



Industrialists slam govt's energy policy

Gas suspension, power tariff hike to hit exports

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Industrialists and businessmen criticised the government's decision to suspend gas supply to industries for two days a week, along with curtailment to fertiliser plants, claiming it would further strain Pakistan's fragile economy, especially with a recent power tariff increase.

Pakistan is already confronting major economic difficulties due to the steadily increasing cost of doing business, especially the exorbitant prices of gas and electricity, which have significantly diminished the competitiveness of local industries.

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Tariff hike, gas cuts alarm industry

KARACHI. President of the SITE Association of Industry (SAI) Abdul Rehman Fudda has raised concern over rising electricity tariffs and suspension of gas supply to industries for two consecutive days. In a statement issued on Thursday, he said the disruption was caused by the absence of RLNG cargoes from Qatar, as reported by the Sui Southern Gas Company. Fudda noted that Nepra had earlier increased electricity tariffs by 33 paisa per unit for July–September 2025 and 35 paisa for October–December. Nepra has now approved another increase of Rs1.6274 per unit under the January 2026 fuel charges adjustment to recover Rs14 billion. Industry warned the move will raise production costs and hurt output. OUR CORRESPONDENT

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Site body says concerned at surge in power tariff

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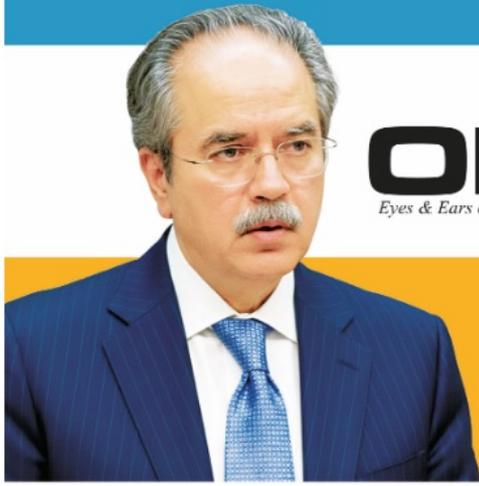
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Industrialists said that while the government's policy vision emphasises providing utilities to industry at competitive rates, the situation on the ground reflects the opposite, undermining that objective. They argued that the recent increase in electricity tariffs has largely offset the impact of the Rs4.4 per unit reduction announced by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at the end of January, a move aimed at boosting productivity and exports.

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Power hike, gas closure threaten industrial output: Rehman

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Industrial Output under pressure amid Power Hike, and Gas Closure: S.I.T.E. President



KARACHI – Industrial leaders raised alarms over the combined impact of rising electricity tariffs and gas supply interruptions, warning that manufacturing output could suffer further setbacks.

According to statements from the industrial community, the abrupt suspension of gas deliveries for two consecutive days was linked to the non-arrival of RLNG shipments from Qatar, as reported by the gas utility.

President of the S.I.T.E. Association of Industry Abdul Rehman Fudda, expressed concern that the energy crunch, coupled with repeated tariff hikes, added significant pressure on production costs. He noted that the electricity regulator had already increased rates twice in the previous year and approved a further hike of Rs 1.6274 per unit to recover additional charges under the fuel adjustment mechanism.

The industrial sector argues that these increases effectively neutralize the government's earlier decision to reduce electricity prices by Rs 4.4 per unit, a move intended to stimulate productivity and exports. Instead, businesses claim that higher operating costs are undermining competitiveness and discouraging investment.

Gas supply disruptions have compounded the problem. The absence of imported LNG cargos forced cuts in supply through the network of the state-owned gas distributor, while restrictions on domestic gas offtake prioritized pre-committed LNG deliveries. Industry representatives have urged immediate action to resume utilization of local gas resources to prevent prolonged production slowdowns.

Energy security concerns remain central to the debate. Leaders from the industrial community argue that without stable and competitively priced utilities, manufacturing output could continue to decline, potentially worsening economic conditions. They have called on authorities to address supply bottlenecks and reassess tariff structures to support industrial growth.

Officials from the regulatory authority and energy companies have yet to issue detailed responses to the latest criticisms. However, stakeholders stress that urgent policy measures are required to balance revenue needs with the broader goal of sustaining industrial productivity and economic expansion in Pakistan.

Key entities involved in the discussion include the industrial association, S.I.T.E. Association of Industry, the energy regulator NEPRA, electricity distributor K-Electric, and the gas supplier Sui Southern Gas Company. Observers say resolving the energy challenges will be critical to sustaining industrial momentum and economic stability in Karachi and beyond.

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سائنٹ ایسوسی ایشن

بقیہ

صنعتی سرگرمیاں متاثر ہوں گی۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ حکومت کی نیت تو یہ ہے کہ صنعتوں کو صنعتی نرخوں پر توانائی فراہم کی جائے مگر عملی طور پر ایسا ہوتا دکھائی نہیں دے رہا جس سے صنعتی وڈن کو نقصان پہنچ رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بجلی کے نرخوں میں حالیہ اضافہ ذریعہ عظیم مہیاں شہباز شریف کی جانب سے جنوری کے آخر میں اعلان کردہ 4.4 روپے فی یونٹ کمی کے اثرات کو ختم کر رہا ہے جو پیداواری لاگت کم کرنے اور برآمدات بڑھانے کے لیے کی گئی تھی۔ مزید برآں قطر سے آرائیل این جی کارگو نہ ملنے اور مقامی گیس فیلڈز سے گیس کے کم حصول نے سوئی سدرن کے نیٹ ورک میں چپاٹی کی کمی پیدا ہو گئی ہے جس کے باعث صنعتوں کو گیس کی بندش کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ یہ صورتحال مقامی گیس فیلڈز سے آف ٹیک پر پابندیوں کے ساتھ جڑی ہوئی ہے تاکہ پہلے سے ملے شدہ آرائیل این جی کی فراہمی کو ترجیح دی جاسکے۔ صنعتی نمائندوں نے ایس ایس جی سے مطالبہ کیا کہ وہ مقامی گیس فیلڈز سے فوری طور پر آف ٹیک دوپارہ شروع کرے تاکہ صنعتی سرگرمیاں متاثر نہ ہوں۔ عبدالرحمان فدا نے خبردار کیا کہ پاکستان کی توانائی کے شعبے میں عدم تحفظ جو اندرونی بیرونی دونوں عوامل کا نتیجہ ہے، پہلے سے دہاؤ کا شکار صنعتی شعبے پر مزید بوجھ ڈال رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے حکومت سے مطالبہ کیا کہ فوری طور پر اس مسئلے کو حل کیا جائے کیونکہ جاری تحفظ سے صنعتی پیداوار مزید کم ہو سکتی ہے جو مہیا یا رپورٹس کے مطابق فروری 2026 میں پہلے ہی کم ہو چکی ہے۔



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بجلی زخموں میں انصاف گیس کی بندش نے صنعتی پیداوار کو خطرے میں ڈال دیا، عبدالرحمن

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سماج ایسوسی ایشن آف انڈسٹری کراچی کے صدر عبدالرحمن فدا نے بجلی زخموں میں حالیہ انصاف اور صنعتی شعبے کے لیے گیس کی بندش پر تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ سوئی سمدان گیس کھلی نے اس بندش کی وجہ قفل سے آراہنہ این جی کار کون ٹنے کو فروغ دیا ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ پھر اگر 30 سالہ دور میں بجلی کے نرخ بڑھا چکا ہے صنعتی حلقوں نے ٹھہرا دیا ہے کہ اس انصاف سے کے ایکٹریک کے سارا ٹھہرے پر بھاری مالی بوجھ پڑے گا۔ پیداوار ڈاگت (باقی صفحہ 3۔ نمبر 4)

4) عبدالرحمن فدا

بڑھے کی اور صنعتی سرگرمیاں متاثر ہوں گی۔ حکومت کی نیت تو یہ ہے کہ صنعتوں کو مسابقتی زخموں پر تو اتائی ٹرا اہم کی جائے مگر عملی طور پر ایسا ہوتا دکھائی نہیں دے رہا جس سے حکومتی وٹان کو نقصان پہنچ رہا ہے۔

