

# Latest information on plant operation in Iraq's solar container industry

Will Iraq open its first solar plant?

KARBALA,Iraq (AP) -- Iraq is set to open the country's first industrial-scale solar plant Sunday in a vast expanse of desert in Karbala province,southwest of Baghdad. It's part of a new push by the government to expand renewable energy production in a country that is frequently beset by electricity crises despite being rich in oil and gas.

Why is Iraq opening a solar plant in Karbala?

Abdul-Zahra reported from Baghdad. Iraq is opening its first industrial-scale solar plant in Karbala province. This marks a significant step in the government's push to expand renewable energy in a country often facing electricity crises despite its oil and gas wealth.

Where is Iraq's first industrial-scale solar power plant?

Workers walk between solar panels at a newly opened industrial-scale solar power plant in Karbala,Iraq,Wednesday,Sept. 17,2025. (AP Photo/Anmar Khalil) KARBALA,Iraq (AP) -- Iraq is set to open the country's first industrial-scale solar plant Sunday in a vast expanse of desert in Karbala province,southwest of Baghdad.

Why is Iraq implementing large-scale solar power projects?

The projects are part of an ambitious plan to implement large-scale solar power projects in an effort to ease the country's chronic electricity shortages. Deputy Minister of Electricity Adel Karim said Iraq has solar projects with a combined capacity of 12,500 megawatts either being implemented,in the approval process,or under negotiation.

Does Iraq have a solar power plant?

The contracts also cover a water intake project for injection into oil reservoirs. The solar power plant will be Iraq's first utility-scale solar power project. While the country has several other solar plans in the pipeline,the TotalEnergies project is the first to proceed to the implementation phase.

Is Iraq advancing solar power projects?

Iraq is advancing several solar power projects as part of a plan to meet its electricity needs. This aerial photo shows panels at a newly opened industrial-scale solar power plant in Karbala,Iraq,on September 17,2025 [Anmar Khalil/AP]

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The 1 GW Basra Sun PV plant is under construction as part of Iraq's \$27 billion Gas Growth Integrated Project, led by TotalEnergies, Basrah ...

Once powered up, the solar complex will have the capacity to supply around 350,000 homes in the Basra region. "I am pleased to have ...

The first phase of a 1 gigawatt solar power plant in the southern oil hub of Basra will become operational by the end of the year, according to ...

In 2024, Iraq generated 27 GW of electricity against the 48 GW needed to meet local demand. The current plan aims to address this deficit and ensure sufficient electricity supply upon ...

Site developed by TotalEnergies Project part of \$27bn contract Power for 250,000 homes Iraq has imported more than 126,000 solar panels for ...

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Land to build facility is secured in Basra Iraq is proceeding with its first large-scale solar plant, which will be constructed by France's TotalEnergies. ...

By John Lee. Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani has initiated the construction of three major power projects in Karbala: a 132 MW ...



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Iraq remained intact despite the exploitation of its energy resources by oil-producing countries, including its neighbors, after the collapse of the previous regime in 2003. Despite Iraq's 2005 permanent ...

The final preparations for the inauguration of the first phase of the Basra Sun Power Plant are far ahead of the scheduled trial operation.

In addition to the Masdar projects, Iraq has embarked on several other renewable energy initiatives. Construction commenced in March 2025 on the ...

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TotalEnergies starts building Iraq's largest solar plant Middle East is top recipient of Chinese Belt and Road deals Iraq plans to build another ...

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TotalEnergies' energy deal with Iraq is worth \$27bn, with various phases to be completed between 2025 and 2027 Multi-faceted agreement ...

Iraq is finally proceeding with the country's first big solar power plant. The Baghdad government has stepped up the effort to adopt a more ...

In June the country awarded a contract to China's Sus Environment to build a new waste-to-energy plant in Baghdad. An Iraqi official ...

Iskandariya solar PV Plant is a 225MW solar PV power project. It is planned in Babil, Iraq. According to GlobalData, who tracks and profiles over 170,000 power plants worldwide, the ...

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