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Why does Lebanon need solar power?

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How much does solar energy cost in Lebanon?

Still, the cost of solar energy remains more advantageous, at \$0.06 per kWh without batteries, and between \$0.25 and \$0.30 when including the cost of battery storage. With EDL's setbacks in providing power, combined with rising generator tariffs, solar energy installments in Lebanon have seemed like good news on the surface.

Can Lebanon get 30% of its electricity from renewable sources?

Nevertheless, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) estimates that Lebanon could cost-effectively source 30% of its electricity supply from renewable sources by 2030- if the right plans are put in place. Lebanon has a large amount of land that is appropriate for solar and wind energy and receives roughly 300 days of sunshine annually.

How many solar companies are there in Lebanon?

ME Green was one of the early solar-power companies in Lebanon, but the sector has ballooned, from around 150 registered businesses in 2020 to more than 800 today, according to the LCEC's Khoury. These companies work on everything from small household systems--which start at \$2,000 to \$3,500--to projects involving hundreds of panels or more.

How much solar power will Lebanon have in 2022?

Over 650 megawatts (MW) were installed in 2022 alone, says El-Khoury, bringing Lebanon's total solar capacity to 870MW, according to his figures. "Installed capacity should reach 1,000MW in June," he says. He estimates that the installed capacity of diesel generators, meanwhile, likely amounts to 1,000-1,500MW.

Are solar panels a real thing in Lebanon?

But on the ground, the reality is much more complex, according to Philippe al-Khoury, co-founder of ME Green, a Lebanese company founded before the crisis that specializes in installing solar panels. The company is present in Lebanon as well as in some European and African markets.

According to the State-affiliated Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC), private installations in businesses and homes since 2020 have added 350MW of renewable power -- about 5-7% of Lebanon's annual energy needs (by comparison, only 100MW of solar power were added between 2010 and 2020).

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decade. Despite the high upfront costs associated with solar energy, its low and predictable operating expenses offer consumers protection against price fluctuations and the monopolistic control of private generators in Lebanon.

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"Lebanese are increasingly turning to the sun to meet electricity needs, and solar power has become a must to secure a supply of sustainable electricity," Ramzi Salmen, an environmental engineer, told The New Arab. "The positive environmental outcome is the production of clean, renewable, and emission-free power," Salmen emphasised.

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