

Iraq Solar Power Generation and Energy Storage Installation







Overview

Will totalenergies build a solar power plant in Iraq?

French energy major TotalEnergies will build a 1-gigawatt solar power plant in Iraq as part of a cluster of contracts it was awarded in 2021 for an integrated project that entails a total investment of \$27 billion over 30 years.

How many solar power sites are there in Iraq?

In July 2019, Iraq's Ministry of Electricity invited independent power producers to participate in developing seven PV solar power sites with a combined capacity of 755 megawatts (MW) in the range between 30 MW to 300 MW. Many local and foreign developers saw the announcement as a move forward in an attempt to diversify the country's energy mix.

How much solar power does Iraq have in 2023?

According to the latest statistics by the International Renewable Energy Agency, it had just 1,599 megawatts of renewable energy capacity at the end of 2023. Iraq has abundant untapped solar resources that could allow it to achieve its target and reduce reliance on imports of electricity.

What is Iraq's solar energy strategy?

Iraq's solar energy strategy should be based on attracting foreign direct investments with strong commitment to diversifying its energy mix and to become energy independent bolstered by its willingness to collaborate with international array of local and foreign partners. Iraq's path forward is not, however, free of potential pitfalls.

Does Iraq have a solar power plant?

The contracts also cover a water intake project for injection into oil reservoirs. The solar power plant will be Iraq's first utility-scale solar power project. While the country has several other solar plans in the pipeline, the TotalEnergies project is the first to proceed to the implementation phase.



Why does Iraq need a solar map?

The solar map will help to identify Iraq's best solar resources, informing and facilitating renewable energy planning across the country. The map has been very important for showcasing Iraq's potential solar resources, key information about land availability, populated areas and grid access.



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