

What is the future of electricity supply in Iraq?

There are a number of pathways available for the future of electricity supply in Iraq but the most affordable, reliable and sustainable path requires cutting network losses by half at least, strengthening regional interconnections, putting captured gas to use in efficient power plants, and increasing the share of renewables in the mix.

Why is Iraq's energy system vulnerable?

However the capacity to capture and process this gas has not kept pace. The inability to utilise its gas riches means that the country's gas deficit has grown, and Iraq now relies on imports from Iran to meet increasing demand. This has introduced a number of vulnerabilities to Iraq's energy system.

What type of energy is used in Iraq?

Renewable energy here is the sum of hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, modern biomass and wave and tidal energy. Traditional biomass - the burning of charcoal, crop waste, and other organic matter - is not included. This can be an important energy source in lower-income settings. Iraq: How much of the country's energy comes from nuclear power?

How has Iraq's energy system changed over the years?

This has introduced a number of vulnerabilities to Iraq's energy system. For example, payment issues last summer led to Iran cutting exports, significantly exacerbating electricity shortages in Iraq during peak seasonal demand. As oil production has soared, so has the amount of associated gas produced alongside.

Is Iraq pursuing solar power goals?

65 Iraq Oil Report, "Iraq pursues solar power goals, but hurdles remain," August 25, 2022; Middle East Economic Survey, "Baghdad Approves Solar Projects", June 2, 2023; Middle East Economic Survey, "Iraq's 2030 'Sustainable Transition' Plan: Gas & Renewables To The Fore", December 3, 2021.

How has the turmoil impacted Iraq's power infrastructure?

But the turmoil has also undermined the country's ability to maintain and invest in its power infrastructure. This report maps out immediate practical actions and medium-term measures to tackle the most pressing problems in Iraq's electricity sector.



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