in Pakistan, the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) has asked the bank to finance the 1,500MW Thakot-3 and 2,400MW Pattan projects—the mega hydel power schemes of the Indus Cascades. The authority has also offered the bank to finance the power generation portio..... [more >>](#)

**Gas utility courts**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

Non-recovery of utility bills has been a perennial problem — one that has failed literally every government thus far. While electricity theft over the years has caused an accumulated shortfall of Rs2.46 trillion between the billed and the recovered amount, the theft of gas has also started growing of late — having nearly doubled in the past three years, from Rs350 billion in 2018 to Rs..... [more >>](#)

**Nepra hikes power tariff by Rs3.39 per unit**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD: Amid ongoing protests against inflated electricity bills, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has indicated allowing power distribution companies to raise the power tariff by Rs3.39 per unit on account of quarterly adjustments. The fresh increase in electricity rates will put an additional burden of Rs94 billion on consumers who were already making a hue and cry o..... [more >>](#)

**Ogra takes notice of LPG mafia**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD: Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has swung into action after complaints rolled in against the LPG mafia selling liquefied petroleum gas at an exorbitant price of up to 90% higher than Ogra's determined rates for September. LPG Industries Association Chairman Erfan Khokhar claimed that LPG is being sold at Rs300-360 per kilogram instead of the Rs212 per kilogram rate determ..... [more >>](#)

**Iran ready to complete gas pipeline project: ambassador**

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan, Mohammad Ali Hosseini on Tuesday said the Iranian government is ready to complete the Pak-Iran gas pipeline to enhance cooperation in the energy sector. Iran wants full cooperation with Pakistan in gas and other sources of energy, he said. "To further strengthen trade cooperation with Pakistan, completion of energy projects, especially the Pak-Ir..... [more >>](#)

**RLNG plants' sell-off; FA Credit Suisse to be reengaged**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to reengage Financial Advisor M/s Credit Suisse, Singapore for privatisation of two RLNG-fired power plants of National Power Parks Management Company Limited (NPPMCL), official sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said, on August 15, 2022, Prime Minister's Office, wrote a letter regarding review on preparations for the visit..... [more >>](#)

### **Staggering impact of FCA; Power Division to file motion to Nepra**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division is to file a motion to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to stagger the impact of Fuel Charge Adjustment (FCA) as per approval of federal government, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Fuel Charge Adjustment is determined by the Nepra as per section 31 (7) of the NEPRA Act on monthly basis. As per the existing tariff methodology,..... [more >>](#)

### **QTA for Q-4: Discos given Rs3.40/unit tariff hike**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday approved an increase of Rs 3.40 per unit in tariffs of power Distribution Companies (Discos) to recover additional amount of Rs 95.145 billion from consumers for 4th quarter of CFY 2021-22 under Quarterly Tariff Adjustment (QTA) mechanism. The Authority comprising of Chairman Nepra, Tauseef H Farooqi, Member Sindh, Raf..... [more >>](#)

### **FCA relief package; 1.8m 'eligible' KE consumers to be benefited**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE) has said that following the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's announcement of Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) relief package for the month of June, as many as 1.8 million eligible electricity consumers across KE serviced territory in Karachi and adjoining regions are receiving benefit and being delivered adjusted bills for August at their doorsteps with extended due date..... [more >>](#)

### **NEPRA All Set To Allow Discos To Raise Another Tariff Hike Of Rs3.39 Per Unit**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

Islamabad – National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) is all set to allow power distribution companies (Discos) to raise another tariff hike of Rs3.39 per unit, on account of quarterly adjustments, from October 1. The new increase in tariff will empower ex-WAPDA Discos to transfer an additional burden of Rs95.148 billion on the electricity consumers during second quarter (Octobe..... [more >>](#)

### **Iran Offers Govt Support To Complete IP Gas Pipeline Project With Pakistan**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD – Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Ali Hosseini on Tuesday offered his government's support to complete Iran-Pakistan (IP) Gas Pipeline project and hinted to extend cooperation in other fields of mutual interest. Ambassador Hosseini, in an interview with media, said Iran was willing to further strengthen mutual trade cooperation; completion of energy projects, especially the IP ..... [more >>](#)

### **Power tariff hiked by Rs3.39/unit**

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) Tuesday approved a hike in the electricity tariff by Rs3.39 per unit. The power regulator has hiked the power tariff under the quarterly fuel adjustment mechanism. Already burdened with inflation and rising prices of petroleum products, people will have bear an additional burden of Rs95 billion in this regard. .... [more >>](#)

### **Tehran ready to complete Pak-Iran gas pipeline project: Ambassador**

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan, Mohammad Ali Hosseini said the Iranian government is ready to complete the gas pipeline between Pakistan and Iran to enhance cooperation in the energy sector. Iran wants full cooperation with Pakistan in gas and other sources of energy, he said. In an Interview with the APP here on Tuesday, he said Teheran is fully prepared to complete the gas pipeline b..... [more >>](#)

### **\$2tr surge likely in Europe energy bills by 2023**

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-07

NEW YORK: Energy bills for European households will surge by 2 trillion euros (\$2 trillion) at their peak early next year, underscoring the need for government intervention, according to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. utilities analysts, Bloomberg reported. At their height, energy bills will represent about 15% of Europe's gross domestic product, the analysts, led by Alberto Gandolfi and Mafalda ..... [more >>](#)

### **Extra fuel charges in power bills deferred, not waived**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-08

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said on Wednesday the application of fuel cost adjustment (FCA) on electricity bills had been deferred, not waived, on the orders of the prime minister, but promised that electricity rates and inflation would start declining after a month. He was speaking at a joint news conference with Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, who said the finance minister..... [more >>](#)

### **UK's new PM vows imminent action on energy crisis**

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-08

At her first parliamentary grilling as British prime minister, Liz Truss on Wednesday confirmed plans to stem huge rises in the cost of energy that threaten to plunge her new government into a winter of discontent. Jousting with opposition Labour chief Keir Starmer for the first time since she succeeded Boris Johnson, Truss also revelled in her status as the UK government's third female prim..... [more >>](#)

### **Light engineering sector asked to cut energy cost**

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-08

TOBA TEK SINGH: Pakistan must replace its old, redundant and costly melting and casting process with new Turkish technology to save its light engineering sector which is on the verge of collapse due to high cost of energy, says FCCI president Atif Munir Sheikh. Addressing an awareness session organised by FCCI in collaboration with the Foundry Association here on Wednesday, he said the session ha..... [more >>](#)

### **Power tariff rebate to be recovered: Miftah**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-08

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Miftah Ismail on Wednesday cleared the air about electricity relief to the consumers of 300 units a month on account of the fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for the month of June -- being recovered in coming months. "It has been deferred," briefly replied Miftah while responding to a question whether PM Shehbaz had deferred or waived off the Rs9.90 per unit FCA..... [more >>](#)

### **OMCs call for mechanism to disburse freight**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-08

ISLAMABAD: While expressing dismay over delay in payment, oil marketing companies on Wednesday called for chalking out a mechanism to disburse freight under the proposed deregulated oil pricing regime which had accumulated to over Rs50 billion. Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) manages the inland freight equalisation margin (IFEM) fund – ranging between Rs60 billion to Rs70 billion &..... [more >>](#)

### **Cabinet body approves Credit Suisse hiring**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-08

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCOP) on Wednesday approved the hiring of Credit Suisse, Singapore, for discovery of price for the multibillion-dollar liquefied natural gas (LNG)-fired power plants, setting in motion the process to sell the plants to Qatar. Keeping in view the recent developments and improved investor appetite and to undertake the valuation exercise for the sa..... [more >>](#)



### High electricity production cost, line losses; Miftah rules out possibility of zero load-shedding

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-08

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Miftah Ismail has ruled out the possibility of zero load-shedding in the country in the near future due to the high cost of electricity production as well as higher line losses and low recovery of billed amount. Addressing a press conference here on Wednesday along with Minister for Defence, the finance minister in response to questions stated that zero load-sheddi..... [more >>](#)

### Concessional power to zero-rated sectors; Qamar wants to have a word with Miftah on 'secret' waiver

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-08

ISLAMABAD: Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar has sought clarification from Finance Minister Dr Miftah Ismail on "secret" withdrawal of concessional electricity for five zero-rated sectors for last three quarters of current fiscal year, implementation on effectivity date of RLNG rates and ban on registration of new units under concessionary regime. In a letter to Finance Minister..... [more >>](#)

### IP Gas Pipeline

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-08

The Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan, Mohammad Ali Hosseini has stated that the Iranian government is ready to complete the Pak-Iran gas pipeline in order to enhance cooperation in the energy sector. The Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline (IP Gas) is an under-construction 2,775-kilometre pipeline to deliver natural gas from Iran to Pakistan. This is a great opportunity that was extended to us over a decade ..... [more >>](#)

### RLNG issue: expect another winter of gas shortages

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-09

ISLAMABAD: Following the footsteps of PTI government, Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif led federal government has also failed to arrange required quantity of RLNG for winter months due to which domestic consumers will have to face "pressure profiling" again during this period, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Power Sector will also get less supply of RLNG during winter m..... [more >>](#)

### Deferred Fuel Adjustments

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-09

Amid all the confusion on extra fuel charges on electricity bills for domestic consumers, on Wednesday, the Finance Minister looked to clarify what this means going forward. The government will be deferring the fuel adjustment cost on bills instead of waiving it. The problem is that the per unit fuel adjustment cost of Rs9.9 per unit comes up to almost Rs3000 on a bill of 300 units consumed. This ..... [more >>](#)

### Two dead in SNGPL pipeline blast

Source: [Staff report](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-10

Two employees of the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) were burnt to death and some sustained burn injuries due to a gas pipeline blast at a textile factory in Small Industrial State on Daewoo Road, Faisalabad on Friday. The Rescue 1122 said control room received an emergency call of boiler blast at a textile factory. The teams rushed the spot for rescue operation when it was found that ..... [more >>](#)

### UK's Truss freezes energy bills in first big policy shift

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-09

New British Prime Minister Liz Truss on Thursday said domestic fuel bills would be frozen for two years, marking her first week in office with a costly plan to tackle a worsening cost-of-living crisis. Two days after taking over, Truss unveiled emergency measures that include authorising more oil and gas drilling in the North Sea and lifting a ban on fracking, a controversial method to dig for fo..... [more >>](#)

**PPDA rejects deregulation of oil prices**

Source: [Kalbe Ali, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-11

ISLAMABAD: Rejecting the proposed complete deregulation of oil pricing, the petroleum dealers on Saturday threatened to go on strike across the country, saying that the new anticipated formula—that will end fixed dealer margin—is not suitable in Pakistan. Expressing dismay over the new proposal, the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) organised a seminar here and slammed the O..... [more >>](#)

**Govt to start clearing dues of Chinese IPPs from next week**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-10

ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday promised to start making payments to independent power producers (IPPs) set up under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor early next week and set a schedule for regular monthly payments for a full fiscal year to the satisfaction of Chinese investors. Pakistan's Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) owes around Rs260 billion to Chinese IPPs on account of ..... [more >>](#)

**Regulator reduces KE tariff by Rs4.12 per unit for July**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-10

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday notified a Rs4.12 per unit reduction in fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for K-Electric consumers for power consumed in July. According to the notification, the FCA for KE would be lowered by Rs4.12 per unit in July against KE's petition for Rs3.48 due to a fall in global fuel prices over the preceding month. Thi..... [more >>](#)

**SSGC losses fall 89% in first half of FY21**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-11

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company's (SSGC) consolidated net loss decreased by 89% to Rs1.42 billion in the first half of fiscal year 2020-21 mainly due to a significant surge in receipt of gas development surcharge and reduction in financing cost. The gas transmission and distribution company had registered a loss of Rs13.44 billion in the corresponding period (Jul-Dec) of previous fiscal ..... [more >>](#)

**OGRA for facilitating LPG supply**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-11

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has advised chief secretaries of all provinces as well as Azad Jammu and Kashmir and National Highway Authority chairman to facilitate the transportation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) bowsers. "This can be done by controlling the heavy transport vehicles, especially in the flood-affected areas of the provinces of Sindh and Balochista..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan to pay Rs50b to CPEC IPPs**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-10

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has promised to make payments of Rs50 billion to four China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) power plants early next week to save them from default and send a positive signal across the border ahead of a visit by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. The decision was made on Friday in a meeting attended by Pakistani and Chinese stakeholders. Finance Minister Miftah Ismail presided ..... [more >>](#)

**BACK NEPRA urged to set fixed charges on max demand**

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2022-09-09

KARACHI: Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has demanded National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) reinstate past mechanism for fixed charges based on actual maximum demand and the units consumed, a press release revealed on Thursday. "The current practice of fixed charges based on 50 percent of sanctioned load defies all logic and fair practice,&rdq..... [more >>](#)

### **Power workers hold rally against price hike**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-09-09

LAHORE: Wapda workers took out a procession Thursday from Bakhtiar Labour Hall under All Pakistan Wapda Hydro Electric Workers Union against increase in prices of commodities of daily use and unsafe working conditions of electricity line staff. They protested against the apathy of the government towards electricity line staff that meet with accidents every now and then because of shortage of elec..... [more >>](#)

### **Prices of POL products**

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-11

New petroleum prices have been announced; there is no big increase in prices of Petrol and HSD. However, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreement requires a Rs 10 increase in Petroleum Levy (PL) every month so as to take it up to Rs.50 per litre. The government has increased PL by more than the IMF requirement; PL is now Rs 37.50/litre a Rs.20.0 increase, which means that Rs 17.50/litre has..... [more >>](#)

### **EU to claw back energy firms' profits rather than cap Russian gas price**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-09-10

BRUSSELS: European Union energy ministers on Friday tasked Brussels with drafting proposals within a few days to cap the revenues of non-gas energy producers and help power firms stay afloat. But as they sought to protect citizens from soaring energy prices that have driven inflation across the continent to record highs, the ministers backed away from more divisive proposals to cap Russian gas pr..... [more >>](#)

### **Work on 1,000 water projects to be completed in 60 days**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-09-10

LAHORE: Senior provincial minister Mian Aslam Iqbal presided over a meeting in the housing department in which the progress on the project of Marakaz-e-Aab in the province was reviewed. CEO Aab-e-Pak Authority Syed Zahid Aziz briefed about the progress on the project. The minister while addressing the meeting said that work was going on an emergency basis to complete 1,000 water projects in 60 da..... [more >>](#)

### **Khaqan says govt set to deregulate prices of POL products**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-11

ISLAMABAD: Former premier Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has said that the government is all set to deregulate the prices of petroleum products because when the prices increase in the international oil market then the government has to jack up the prices and the masses have to bear the burden of hike in oil prices. He was speaking at a ceremony of Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) which was..... [more >>](#)

### **Discos' officers to be appointed as CEOs of GHCL, two Gencos**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-11

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan has decided to appoint senior officers of Distribution Companies (Discos) as Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of two Gencos and Genco Holding Company Limited (GHCL) on deputation basis until merger of Gencos with GHCL is concluded, official sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said, a file was submitted to the minister..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt takes step to ease Chinese IPPs' concerns**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-10

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Miftah Ismail Friday assured the Chinese IPPs authorities of addressing and resolving their concerns immediately. The finance minister presided over a meeting on the issue of payments to Chinese IPPs, at the Finance Division. The meeting discussed the issue of outstanding payments to Chinese IPPs in Pakistan and other hurdles faced by ..... [more >>](#)

### Nepra approves 5pc annual NHP indexation for Punjab, KP

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-10

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved 5 per cent annual indexation of Net Hydel Profit (NHP) of KP and Punjab, subject to final nod of Council of Common Interests (CCI). The Authority, in its decision of April 5, 2021, determined tariff for WAPDA Hydroelectric for FY 2020 -23, whereby NHP was allowed at the rate of Rs. 1.10/kwh with no indexation. The de..... [more >>](#)

### RLNG prices reduced for SSGCL, raised for SNGPL

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-10

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), on Friday, reduced the prices of imported Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas by -0.01 percent for Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) and increased by 0.19 percent for Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL). As per the notification issued by the Ogra for September, the price of RLNG for SNGPL has been increased by \$0.02909 per mmb..... [more >>](#)

### Clearing Dues

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-11

After countless requests, complaints and boycotts, CPEC's independent power producers (IPPs) are finally being promised payments worth at least Rs.50 billion. This is a step that should have been taken earlier, especially in the face of countless hurdles that independent producers and officials had to face while laying down the project. The government has acknowledged that it cannot escape t..... [more >>](#)

### K-Electric to refund Rs4.12/unit to power users in Sept 2022 bills

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-10

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric's clients, who paid higher rates for electricity they had consumed in July 2022, will be getting refunds of Rs4.117 per unit in their September bills after the power regulator Friday issued its decision that maintained that the power generation cost was low during the month under review while the users were overcharged. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority ..... [more >>](#)

### Dealers demand say in fuel deregulation

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-11

ISLAMABAD: Petroleum dealers on Saturday warned the government of a countrywide strike if the latter tried to railroad the proposed oil sector deregulation plan without bringing them and other stakeholders on board, The News has learnt. "We will reject the decision, if taken behind our back," said Abdul Sami Khan, Chairman Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA), at a ceremony. .... [more >>](#)

### Advisers set conditions for LNG plants' sale

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-12

ISLAMABAD: Financial advisers of the National Power Parks Management Company Limited (NPPMCL) — which owns and operates two LNG-fired plants with a combined capacity of around 2,500 megawatts — have asked the government to immediately finalise gas-sale and power-purchase agreements, debt recapitalisation and payment mechanism if it wanted an early sale of the two units to Qatar. The g..... [more >>](#)

### Ban on new gas connections hikes backlog

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-12

LAHORE: Continuous ban on the provision of new gas connections is not only irking the consumers but also increasing the backlog of the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL). The situation may worsen as there is no hope of lifting the ban by the government keeping in view the depleting indigenous gas reserves, increasing dependency on the import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and other technic..... [more >>](#)

### **78pc households have no access to natural gas in Pakistan: report**

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-12

ISLAMABAD: While 78pc of households have no access to natural gas in Pakistan, exploration and production have declined in the country. "OGDCL predicts that Pakistan's indigenous oil reserves will be exhausted by 2025, the circular debt in the gas sector has crossed Rs1.5 trillion, politically influenced allocations and monopolistic business operations are all bottlenecks." The..... [more >>](#)

### **How to conserve energy in your home**

Source: [Khurram Zia Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-12

It is interesting to note that in the 1970s and 80s, and even today, power and gas were often provided in sub-urban or rural localities to gain political mileage. I remember watching TV clips of the same. Somehow a basic right is shown as a favour. Contrastingly, today the public acknowledges power as their basic right but pays the bills as a favour. In the initial period, Pakistan relied heavil..... [more >>](#)

### **Call for more investment in gas sector to ease energy crunch**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-12

ISLAMABAD: A research study has called for more investment to explore new gas reserves as the country grapples with the worst energy crisis in decades. The latest research study on the "gas crisis in Pakistan" conducted by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Quaid-e-Azam University, has also recommended encouraging the private sector to tap gas reserves and doing aw..... [more >>](#)

### **Payables, NHP; Wapda urges PD to pay Rs100bn**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-12

ISLAMABAD: Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) has urged Power Division to pay at least Rs 100 billion on account of hydroelectric energy payables and Net Hydrel Profit (NHP) to enable it to meet operational and development needs as its infrastructure has been damaged in floods. In a letter to Secretary Power Division, Rashid Mahmood Langrial, Member Finance Wapda Naveed Asghar Chaud..... [more >>](#)

### **Power FPA – no waiver**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-12

The August Fuel Price Adjustment (FPA) relief now turns out to be a deferment and not a waiver. This comes less than a week after the Prime Minister announced to have extended the relief to include consumers using up to 200 units, to make the measure more "meaningful and impactful". Mind you the 201-300 consumption slab is the largest of the eight slabs – representing nearly a qu..... [more >>](#)

### **PIDE report underscores need for minimising govt 'interference' in gas sector**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-12

PESHAWAR: Report on a research study carried out by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), entitled 'Gas Crises in Pakistan', has proposed prioritising exploration activities, correcting well-head prices, and minimising government interference in the sector. According to a press release issued on Sunday, the report emphasised the need for a progressive and market-..... [more >>](#)

### **European powers say 'doubts' over Iran's commitment to nuclear deal**

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-11

European powers on Saturday raised "serious doubts" over Iran's sincerity in seeking a nuclear agreement, warning that Tehran's position jeopardises prospects of restoring the 2015 accord. European mediators last month appeared to make progress in restoring the 2015 accord as Iran largely agreed to a proposed final text. But optimism dimmed when the United States sent a rep..... [more >>](#)

### Financial close, RCO of Thar coal project; Shanghai Electric seeks unconditional date extension

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-13

ISLAMABAD: M/s Shanghai Electric has sought extension in financial closing date and required commercial operation (RCO) date sans conditions for its 1,320 MW Thar coal project till December 31, 2022 and July 22, 2023 respectively, saying that circumstances are not in the company's control. In a letter to the Managing Director PPIB, the power company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO)..... [more >>](#)

### July FCA; Nepra hikes Discos' tariff by Rs4.34/unit

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-13

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Monday increased tariffs of power Distribution Companies (Discos) by Rs 4.34 per unit for July 2022 under monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) mechanism. The total financial impact of increase would be of Rs 59 billion. The increase would be reflected in the bills of month of September 2022. The increase will replace FCA..... [more >>](#)

### LNG: Prices stabilize

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-13

LNG continues to be a much sought-after commodity. The race to procure more and more vessels come winters will get hotter, as the West grapples with energy shortages. Much of the West has announced or is planning to ration energy this season. That said, the West will also be the first to ensure as much as availability as possible. For some countries like Pakistan, the luxury is not there. The bala..... [more >>](#)

### IPPAC seeks to discuss arbitration, other issues with Secretary Power

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-13

ISLAMABAD: The Independent Power Producers Advisory Council (IPPAC) has sought appointment from Secretary Power this week to discuss issues of IPPs mainly on matter of arbitration. The IPPAC, in its letter to Secretary Power has stated that CEO, Halmor Power Generation Company Limited, Zaheer Ahmed, CEO Nishat Chunian Power Limited, Farrukh Ifzal and CEO, Liberty Power Tech Limited, Azam Sakr..... [more >>](#)

### PLL, PGPCL to utilise excess capacity

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-13

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) is likely to approve arrangements between Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) and Pakistan GasPort Consortium Limited (PGPCL) to utilise the excess capacity of an LNG terminal. LNG operators have been urging the government to allow the utilisation of idle capacity of terminals as under-utilisation places a burden of multibillion-rupees on consumers on ..... [more >>](#)

### Lesco provides Rs6.43bn relief to consumers

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-13

LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) provided a relief of Rs6.43 billion to three million consumers in the wake of Fuel Price Adjustment (FPA). The Rs6.43 billion sum included Rs2.187 billion and Rs2.94 billion reliefs given to 2.17 million and 1.12 million consumers who used 200 and 300 units in June, Dawn has learnt. On the other hand, the consumers are confused about the formula appl..... [more >>](#)

### Railways plans to procure 25 diesel electric locomotives

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-12

Pakistan Railways is planning to procure as many as 25 diesel electric locomotives for various shunting points across the country which would help to replace outdated locomotives that to be scrapped very soon. The project for the procurement and manufacturing of 25 shunting locomotives would be implemented in three years at an estimated cost of Rs. 14 billion, sources in the Ministry of Railways ..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil crisis feared as 500 tankers stuck in Sindh, Balochistan**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-13

QUETTA: A petrol and diesel crisis is feared in the country after more than 500 oil tankers were stuck on roads of Sindh and Balochistan after heavy floods. Owners said more than 500 trucks have been left stranded on the roads of the two provinces and the provincial governments have not taken any step to rescue them. The oil supply in the country will be badly affected, if they are not rescued in..... [more >>](#)

### **OMCs raise concerns on OGRA's terms of references**

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-13

KARACHI: Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have concerns over terms of references (ToRs) to be developed by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) with the specified timeline regarding the deregulation of petroleum products, The News learnt on Monday. The deregulation of prices would provide OMCs the liberty to fix prices of petroleum products based on their cost of local procurement / imports..... [more >>](#)

### **Stellantis Middle East and Africa unveils Dare Forward 2030 program**

Source: [PR](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-13

Stellantis Middle East and Africa unveiled its Dare Forward 2030 program, aiming to drive leadership in areas of market share, customer experience and energy transition. The program aims to drive regional industrial operations, by moving from 25% to over 70% of regional production autonomy, allowing Pakistan to play a key role in localized production simultaneously. It's customer centric app..... [more >>](#)

### **Iran says 'ready to cooperate' with UN nuclear watchdog**

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-13

Iran reaffirmed Monday its "readiness" to cooperate with the UN nuclear watchdog, after the agency said in a report it "cannot assure" the peaceful nature of Tehran's nuclear programme. The finding last week by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) further complicated diplomatic efforts to revive a landmark 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and major powers, incl..... [more >>](#)

### **No DISCOs' sell-off despite Rs500b losses**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-14

ISLAMABAD: The coalition government, on Tuesday, failed to take a clear policy stance on the privatisation of power distribution companies despite Rs536 billion being added to the circular debt in the previous fiscal year. For the second time in the past four months, the Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCOP) did not decide on a summary that had been resubmitted to hand over management of the..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil tanker contractors threaten to go on strike**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-14

ISLAMABAD: All Pakistan Oil Tanker Contractors Association on Tuesday rejected the proposed deregulation of petroleum product prices, calling on the government to consult with stakeholders about the price mechanism. The association put forth its demand at a press conference, where it announced that they would go on a countrywide strike if the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) did not take ..... [more >>](#)

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**Govt likely to revise RLNG tariff of \$6.5/MMBTU**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-14

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to revise RLNG tariff of \$6.5/MMBTU to discourage rent seeking nature of Captive Power Plants (CPPs) besides limiting gas/RLNG supply. This was the crux of a discussion at a meeting of committee constituted by prime minister under the chairmanship of finance minister. Secretary Petroleum made a brief presentation wherein he informed the committee about the ap..... [more >>](#)

**DISCOS; PD directed to carry out evaluation of assets by reputed firm**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-14

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCoP) on Tuesday directed the Power Division to carry out the complete evaluation of the assets of the DISCOs by a reputed valuation firm and to present the synopsis of the financial health of the companies. Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Miftah Ismail chaired a meeting of the CCoP here on Tuesday. Federal Minister for Power Khurram..... [more >>](#)

**'PRL to close today if diesel off-take remains slumped**

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-14

KARACHI: Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) on Tuesday warned of shutting down their operations today (Wednesday) if their high speed diesel (HSD) deadstock remains unpurchased by the local oil marketing companies (OMCs). Pakistan's refineries are facing serious inventory storage issues owing to a slump in diesel demand as super floods have swamped the highways, slowing the movement of heavy ..... [more >>](#)

**Scholz wants power market reform in place 'this winter'**

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-14

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said Tuesday he wanted to hurry through reforms to the electricity market to ease the pressure on consumers and businesses ahead of the coming European winter. Russia has dwindled supplies of gas to Europe following the invasion of Ukraine, sending the price for the fuel soaring and dragging up the cost of electricity in its wake. Non-gas electricity companies, such a..... [more >>](#)

**Paris to scale back monument lighting as energy bills bite**

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-09-14

Paris will start switching off the ornamental lights that grace city monuments hours earlier than usual, plunging the Eiffel Tower and other landmarks in the dark to cope with surging electricity costs, officials said Tuesday. Most monuments operated by the city will now go unlit from 10:00 pm, (2000 GMT), a potential disappointment for the tens of millions of tourists to the romantic City of Ligh..... [more >>](#)

**Govt rules out use of imported fuel in future power plants**

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-15

ISLAMABAD: The government will not opt for any new power project run on expensive imported fuel in the future, Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir declared on Wednesday. Speaking at a press conference here, he said that the foundations for the provision of inexpensive electricity under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif were being laid by the government, adding that a proposed..... [more >>](#)

**Dasu power project to begin production in 2026: Wapda**

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-15

MANSEHRA: New chairman of the Water and Power Development Authority retired Lt-Gen Sajjad Ghani on Wednesday visited the site of Dasu hydropower project in Upper Kohistan district and said the initiative was likely to begin power generation in the next four years. "Efforts are under way to complete the diversion of Indus River by next April and if that happens, power generation [by Dasu pro..... [more >>](#)



### **Over 300% raise in gas tariff proposed**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-15

ISLAMABAD: The government may increase gas tariff for the domestic consumers by more than 300% to meet the revenue requirement of the gas utilities for the ongoing financial year, 2022-23, sources said on Wednesday. Earlier, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) had allowed 45% increase in the gas prices for the consumers of two gas utilities-the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) a..... [more >>](#)

### **Oil price benefit may be denied**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-15

ISLAMABAD: The government may not pass on full benefit of global oil price reduction to consumers when it announces petroleum product prices for the upcoming fortnight apparently in a bid to collect more revenue. According to sources, Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has imported petrol via two ships at premiums of \$14 and \$21. Apart from that, the government has recently imported one more oil consignme..... [more >>](#)

### **WAPDA chairman visits Dasu plant**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-15

LAHORE: Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) Chairman Lt Gen (Retd) Sajjad Ghani on Wednesday visited the Dasu Hydropower Project, being constructed on the river Indus, upstream of Dasu town in Upper Kohistan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The chairman, accompanied by member (Water) Wapda and Commissioner Hazara division, witnessed construction activities on various sites of t..... [more >>](#)

### **Domestic power consumers; Minister defends withdrawal of slab benefit**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-15

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan said on Wednesday that the incumbent government is formulating its policies in the light of available financial resources. During a press conference he defended withdrawal of previous slab benefit of domestic consumers saying that domestic consumers using 50 units or 100 units monthly are still protected. He said subsidy is being extended to..... [more >>](#)

### **600MW projects offered; Govt unveils solar PV projects policy**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-15

ISLAMABAD: The government Wednesday unveiled its policy on fast-track development of solar PV projects at an investors' conference to offer projects of 600 MW. The salient features of the policy are: (i) single stage, two-envelope bidding; (ii) straight line tariff; (iii) 70 percent indexation of tariff; (iv) benchmark tariff by Nepra; (v) guaranteed purchase of power; (vi) land and int..... [more >>](#)

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### **Power tariffs: No respite in sight**

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**Dasu project may start producing electricity by Nov 2026: Wapda chief**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-09-15

PESHAWAR: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) is making concerted efforts to complete diversion system of the Dasu Hydropower Project by April 2023 in order to start construction work on the water reservoir. The project is likely to start generating electricity by November 2026. This was stated by Wapda Chairman Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani (retd) during his visit on Wednesday to the sit..... [more >>](#)

**70 power pilferers nabbed in a day in South Punjab**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-09-15

MULTAN - Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) has caught 70 power pilferers during separate operations launched throughout the South Punjab in a day, MEPCO official said on Wednesday. MEPCO teams accompanying task forces raided different places in Multan, Vehari, Sahiwal, Rahim Yar Khan, Muzaffargarh, Bahawalnagar, Khanewal, and DG Khan and detected theft of 76,000 electricity units. A sum of ove..... [more >>](#)

**Petrol price to drop by Rs9.62, diesel to go up Rs3.04 from 16th**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-15

ISLAMABAD: The price of Mogas may decrease by Rs9.62 per litre to Rs226.36 per litre from Rs235.98 and diesel may go up by Rs3.04 per litre to Rs250.30 from Rs247.26 per litre for the next fortnight from September 16 (tomorrow). According to industrial sources, the average Platts price for motor spirit also went down during September 1-15 by Rs9.55 to Rs92.28 from Rs101.83. However, the exchange ..... [more >>](#)

**Renewable Energy****Metro train solarisation to save Rs1.9b annually**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-08-16

LAHORE: The first urban railway system Orange Line Metro Train (OLMT) in Lahore is going to be solarised to save annual electricity bill of more than Rs1.9 billion being consumed for running the metro train. In an interview with CEN, Punjab Mass Transit Authority (PMTA) General Manager (Operation) Ozair Shah said that electrifying the Orange Line train with solar system was inevitable as the per..... [more >>](#)

**Need stressed for better coordination in renewable energy sector**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-08-23

KARACHI: Experts and stakeholders on Monday cited a lack of coordination between government ministries, absence of one-window solutions and no policy on local manufacturing incentives as key reasons behind slow than required level of progress in the renewable energy sector, which had become crucial amid growing need of energy resources and higher prices of its conventional sources. The thoughts w..... [more >>](#)

**Miftah Ismail Announces 8000MW Solar Power Project, Subsidy On Project**

Source: [Baqar Raza / News Desk](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-08-26

Finance Minister Miftah Ismail on Friday announced to install 8000MW solar power project to lessen cost of producing electricity in the country besides announcing that the government would provide relief to power consumers having

bills between 200 to 300 units. Addressing a presser today, Miftah Ismail announced that the government is going to install a solar power project, producing 8000 megawat..... [more >>](#)

### **9,000MW solar energy planned**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-08-30

ISLAMABAD: The government plans to add 9,000 megawatts of solar energy to the national grid, as an alternative energy source to the costly electricity being generated using imported fuel, under an initiative that includes waiving of all import duties along with tax incentives. Earlier this month, the government announced plans to launch solar power projects of around 14,000 megawatts this year. .... [more >>](#)

### **Moving towards solar**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-02

The power sector of Pakistan is in a shambles and authorities have called it a “black hole that is destroying the economy”. The government is incurring more and more debt from private power generating enterprises while also being unable to meet increasing energy demands. Imports of fuel and other raw materials for electricity production amounting to more than \$12 billion are heavy on t..... [more >>](#)

### **PM approves 10,000MW solar energy generation plan**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-02

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has approved the plan of generating 10,000-MW cheaper electricity through solar energy and directed to hold a pre-bid conference for all the stakeholders next week. According to the Prime Minister’s Office, PM Shehbaz approved the plan for generating electricity by solar energy instead of producing electricity by importing expensive oil. The..... [more >>](#)

### **Large-scale solar PV project to be launched soon**

Source: [Muhammad Shafa, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-02

KARACHI: With an installed capacity of around 6,000 megawatts of electricity, Pakistan is in process of launching a large scale Solar PV Project through competitive bidding, very soon. In the initial phase of this ‘medium term’ plan, three solar PV projects with a cumulative capacity of 2,400MW (600mw, 600mw and 1200mw) are being set up, and sites have already been identified by t..... [more >>](#)

### **Solar power – tread with care**

Source: [Ali Khizar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-05

The government is planning in haste to install 10,000 MW solar energy projects. The premise presented is to lower the bill of costly imported fuel. There are no two ways about the point that the focus should be on indigenous and renewables. However, it is better to be done by the private sector. Not by the government. The footprint of the government in energy chain must reduce. The need is to look..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese company to provide solar panels**

Source: [China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-06

LAHORE: With the advent of summer, many areas in Pakistan suffered prolonged power outages, driving up people’s demand for solar panels on roof. “Keeping in mind the future needs, we will focus on the distributed solar power in Pakistan by providing more solar panels on roof for residents as well as industrial and commercial buildings,” said Li Xiaopeng, Regional Sales Manager ..... [more >>](#)

### **PRIED holds consultative session; Renewables only solution to energy crisis, say experts**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-07

KARACHI: Energy experts have urged the government to enhance renewable energy's (RE) share in Pakistan's energy mix to stabilize the power sector. The experts say that renewables are the only long term solution to resolve the country's energy crisis. The experts were speaking at a consultative session on "Utility-scale renewable energy transition in Pakistan". Th..... [more >>](#)

### **Mega solar or small**

Source: [Dr Pervez Tahir](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-09

Among the earliest policy intents expressed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, solarisation had a special place. It all started with a meeting with the Chinese who were invited to invest in solar projects. There was also the review of the renewable projects cleared during the PML-N period but not implemented by the PTI government. Initially, the news came out that the new policy would target an add..... [more >>](#)

### **KP CM seeks feasibility study as power production from waste planned**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-14

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mahmood Khan on Tuesday set a one-month deadline for the relevant authorities to conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of a waste-to-energy plant. "The proposed bio-fuel plant will not only help the province achieve energy self-sufficiency but will control environmental pollution as well," the chief minister told a cabinet meetin..... [more >>](#)

### **Renewable energy; PM speaks about its criticality, advocates higher investment**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-14

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said that Pakistan's future hinged on extensive utilization of renewable energy as these alternative resources of energy could help generate inexpensive power. During a meeting with a delegation of Zonergy Corporation, a Chinese company, the prime minister said the production of low priced-power would also remove the burden of..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt determined to promote solar energy projects: PM**

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-14

ISLAMABAD - Federal government is holding a pre-bidding conference on solar energy projects in Islamabad on Wednesday to discuss prospects for use of renewable energy sources in the country with foreign companies. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif told this to a delegation of a Chinese company Zonergy Corporation, headed by its president Richard J Guo who called on him in Islamabad on Tuesday. The pr..... [more >>](#)

### **Lucky to install 25MW captive solar plant**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-15

KARACHI: Lucky Cement Ltd said on Wednesday it has entered into an arrangement with Orient Energy Systems Ltd for supplying and installing a 25.3-megawatt captive solar power at its Karachi plant. A regulatory filing with the Pakistan Stock Exchange said the estimated cost of the project is Rs3 billion. The company is in the process of establishing letters of credit for the import of equipment, ..... [more >>](#)

### **Lucky Cement to install 25.3MW solar plant**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-15

KARACHI: Lucky Cement plans to install a 25.3MW captive solar power project in Karachi at an estimated cost of Rs3 billion. "In continuation of our earlier disclosure on June 13, 2022, regarding feasibility study for a renewable energy project, we are pleased to inform that the company has entered into an arrangement with Orient Energy Systems Private Limited for the supply and installatio..... [more >>](#)

### **Net metering tariff cut may dent gov't's renewable energy plan**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-15

ISLAMABAD - The move of National Electricity Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) move to amend the Distributed Generation and Net Metering Regulations, 2015 to reduce the payment for distributor generator of net metering by almost 30pc is likely to dent the incumbent government's plan of increasing the share of renewable energy in the overall energy mix. Instead of incentivizing the inductio..... [more >>](#)

### **'Net-metering can advance renewable energy uptake in Pakistan'**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-09-15

KARACHI: Power consumers can reduce their bills by installing solar power panels on their rooftops and connecting them with the national grid, energy experts said on Wednesday. The government pays consumers a price of the electricity that their solar panels inject into the grid through a system called net-metering, the experts explained speaking at a webinar 'Net-metering in Pakistan: Poten..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI s Events

### Dialogue News

#### **Pakistan needs major shift in macro economic policies to address inequalities. Shazia Marri**

Source: [Nazia Gulzar](#), [NEWSMAN](#) , 2022-08-26

ISLAMABAD (August 25,2022) – Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Shazia Marri, has said that the current devastated floods which the country is confronted with reiterate the need to invest more in social protection and develop resilience to address the inequalities in the country. She was speaking at a policy dialogue on Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pac..... [more >>](#)

#### **Current devastated floods reiterate need to invest more in social protection: Shazia Marri**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#) , 2022-08-25

ISLAMABAD, August 25 (SABAH): Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri has said that the current devastated floods which the country is confronted with reiterate the need to invest more in social protection and develop resilience to address the inequalities in the country. She was speaking at a policy dialogue on Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 20..... [more >>](#)

#### **Pakistan must significantly alter its macroeconomic policies to alleviate inequality, according to Minister**

Source: [Daily Patriot](#), [The Patriot](#) , 2022-08-26

ISALAHABAD: According to Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri, the recent devastating floods that the nation experienced serve as a reminder of the necessity for increased social protection spending and resilience building in order to address the nation's imbalances. The Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2022 – Economic Policies for an..... [more >>](#)

#### **Minister stresses need for major shift in macroeconomic policies to address inequalities**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#) , 2022-08-26

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**Major shift in macroeconomic policies needed to address inequalities: Shazia Marri**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-27

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri has said that the current devastating floods the country is confronted with reiterate the need to invest more in social protection and develop resilience to address the inequalities in the country. Ms Marri was speaking at a policy dialogue on “Economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific 2022 – ..... [more >>](#)

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**Pakistan needs to invest more in social protection to address inequalities: officials**

Source: [Xinhua](#), [China.org.cn](#), 2022-08-27

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 26 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri said that ongoing severe floods in Pakistan have reiterated the need to invest more in social protection and develop resilience to address inequalities in the country. The minister made the remarks while addressing a policy dialogue focusing on economic policies for an inclusive recovery and d..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan to invest more in social protection to address inequalities – Officials**

Source: [NNN News](#), [The Washington Post](#), 2022-08-26

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## Roundtable Session

### **Pakistan Among Top 10 Tobacco Consumers In World'**

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-08

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Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2022-09-07

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 7th Sep, 2022): Speakers at a sensitization session on Wednesday underlined the need of multisectoral tobacco control policy, to control mushrooming trend of tobacco use in Pakistan as the country falls among the top ten tobacco consumers in the world. The capacity building among legislator, media and academia was imperative to control the consumption..... [more >>](#)

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## SDPI Articles

**Beyond partisan interests**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-21

Despite availing of International Monetary Fund (IMF) loans nearly two dozen times, the people and the politicians of Pakistan still harbour a grudge against it, mainly due to the bitter pill it prescribes with the bailout package. For over a decade now, the IMF has been trying to give a humane face to the strings attached to its support. It no longer..... [more >>](#)

**Floods in Pakistan: Response, relief and recovery**

Source: [Zainab Naeem](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-08-31

Climate change is no longer a threat rather it has now become a reality which cannot be avoided. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its 6th Assessment Report had warned that the South Asian region will be hit by extreme temperatures, followed by draughts and intense monsoon season which may cause floods. This warning has evidently materialized for Pakistan which is currently ..... [more >>](#)

**How do we govern disaster**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-01

The recent floods in Pakistan are among the worst disasters that have hit Pakistan and its people since 2010. The floods have posed a series of challenges to the country, the brunt of which would have to be borne equally by Pakistan's citizens, administration, and political parties. The devastating impacts of floods are being widely discussed in mainstream media, so I would confine myself to ..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan and the floods**

Source: [Dr Shafqat Munir Ahmad](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-01

The 2022 floods have caused devastation beyond imagination. The unprecedented rains killed and injured more than a thousand people and damaged infrastructure, agriculture, and businesses. This has had a huge impact on the Pakistani economy. The large-scale destruction has reversed the development gains of recent decades, and the country now lags behind the SDGs targets. The current destruction is..... [more >>](#)

**The Dire Need of Switching to Renewable Sources of Energy**

Source: [Dr Hina Aslam](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2022-09-02

Pakistan's economy is rebounding after the shocks of the global pandemic, with the real GDP growth at 5.6% and its demand for energy growing by 6.29% in FY2021. It is imperative that the country caters to its energy demand for meeting its socio-economic development objectives by opting for sustainable alternative energy generation sources that are economic, environmental-friendly, and indig..... [more >>](#)

**Tracking loopholes in SDGs attainment**

Source: [Salman Danish](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-04

Pakistan has recently seen one of the worst monsoons in its history exacerbated by the impacts of climate change, causing flash floods across provinces. The impacts of climate change are visible in the historic heat waves sweeping through Europe and Great Britain which have never had to deal with such high temperatures and are ill equipped to deal with them both in terms of infrastructure and cul..... [more >>](#)



### **The spirit of SDGs**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, The News, International](#), 2022-09-11

“Leaving no one behind” is the spirit of the seventeen sustainable development goals (SDGs). For simplicity’s sake, let me categorise the seventeen interlinked and mutually non-exclusive goals into three categories. The first six goals: eradicating poverty, hunger and diseases, ensuring quality education,..... [more >>](#)

### **Industry-academia linkage for MSMEs development**

Source: [Abdullah Khalid & Muhammad Salman Khan, The News, International](#), 2022-09-11

Developing strong industry-academia linkages could play an important role in improving the economic performance of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Pakistan. All provinces, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in particular, are still following a primitive model of doing business that lacks the required knowledge and research. The idea of national economy..... [more >>](#)

### **SDG 13: Walking blindly**

Source: [Maryam Shabbir Abbasi, The News, International](#), 2022-09-11

Pakistan is the most vulnerable country in terms of climate change. According to research, it has experienced more than 150 climate extreme events during 1998-2018. Several hazards such as repetitive floods, droughts and heatwaves have impacted the country’s progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 13, which is related to climate..... [more >>](#)

### **Endangering Ecosystem: Do We Need Another Lesson?**

Source: [Nudrat Fatima, Daily Times](#), 2022-09-10

The proposal for a limestone lease and the establishment of a 10,000 tonnes per day (TPD) cement factory in the region designated as “Salt Range Nature Reserve Complex” in Tehsil Choa Saidan Shah, District Chakwal, has been strongly condemned by the media and residents since the proposed cement plant’s blasting and quarrying of raw materials would endanger the ecosystem of this region..... [more >>](#)

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### **Pakistan faces shortage of trained humanitarian workers: speakers**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has been facing shortage of trained humanitarian workers with global experience as years ago it had disallowed humanitarian international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) to operate in the country. The country needs to align disaster risk reduction (DRR) policies as unprecedented monsoon conditions will continue to occur ostensibly. Disallowing INGOs over security concerns..... [more >>](#)

### **Dastgir launches energy policy report**

Source: [Asim Yasin, The News, International](#), 2022-09-11

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Energy Khurram Dastgir Khan said China has launched a series of power projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to help Pakistan meet its residential and industrial electricity demand and Pakistan’s energy shortages have been greatly alleviated. “Electricity has always been one of the constraints on Pakistan’s development, and China has been..... [more >>](#)

### **Khurram Dastgir thanks China for mitigating Pakistan’s power issues through CPEC**

Source: [APP, Pakistan Today](#), 2022-09-09

ISLAMABAD: China Three Gorges South Asia Investment Ltd (CSAIL), in collaboration with Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), invited the international top industry consultants, social and environmental experts, power industry enterprises,

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### **Pakistan Can Generate 3,400,000MW Power Via Indigenous Energy Resources: Report**

Source: [Ahsan Gardezi](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2022-09-09

The power generation potential of Pakistan through indigenous energy resources is estimated to be approximately 3,400,000MW. According to a joint report on Overview of Pakistan's Power Sector and its Future Outlook, compiled by various organizations including NUST Energy Center, PCI, APCEA, CSAIL, and SDPI, Pakistan's power potential through indigenous energy resources for Hydro Power..... [more >>](#)

### **CSAIL launches report on Pakistan's power industry**

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2022-09-08

ISLAMABAD, Sep 8 (APP): China Three Gorges South Asia Investment Ltd (CSAIL) Thursday launched a report titled "Overview of Pakistan's Power Sector and its Future Outlook" that summarizes the precious practical and theoretical achievements in the construction of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Power Projects and looks forward to the future development direction of the indu..... [more >>](#)

### **Report and forum on achievements of CPEC Power Projects unveiled**

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [Gwadar Pro](#), 2022-09-09

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 9 (Gwadar Pro) – Pakistani Federal Minister for power Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan on Thursday afternoon unveiled the report on 'Overview of Pakistan's power sector and its future outlook' and forum on achievements of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Power Projects. In his keynote address, the minister highlighted CPEC's significance and its impor..... [more >>](#)

### **New capacity only on local resources**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-09

ISLAMABAD: "Every new generation capacity in Pakistan will be installed solely on domestic sources," remarked Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan. The minister made these remarks at the unveiling of the report on "Overview of Pakistan's power sector and its future outlook" and the forum on Achievements of CPEC Power Projects. Commending the efforts of..... [more >>](#)

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### **Pakistan's Epic Floods Are Hurting Women Most, Report Says**

Source: [Candice Helfand-Rogers](#), [TRTWorld](#), 2022-08-30

The floods ravaging Pakistan are devastating – especially for the nation's women. In all, about 33 million people in the nation have been impacted by the ongoing storms, U.N. officials say, and roughly 8.2 million of them are women of childbearing age. The United Nations Population Fund estimates that at least 650,000 pregnant Pakistani women currently need prenatal care, and an estimat..... [more >>](#)

### **Blaming melting glaciers for Pakistan floods is far-fetched: experts**

Source: [Saad Hasan](#), [TRTWorld](#), 2022-09-06

A factual diagnosis of the disaster is important in order to develop a concrete contingency plan. In the past few days, the internet was rife with speculation that fast-melting glaciers have caused the recent deluge in Pakistan. One-third of the South Asian country of more than 220 million people is under water as massive flooding submerged hundreds of villages and towns, displacing ..... [more >>](#)

## COAL, POLITICS AND PROTEST

Source: [Prof Shazia M Cheema](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2022-09-14

PAKISTAN has huge coal deposits and the Thar coalfield is located in the Thar Desert. Tharparkar District of Sindh is the 16th-largest coal reserve in the world that was discovered in 1991. We did not work on this opportunity because international environmental agencies were discouraging everybody from using coal, claiming that coal usage for energy production is harmful and pollutes global air q..... [more >>](#)

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### Pope urges aid for flood-hit Pakistan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-29

ISLAMABAD: Pope Francis on Sunday called on the international community to help Pakistan, where deadly floods have killed more than 1,000 people. The Argentine pontiff appealed for “prompt and generous international solidarity”, and said he was praying for the victims. His comments came as he visited the city of L’Aquila in central Italy, which was hit by an earthquake that kill..... [more >>](#)

### 'Best anchor', 'encouraging': Economic experts weigh in on IMF programme revival

Source: [Afreem Mirza](#), [Geo News](#), 2022-08-30

The International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) approval of the seventh and eighth reviews of Pakistan’s bailout programme is nothing less than a lifeline for the cash-strapped nation, which is suffering from devastating floods which have inflicted damage of at least \$10 billion. The board allowed for a release of over \$1.1 billion to Islamabad and also agreed to extend the programme by a year an..... [more >>](#)

### EXPLAINER: Pakistan fatal flooding has hallmarks of warming

Source: [Seth Borenstein and Sibi Arasu](#)?|?AP, [The Washington Post](#), 2022-08-29

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### EXPLANATION: Fatal floods in Pakistan have warming characteristics

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### Chinese communities help flood-hit Pakistan

Source: [Xu WeiWei](#), [China Daily](#), 2022-08-30

Chinese communities within and beyond Pakistan’s borders are offering help to disaster-hit people in the wake of floods that have claimed more than 1,000 lives since June. According to data from Pakistan’s National Disaster

Management Authority, 1,061 people had died and 1,575 others injured by Sunday, and nearly 1 million houses damaged in this monsoon season. Chinese enterprises in Pak..... [more >>](#)

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### **'A Monsoon on Steroids.' What To Know About Pakistan's Catastrophic Floods**

Source: [Sanya Mansoor](#), [Time](#), 2022-08-31

Pakistan is grappling with its worst flooding in living memory. A staggering one-third of the country was underwater as of this week, with more than 30 million people affected over the last few weeks—killing at least 1,100 civilians and pushing almost half a million people into relief camps. U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres has referred to the disaster as a “monsoon on steroids..... [more >>](#)

### **UN seeks \$160 million in emergency aid for Pakistan floods**

Source: AP, [Spectrum News1](#), 2022-08-30

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The United Nations and Pakistan issued an appeal Tuesday for \$160 million in emergency funding to help millions affected by record-breaking floods that have killed more than 1,160 people since mid-June. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Pakistan's flooding, caused by weeks of unprecedented monsoon rains, were a signal to the world to step up action against ..... [more >>](#)

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The United Nations and Pakistan launched an appeal on Tuesday for \$160 million in emergency funding for nearly a half million displaced victims of record-breaking floods that have killed more than 1,150 people since mid-June. Pakistani authorities backed by the military, rescuers and volunteers have been battling the aftermath of the floods that have affected more than 33 million people, or one i..... [more >>](#)

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### **Photos Of Flooded Pakistan**

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One-third of Pakistan is underwater after the country has experienced an unprecedented amount of rain since early summer, according to Pakistan's climate change minister Sherry Rehman. Rehman said that the country has suffered eight weeks of unrelenting rainfall. More than 1,150 people have been killed since mid-June due to the flooding, The Associated Press reported. More than 1 million Paki..... [more >>](#)

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### **Nestlé, NUST Commemorate World Water Week**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-05

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### **Pakistan Has Power Generation Potential Of 3.4m Megawatts Thru Indigenous Resources**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-10

ISLAMABAD – Pakistan has the power generation potential of 3.4 million megawatts through indigenous energy resources. According to a recently released report on Overview of Pakistan's Power Sector and its Future Outlook, presently Pakistan is facing increasing pressure on its resources to provide affordable access of electricity to its population. With a total consumption in 2020-21 ..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan Needs To Revise Its EV Policy For Electric Car Normalization: Report**

Source: [Ghulam Din](#), [Technology Times](#), 2022-09-15

A report "An overview of Pakistan's power sector and its future outlook" jointly compiled by Chinese and Pakistan experts says that the EV Policy announced by the government in 2019 has not received an encouraging response. Electric Car Normalization, The government should develop a robust institutional framework for the implementation of the revised policy so that EVs are introd..... [more >>](#)

### **Public-private collaboration key to unlocking renewable energy potential**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-09-15

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has great potential to produce renewable energy through public-private partnerships, which will reduce dependence on fossil fuels and assist in decreasing the circular debt and emissions of greenhouse gases. Irfan Ahmed, Independent Director HESCO (Hyderabad Electric Supply Company) and Adviser Energy Update, told Wealth that Pakistan has significant potential to produce so..... [more >>](#)

### **What steps are necessary for large-scale introduction of EVs in Pakistan?**

Source: [MM News Staff](#), [MM News](#), 2022-09-14

For large-scale induction of electric vehicles (EVs) into Pakistan, experts have proposed the provision of cheap electricity and ensuring minimum quality & safety standards for converting the existing vehicles to EVs. A report "An overview of Pakistan's power sector and its future outlook" jointly compiled by Chinese and Pakistan experts says that the EV Policy announced by ..... [more >>](#)

## Seminar News

### **'CPEC body brought no investment'**

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### **Govt expediting CPEC projects: minister**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-08-19

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said that after steering the country out of default danger, the government is now working on its recovery while expediting the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. He made these remarks while speaking at a high-level dialogue, "CPEC-Green Development" organised by Sustainable Dev..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan to follow Chinese model of economic Development: Ahsan Iqbal**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-08-19

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Thursday said Pakistan would follow the Chinese model of economic development, which he said was a miracle of modern times. According to the Chinese, modern economic development is possible only with the continuation of political stability, social solidarity and economic policies; Federal Minis..... [more >>](#)

### **Ahsan eulogizes Chinese leadership for investing in CPEC projects**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2022-08-19

While eulogizing China's continued support for Pakistan, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal said that Pakistan's iron brother country has been supporting infrastructure development in

Pakistan since President Xi Jinping's visit when he announced to invest \$46 billion under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in 2014. Speaking ..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt Succeeds In Bringing Economy Out Of Red Zone: Ahsan Iqbal**

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ISLAMABAD – Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal has said that CPEC Authority created bureaucratic and structural impediments that brought China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to standstill and the decision to shelve the Authority hinges on the incumbent government's resolve to restore progress of the corridor projects. "The upcoming projects between Pakistan and China w..... [more >>](#)

### **Beijing To Provide Pakistan Modern Technology; Chinese Envoy Declares**

Source: [Nazia Gulzar](#), [NEWSMAN](#) , 2022-08-18

ISLAMABAD: August 18, 2022.China vowed to transfer technology to help Pakistan expedite its process of development and progress in crucial areas of the economy like agriculture, infrastructure and power sector related projects. Chinese ambassador to Islamabad, Nong Rong, made a firm commitment on behalf his government to help iron brother Pakistan while addressing to Green Development High Le..... [more >>](#)

### **Efforts underway to resolve issues of Chinese companies working on CPEC: Ahsan Iqbal**

Source: [Radio Pakistan](#), [Radio Pakistan](#) , 2022-08-18

Minister for Planning and Development Professor Ahsan Iqbal says China has supported Pakistan in every difficult time. Addressing a dialogue titled 'CPEC Green Development' in Islamabad on Thursday, he said the CPEC will usher in a new era of prosperity in the country. The planning minister said former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif opened new ways of development by launching CPEC in the co..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC enhances Sino'-Pak cooperation for sustainable development: Envoys**

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ISLAMABAD, Aug 19: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has contributed to the high-quality green and sustainable development in Pakistan, and it will push for more such cooperation to promote sustainable and green development in the country. The views were expressed by Chinese and Pakistan envoys at a webinar exploring green development under CPEC, according to a report published by China ..... [more >>](#)

### **Webinar hosted to explore green development**

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The current educational policies at national and provincial levels have little room for Edtech or use of technology for education purposes and therefore, it is desired that advanced learning methods must be adopted through research initiatives to compete in the advanced world. This was stated by Bella Raza Jamil, the Chief Executive Officer of Idara-e-Taleem-o-Agahi while speaking at a seminar on..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 27th Aug, 2022 ): The current educational policies at national and provincial levels have a little room for Edtech and alternative learning pathways, therefore, advanced learning methods must be adopted through similar research initiatives to compete the advanced world. Bella Raza Jamil, the Chief Executive Officer of Idara-e-Taleem-o-Agahi while..... [more >>](#)

### Bella Raza Jamil urges to adopt advanced learning methods through Edtech

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ISLAMABAD, August 27 (SABAH): The current educational policies at national and provincial level have a little room for Edtech and alternative learning pathways, therefore, advanced learning methods must be adopted through similar research initiatives to compete the advanced world. This was stated by Bella Raza Jamil, the Chief Executive Officer of Idara-e-Taleem-o-Agahi, here on the other day whi..... [more >>](#)

### Call to explore ways to enhance learning through technology

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-28

ISLAMABAD: The current education policies at the national and provincial levels have little room for EdTech (education technology) and there is a need for exploring more pathways of accelerated learning through the use of technology and addressing the issues of financing and costing in different age groups. This was stated by Bella Raza Jamil, the chief executive officer of Idara Taleem-o-Agahi, ..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-08-29

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### Call to adopt advanced learning methods

Source: [Khalid Rasheed](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-29

Islamabad: The current educational policies at national and provincial levels have little room for EdTech and alternative learning pathways, therefore, advanced learning methods must be adopted through similar research initiatives to compete with the advanced world. This was stated by Bella Raza Jamil, the Chief Executive Officer, Idara-e-Taleem-o-Agahi, at a seminar on "Investigating the ..... [more >>](#)



### **NAB Conviction Rate 60pc Despite HR Shortage: Dy Chairman**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-09

ISLAMABAD – National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Deputy Chairman Zahir Shah on Thursday said the bureau had 60 per cent conviction rate despite the inadequate availability of human resource capacity for investigations. He expressed the views while addressing an awareness seminar on “Understanding Corruption and Prevention from Society”, organized by the Sustain..... [more >>](#)

### **Strengthen ethics, awareness, enforcement to prevent corruption, say Speakers at seminar organized by SDPI in collaboration with NAB**

Source: [APP](#), [SABAH News](#), 2022-09-09

ISLAMABAD, Sep 08 (SABAH): Zahir Shah, Deputy Chairman National Accountability Bureau (NAB), has called for inculcating a strong sense of realization and will at individual level and by all segments of society to eradicate corruption from the social fabric as enforcement alone cannot do it. He expressed these views while addressing an awareness seminar on “Understanding Corruption and Preve..... [more >>](#)

### **Enforcement needs public support to counter corruption in society: NAB deputy chief**

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## Webinar News

### **EIA vital for urban resilience: experts**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-17

Islamabad: Aisha Khan, Executive Director, Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change, has said that Disaster Risk Reduction must go hand in hand with urban expansion accompanied by rigorous implementation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and proper land use policies and plans. Ms Khan was speaking at a webinar on “Urban Resilient Infrastructure in Pakistan,” organised by Susta..... [more >>](#)

### **Experts call for enforcing environment impact assessment to reduce disaster risk**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-17

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a webinar on Tuesday pointed out that disaster risk reduction should go hand in hand with urban expansion with rigorous implementation of environment impact assessment and proper land-use policies and plans. The webinar on ‘Urban resilient infrastructure in Pakistan’ was organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Aisha Khan, Executive Dire..... [more >>](#)

### **Rigorous land use policies, implementation of urban plans, EIA vital for urban resilience, say experts at SDPI webinar**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2022-08-16

ISLAMABAD, August 16 (SABAH): Disaster Risk Reduction must go hand in hand with urban expansion with rigorous implementation of EIA and proper land use policies and plans, said Ms. Aisha Khan, Executive Director for Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change, while speaking at a webinar on “Urban Resilient Infrastructure in Pakistan” organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Inst..... [more >>](#)

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### **CPEC enhances Sino-Pak cooperation for sustainable development: Envoys**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2022-08-20

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has contributed to the high-quality green and sustainable development in Pakistan, and it will push for more such cooperation to promote sustainable and green development in the country. The views were expressed by Chinese and Pakistan envoys at a webinar exploring green development under CPEC, according to a report published by China Economic Net (CEN)..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC brings era of green development to Pakistan under BRI**

Source: [Xinhua/Ahmad Kamal](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2022-08-19

"Green development of the CPEC is boosting local employment and skill up-lift in Pakistan and also enhancing Pakistan's green and sustainable development capacity," Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong said. ISLAMABAD, Aug. 20 (Xinhua) -- The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has brought an era of green development through green projects for future generations to have a he..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt expediting CPEC projects, says Ahsan Iqbal**

Source: [APP](#), [China-Pakistan Economic Corridor](#), 2022-08-19

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Prof Ahsan Iqbal eulogized China's continued support for Pakistan, saying Beijing had been supporting infrastructure development since President Xi Jinping during his visit to Islamabad in 2014 announced investing \$46 billion under CPEC. He made these remarks while speaking at a high-level dialogue, "CPEC-Green Devel..... [more >>](#)

### **Shun Politics, Work In Unanimity To Help Flood Affectees: Urges Dr Abid Suleri**

Source: [Nazia Gulzar](#), [NEWSMAN](#), 2022-08-28

ISLAMABAD, August 28,2022: Millions of people hit by the worst floods in Pakistan's history of six decades need huge humanitarian aid in terms of food and non-food items, tents, toilets, hygiene kits, sanitary pads, and cash for quick response, rescue and recovery. Pakistan also needs trained humanitarian workers with global expertise to bring people out of trauma and flood waters and help t..... [more >>](#)

### **Millions of flood-affected Pakistanis need humanitarian aid, rescue, rebuilding: experts**

Source: [Xinhua](#), [China.org.cn](#), 2022-08-29

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 29 (Xinhua) -- Millions of people, hit by the worst floods in Pakistan's history of six decades, need huge humanitarian aid in terms of food and non-food items, Pakistani analysts have said. The country also needs trained humanitarian workers with global experience and expertise to bring people out of trauma and flood waters, and help them rebuild and rehabilitate, the analyst..... [more >>](#)

### **Flood Carnage: Millions Need Humanitarian Aid, Says Experts**

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2022-08-28

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 28th Aug, 2022 ): Millions of people hit by the worst floods in Pakistan's history of six decades need huge humanitarian aid in terms of food and non-food items, tents, toilets, hygiene kits, sanitary pads, and cash for quick response, rescue and recovery. Pakistan also needs trained humanitarian workers with global expertise to bring people out..... [more >>](#)

**Millions need humanitarian aid, rescue & rebuilding: Experts says at a discussion organized by SDPI**

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**Experts highlight options for flood victims' rehabilitation**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-08-30

Islamabad: Executive Director of Sustainable Development Policy Institute Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri has said that when losses are more than the 2010 floods, a bigger response and recovery plan backed by adequate resources should be made leaving aside political differences and considerations. Dr Suleri was participating in a discussion over Twitter space organised by SDPI wherein experts with humanitar..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan to get hybrid power plant**

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-02

KARACHI: The private sector on Thursday announced their decision to set up Pakistan's first ever one-gigawatt wind-solar hybrid power plant with the aim to counter the expensive power and climate crises in Pakistan. "We are setting up the first private sector run power plant outside of the government's ambit," Engro Energy CEO Yusuf Siddiqui said while speaking at the Ann..... [more >>](#)

**AEDB suggests 'liquid guarantee structure' for RE projects**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-09-02

KARACHI: Alternate Energy Development Board (AEDB) has recommended "liquid guarantee structure" for renewable energy (RE) projects instead of government guarantee, The New learnt on Thursday. "We are working on the mechanism for it and a consultative meeting with the stakeholders would be held soon," said Shah Jahan Mirza, Chief Executive Officer AEDB, while speaking at fi..... [more >>](#)

**Large-scale solar PV project to be launched soon**

Source: [Muhammad Shafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-09-02

KARACHI: With an installed capacity of around 6,000 megawatts of electricity, Pakistan is in process of launching a large scale Solar PV Project through competitive bidding, very soon. In the initial phase of this 'medium term' plan,

three solar PV projects with a cumulative capacity of 2,400MW (600mw, 600mw and 1200mw) are being set up, and sites have already been identified by t..... [more >>](#)

### **Focus shifting to renewables to meet national energy demand**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-09-02

KARACHI: Pakistan's entire energy demand can be met by taking advantage of only 0.07 per cent of the country's solar potential. Speaking at the First Annual State of Renewable Energy Conference on Thursday, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Executive Director Dr Abid Q Suleri said the country must cultivate renewable sources of energy after assessing the p..... [more >>](#)

### **Renewable Energy Will Mitigate Load-Shedding & Costly Electricity: ex-Finance Minister**

Source: [Abdul Rahman, ProPakistani.com](#) , 2022-09-02

Former Finance Minister, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, criticized insufficient financial cooperation extended by leading greenhouse gas emitters to climate change vulnerable countries. She said, "Climate change mitigation and adaptation annually requires Rs. 7-14 billion, which is well beyond Pakistan's financial constraints." She was speaking at the first "Annual State of Renewabl..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan Hybrid Power Plant: A Project aims to minimize power cost**

Source: [Ayesha Khan, Phone World](#) , 2022-09-03

Pakistan to launch the Hybrid Power Plant, a Project aims to minimize power cost. The private sector revealed its intention to build Pakistan's first wind-solar hybrid power plant in order to combat the country's costly electricity and climate challenges. "We are establishing the first private sector-run power plant outside the purview of the government," Engro Energy CEO Yu..... [more >>](#)

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