

Can solar energy improve sustainability in the Palestinian energy sector?

The World Bank announced a \$23.5 million grant earlier this year to invest in alternative energy sources like solar to advance sustainability in the Palestinian energy sector.

Can solar panels help cut energy bills in Gaza?

Businesses and households in the blockaded Palestinian enclave are turning to solar panels to keep the lights on, and it's helping cut their energy bills. Blockaded by Israel since 2007, the Gaza Strip only has electricity for 12 hours per day on average - less when the conflict escalates.

Can solar power power a Palestinian enclave?

So, in recent years, people across the Palestinian enclave have been turning to solar energy to power their businesses and homes. Yasser al-Hajj, who owns a seaside fish farm and restaurant, installed solar panels six years ago. "Electricity is the backbone of the project.

What is the energy problem in Palestine?

The energy problem in Palestine is one of many issues that affect the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people. The fact that most of the energy is imported at relatively high prices places more financial burdens on poor and marginalized people.

Are solar panels still used in Gaza?

Raya al-Dadah, head of the Sustainable Energy Technology Laboratory at the University of Birmingham in the UK, says that the solar panels her family uses in Gaza are over 15 years old, so they are no longer new, but, she says, "the water in the shower is still very hot".

Is solar energy a viable investment in Gaza?

According to the journal *Energy, Sustainability and Society*, 20 per cent of households in Gaza now rely on solar energy. "Over the past two years, entrepreneurs have turned to solar energy because it saves (money) and is a profitable investment," said Shehab Hussein, an engineer at local solar kit company MegaPower.

According to a study published in the journal *Energy, Sustainability and Society* in 2022, about 20 per cent of households among study participants in Gaza were relying on solar energy. Related

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