

How has Iraq's energy system changed over the years?

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Why is Iraq's energy system vulnerable?

However the capacity to capture and process this gas has not kept pace. The inability to utilise its gas riches means that the country's gas deficit has grown, and Iraq now relies on imports from Iran to meet increasing demand. This has introduced a number of vulnerabilities to Iraq's energy system.

How much does Iraq pay Iran for natural gas?

According to Iraqi Oil Minister Ihsan Ismael, Iraq pays Iran \$8 per million British thermal units (BTU) for Iranian gas. By comparison, it is estimated that it would cost the government less than \$2 BTU to produce Iraqi natural gas.

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