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Overview

Why are Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates using battery storage systems?

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are taking advantage of falling prices to load up on Chinese-made battery energy storage systems, so they can boost their renewable energy ambitions. Battery storage systems are seen as crucial to integrating solar and wind energy into electrical grids.

Does Saudi Arabia need battery energy storage?

Both will require battery energy storage to support their renewables targets, experts say. Rystad Energy expects Saudi Arabia's battery energy storage capacity to surpass 11 gigawatt hours (GWh) by the end of the year, from zero at the start of 2024.

Is the Middle East ready for battery storage?

The Middle East region has been relatively slow in its adoption of battery storage compared to more mature markets like China and the US. However, it is predicted to rapidly catch up based on policy announcements such as Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 strategy.

What is a 'gigascale' solar & battery project in Abu Dhabi?

Meanwhile, the UAE has launched a "gigascale" solar and battery project in Abu Dhabi, which is planned to provide baseload energy 24 hours a day. The plant will have a 19GWh battery storage system, and is a partnership between utility Emirates Water and Electricity Company and renewables group Masdar.



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