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New energy storage policy in the Middle East

Overview

With ambitious targets like Saudi Arabia's 48 GWh storage goal by 2030 and the UAE's push for 19 GWh in flagship projects, battery energy storage systems (BESS) are no longer ancillary—they're the backbone of grid resilience, renewable integration, and net-zero ambitions.Is energy storage gaining traction in the Middle East?

With renewable energy projects expanding across the region, energy storage has started gaining traction. Unlike Europe, North America, and Asia, where renewable energy and storage technologies are well-established, the Middle East remains in the early stages of development.

Is large-scale energy storage a viable option in the Middle East?

Until recently, large-scale energy storage was barely a consideration in the Middle East, where fossil fuels have long dominated power generation. With renewable energy projects expanding across the region, energy storage has started gaining traction.

Why is Middle East energy launching a 49th consecutive year in Dubai?

“The continued organization of Middle East Energy for a 49th consecutive year in Dubai reflects international confidence in the emirate as a strategic centre for conferences and exhibitions, and reinforces its role in leading the global dialogue on energy security and sustainability,” stated Sheikh Ahmed.

Should a MENA energy storage alliance be established?

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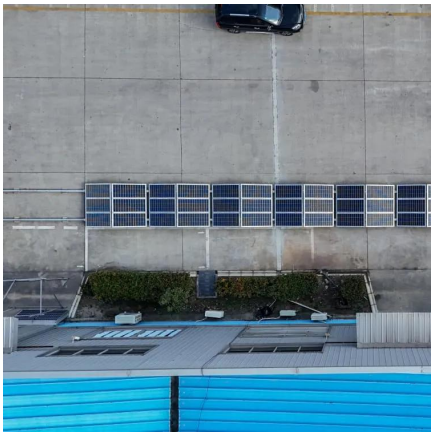

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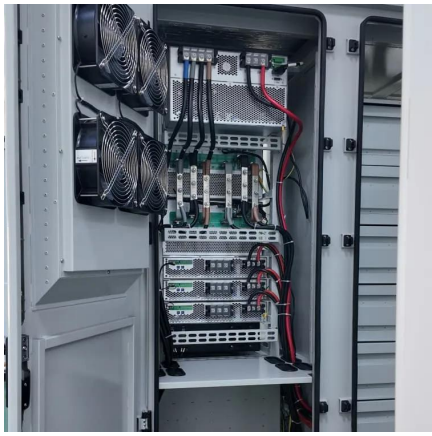

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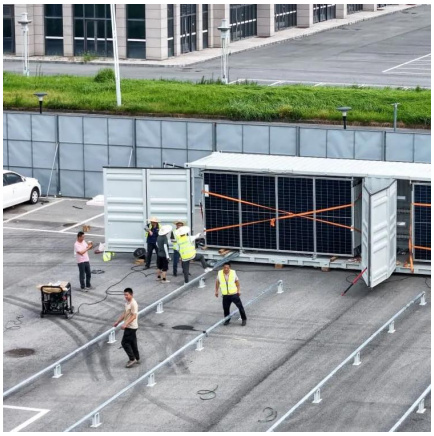

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