

# Syria solar and battery storage

Why are Syrians using solar panels?

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Is there a solar revolution in Syria?

An unlikely solar revolution of sorts has taken off in an embattled, rebel-controlled pocket of northwestern Syria, where large numbers of people whose lives have been upended by the country's 10-year-old civil war have embraced the sun's energy simply because it is the cheapest source of electricity around.

Where are solar panels located in Syria?

Solar panels, big and small, old and new, are seemingly everywhere in Idlib Province along Syria's border with Turkey, rigged up in twos and threes on the roofs and balconies of apartment buildings, perched atop refugee tents and mounted near farms and factories on huge platforms that rotate to follow the sun across the sky.

How much does a barrel of fuel cost in Syria?

By the time the Islamic State lost its last patch of territory in Syria in 2019, the northwest was importing fuel from Turkey that was much purer but cost more than twice as much, now about \$150 for a 58-gallon barrel of Turkish diesel, compared with \$60 for a barrel from eastern Syria a few years ago.

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Syria receives high levels of solar irradiation (GHI) of 5.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day and specific yield 4.9 kWh/kWp/day indicating a strong technical feasibility for solar in the country.<sup>5</sup> Syrian government has forecasted that electricity generation is set to grow from 20 BUS in 2021 to 60 BUS in 2030

Committed to transforming the electricity landscape and increasing the adoption of renewable energy in Syria, the government is aiming to have 10% of electricity generated from solar power by 2030. The Syrian Ministry of Electricity is currently managing the construction of a 100kW solar power plant in the town of Sargaya, which is scheduled to ...

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The solar energy system is expected to cover approximately 20-30% of the energy demand in normal scenarios (when diesel is available). In emergency situations (lack of diesel), the solar system with energy storage will continue to supply electricity to the hospital's critical sections: intensive care units, operating rooms, and emergency ...

Solar energy usage has increased across northwest Syria, despite the risks, as the destruction of power stations has led to constant power cuts while fuel hikes have left millions unable to afford alternate means of energy.

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In addition, in 2022, UNDP installed solar energy units for electricity and water heating at UNDP offices in Deir-ez-Zor in eastern Syria, saving 7,000 litres per year and reducing CO2 emissions by 18.48 tons annually.

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