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Consistent energy policies needed to ensure cheap electricity, moot told

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Speakers at a panel discussion on Tuesday said that Pakistan needed to have sustained and consistent energy policies to provide cheap and reliable electricity to its people.

The panel discussion was organised by the Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED) about its research report titled 'Tackling Solar Photovoltaics (PV) in High-Loss Feeder Mapping Solutions'.

According to a press release, the study is based on a household survey conducted in several parts of Karachi last year, aimed at providing solutions against loadshedding in Karachi's high-loss feeder areas.

The panel discussion brought together participants from across the metropolis and included senior government officers, civil society activists, community representatives, academicians and researchers, political leaders, and K-Electric officials.

They highlighted various aspects of the electric-

ity crisis in Karachi and emphasised the need for finding innovative solutions to address that crisis.

Most of them endorsed the study's finding that solarisation was the most feasible and sustainable option among those solutions and, therefore, needed to be prioritised at an urgent pace.

Speaking on the occasion, Sindh Energy Secretary Abu Bakar Ahmed said, "Since 1947, we have been leeching from one ad hoc measure to the next and never thought of doing long-term planning in the energy sector," he said during his concluding remarks on the occasion.

This lack of long-term planning means that a lot of energy in the country is

being produced from very costly sources such as furnace oil and gas, he said.

"The biggest problem with using renewable energy sources such as solar panels is their high capital cost. Unless we are able to either import solar panels cheaply or start producing them within Pakistan, we cannot use these renewable energy sources effectively and economically," he added.

"We need tailor-made solutions and a business model that can cater to the needs of those communities in Karachi that cannot afford the costly energy being provided to them and do not have access to the money required for installing solar panels on their own," said Manzoor Ahmed Alizai, one of the lead

authors of the study.

"The government, therefore, needs to finance the capital costs required for the installation of these solar panels. This makes a compelling case for the solarisation of high-loss feeders, as this can help the electricity demand locally, reduce transmission and distribution losses and help the authorities address the problem of electricity theft in Karachi's high-loss feeders," he added.

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■ SOLAR POWER

Experts call for sustained energy policies to provide cheap, reliable electricity

By our correspondent

KARACHI: Pakistan needs to adopt sustained and consistent energy policies to provide cheap and reliable electricity to its people, a panel of experts and stakeholders said on Tuesday.

The panel discussion, organized by the Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED), focused on the challenges and opportunities of using solar power in high-loss feeder areas, where load shedding and electricity theft are rampant.

Abu Bakar Ahmed, secretary of Sindh government's energy department, said that the country had failed to do long-term planning in the energy sector and had relied on costly sources such as furnace oil and gas.

"Since day one, we have been lurching from one ad hoc measure to the next and never thought of doing long-term planning in the energy sector," Ahmed said. "The biggest problem in using renewable energy sources such as solar panels is

their high capital cost. Unless we are able to either import solar panels cheaply or we start producing them within Pakistan, we cannot use these renewable energy sources effectively and economically."

The panel discussion focused on a research report titled "Fostering Solar PVs in High-Loss Feeders: Mapping Solutions."

The study is based on a household survey conducted in several parts of Karachi last year, aimed at providing solutions to load shedding in Karachi's high-loss feeder areas.

Manzoor Ahmed Alizai, one of the lead authors of the study, told the participants of the panel discussion that there is a need for tailor-made solutions and business models that can cater to the needs of those communities in Karachi that cannot afford the costly energy being provided to them and do not have access to the money required to install solar panels on their own.

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China warns US against 'disastrous' trade curbs

BEIJING: China's premier warned US officials on Tuesday that moves to 'politicise' trade issues would prove 'disastrous' for the global economy, state media reported.

US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo is currently on a four-day bridge-building visit to China aimed at better managing tensions between the world's two largest economies.

But a meeting with Premier Li Qiang Tuesday saw the top official lay into American trade curbs against Beijing, which Washington insists are necessary for its national security but she said during a part of the meeting open to journalists, its economic rise.

"Politicizing economic and trade issues and overstretching the concept of security will... seriously affect bilateral relations and mutual trust," he told Raimondo, according to China's official Xinhua news agency. They 'also undermine the interests of enterprises and people of the two countries

had 'underscored the US commitment to taking actions necessary to US national security,' as well as 'ensuring fair and transparent treatment of US companies, and creating a level playing field for US workers and businesses'.

And in an earlier meeting on Tuesday with Vice Premier He Lifeng, she described the US-China commercial relationship as 'one of the most consequential' in the world.

"Managing that relationship responsibly is critical to both of our nations and indeed to the whole world," she said during a part of the meeting open to journalists.

Washington sees as unfair trade practices by Beijing, according to a Department of Commerce readout, while emphasising the "importance of strengthening the protection of trade secrets for US businesses operating in China".

But, she added, that

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