

Does Iraq need solar energy?

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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.

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 much solar capacity will Iraq have by 2030?

Iraq's solar plans announced in November 2021 call for the addition of 12 gigawatts of solar capacity by 2030. Some 7.5 gigawatts of the planned solar capacity are to come from utility-scale solar plants, and Iraq has reached agreements with developers - at varying stages - for projects that will add 4.5 gigawatts of the total.

Why is the Iraqi PV project important?

“This project is the first large-scale project in the Iraqi government's PV construction plan, and serves as a significant milestone in CEEC's commitment to international capacity cooperation and its collaboration with multinational companies to tap into overseas renewable energy markets and drive global energy transformation.

Who owns a 1 GW solar power project in Basra?

(Source: CEEC) By John Lee. China Energy Engineering Corporation (Energy China, CEEC) and France's TotalEnergies have signed an EPC contract for a 1-GW solar power project at the Ratawi [Artawi] field in Basra.

“The project is situated in the Basra Province in southern Iraq, approximately 70 kilometers away from the city of Basra. The EPC service encompasses the design, procurement, construction, and commissioning of the PV power plant site and a 132 kV booster station, with an AC side capacity of 1 GW.

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As a clean and sustainable source, solar energy is capable of generating thermal and electrical power. In this regard, Iraq is one of the regions with high solar energy harvesting potential.

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However, the upfront cost of installing a solar system can be a hurdle for many. This article explores the factors that influence solar system installation costs in Iraq, providing a breakdown and estimations to help you make informed decisions.

Located in Artawi, near the southern port of Basra, Iraq, this special project was initiated by the Iraqi government and TotalEnergies with a total investment of \$27 billion to supply clean electricity to the Basrah regional grid.

In light of Iraq's great solar potential, RCREEE and UNDP have joined forces to support the Iraq efforts in energy transition and climate change mitigation through an agreement on the implementation of "Catalyzing the use of solar photovoltaic energy in Iraq" project.

