



# Kazakhstan coal power energy storage frequency regulation project





## Overview

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Kazakhstan is witnessing accelerated growth in renewable energy sources (RES) as part of its efforts to achieve carbon neutrality and diversify its energy portfolio. In 2024, the share of RES in Kazakhstan accounted for 6.4% (7.58 billion kWh) of total electricity generation. In 2025, the country.

Kazakhstan, with its vast territory, holds immense potential for the development of cheap solar and wind energy. As of mid-2023, the country had a share of 5% variable renewable generation (vRES) in its power mix. The national objective is to elevate this proportion to 15% by 2030. Our research.

To achieve a sustainable energy transition, the paper outlines key policy recommendations, including the gradual reduction of coal reliance through increased renewable energy integration, expansion of the natural gas sector as an interim solution, and the development of coal chemistry industries to.

ICLG - Renewable Energy Laws and Regulations - Kazakhstan Chapter covers common issues in renewable energy laws and regulations - including the renewable energy market, sale of renewable energy and financial incentives, consents and permits, and storage. 1. Overview of the Renewable Energy Sector.

When integrated with advanced energy storage solutions such as battery energy storage systems (BESS), RE could substantially advance the decarbonisation of the national grid and facilitate cross-border electricity trade with neighbouring countries including Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic.

As Kazakhstan actively integrates renewable energy sources (RES) into its power system, a major challenge is their integration into the Unified Power System (UPS), taking into account reliability and predictability requirements. However, the



current regulatory practices concerning the installation. Should Kazakhstan phase out coal?

The decision to phase out coal presents Kazakhstan with an especially formidable challenge due to its complex social, economic, and energy security implications coupled with the traditional conservatism within the energy sector. However, the usual arguments in favour of coal power in Kazakhstan are gradually losing their relevance.

What is Kazakhstan's coal sector?

Kazakhstan's coal sector plays a pivotal role in the country's energy and economic landscape. As one of the top 10 countries in terms of proven coal reserves, with 2.4% of global reserves, coal has long been a fundamental driver of energy production, industrial processes, and regional economic stability.

Should Kazakhstan switch from coal to renewables?

In the next few years, Kazakhstan will have to make a choice between trying to maintain the existing structure of its electricity sector (and thus the status quo of its whole economy) at any cost, as one option, and pursuing a transition of its power sector from coal directly to renewables, as the other option.

How many people work at a coal power plant in Kazakhstan?

With a capacity of 1.2 GW employ 3 011 people. Thus, on average, approximately one person is needed to operate 1 MW. Considering that the installed capacity of coal generation in Kazakhstan as of January 1, 2024 amounted to 13 GW, about 13 000 people work at the country's coal power plants.<sup>47</sup> Go



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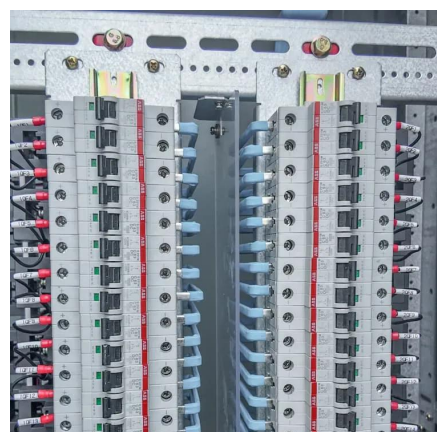
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Without a fair approach to ESS requirements, Kazakhstan risks stalling the development of small-scale RES and missing out on opportunities for localization, energy ...

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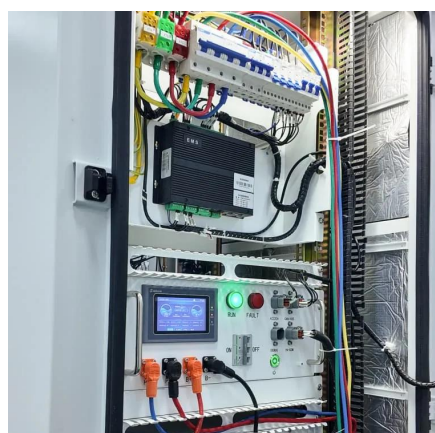
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## Modernising Kazakhstan's coal-dependent power sector ...

Kazakhstan can minimise the overall costs of its power system while reducing the share of coal from the current level of 67% to 45% by 2030.

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