

Will Indonesia build a battery energy storage system?

by Bambang Purwanto JAKARTA, March 18 (Xinhua) -- Indonesia's state-owned electricity company PT PLN and its subsidiaries have collaborated with the Indonesia Battery Corporation (IBC) to build a battery energy storage system (BESS) with a capacity of 5 Megawatts (MW) this year.

How does Indonesia's electricity system work?

Indonesia's electricity system can be powered predominantly by solar PV, complemented by geothermal and hydroelectric power. Off-river pumped hydro energy storage is identified as a major asset for balancing high solar energy penetration.

What percentage of Indonesia's energy comes from coal?

In 2023, Indonesia derived approximately 60% of its energy from coal, while renewable energy's contribution is estimated at about 15%. By 2025 and 2030, the Indonesia government aims to achieve the target of 23% and 30% of renewable energy contribution into the energy mix.

Are renewables a good source of energy in Indonesia?

As shown in Fig. 2 Despite an overall boost in energy generation, renewables only slightly improved their contribution to the energy mix, from 11.24 % to 13 %, with hydro and geothermal sources registering modest increases (Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources Indonesia, 2023). Fig. 2.

How big is Indonesia's electricity capacity?

In the past ten years, Indonesia has experienced a substantial expansion in its electricity capacity, which has grown from 45.2 GW in 2012 to 79.8 GW by 2022 (Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources Indonesia, 2023), as shown in Fig. 1. Including off-grid sources, the total capacity reaches 83 GW.

Does Indonesia need solar & wind energy storage?

Although, there is no policy mandating the installation of energy storage in solar or wind projects in Indonesia, the abundance of solar and wind resources in Indonesia's archipelago and increased potential demand across industries indicate that BESS demand is poised to grow substantially in the near future.

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ENERGY STORAGE: FOR SMART (MICRO) GRID AND EV oThe priority of clean energy technology in Indonesia is how technology can help in fulfilling clean energy based on renewable energy / renewable energy variables oIn addition, the next priority is on the demand side, where the application of electric vehicles is the focus for achieving net zero

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This paper, on the long-term planning of energy storage configuration to support the integration of renewable energy and achieve a 100 % renewable energy target, combines multiple energy storage capacity options while also determining the timing and location and using the Indonesian electricity system as the test case.

IESR has issued a report for the first time assessing the development of energy storage in Indonesia in Powering the Future: An Assessment of Energy Storage Solutions and The Applications for Indonesia.

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