



Cambodia commercial solar power generation

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Today, nine solar power plants are connected to the national grid and are capable of producing up to 444 megawatts (MW), according to the Stimson Center's Mekong Infrastructure Tracker. That tracker also reveals 620 MW of capacity is on the way from two solar farms currently under construction, with an additional four installations planned.

Chhe Lidin, the spokesperson for the Ministry of Mines and Energy, told B2B Cambodia that a 10 megawatt solar power plant in Bavet, Svay Rieng province, will come online in the second quarter of this year. This is the only government-led solar venture that has come to our attention.

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Cambodia's current installed solar capacity is slightly over 400 MW, but the country is targeting 3.1 GW by 2040. This projected growth in solar power production reflects not only ongoing technological advancements but also a growing recognition of Cambodia's vast solar energy potential.

o Cambodia has approximately 5.8 peak sunlight hours a day and an average solar irradiation of 5.0 kWh/m² per day, ranking among the world's top solar resources. The largely hydro-based power

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Cambodia has a "huge potential" for expanding its solar energy sector as it looks to transition its energy mix away from fossil fuels, according to Natharoun Ngo Son, country director for Energy Lab, who was speaking at an event hosted by the European Chamber of Commerce (EuroCham).



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While the PDP shows an intention to boost solar production by 70% by 2030, a recent Asian Development Bank study has shown that Cambodia has the potential to generate as much as 10,000MW in solar power, while a separate UN Development Program reports a potential for a further 5,000MW of offshore wind power.

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The opportunity for solar PV in Cambodia is high due to fast-growing demand for power, good solar irradiance and availability. Average sunshine duration is 6-9 hours a day, which leads to an approximate annual yield of 1,600 kWh/kWp. Cambodia's first utility-scale solar PV project reached financial

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