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# Solar energy storage ratio in the Middle East

How big is solar energy in the Middle East and North Africa?

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What is the future of solar energy in the Middle East?

Solar capacity in the region rose 23 percent in 2023 to 32 gigawatts (GW) and is projected to exceed the 180 GW peak by 2030. The latest Solar Outlook Report 2025 by the Middle East Solar Industry Association (MESIA) outlines the rapid growth of solar energy in the MENA region and the UAE's key role in this transformation.

How much solar energy will Middle East have in 2023?

The region's installed renewable energy capacity reached 32 GW in 2023 and is expected to approach 40 GW by year-end. By 2030, it is projected to grow to 180 GW, reflecting a compounded annual growth rate of 30%, according to the Middle East Solar Industry Association.

How much solar power does Saudi Arabia have?

Saudi Arabia already has an operational capacity of 2.1 GW solar PV, and 5.3 GW is under development, with commissioning expected this year, according to Blackridge Research and Consulting. Last month, the country prequalified 33 companies for the first group of BESS projects with a total energy storage capacity of 8 gigawatt-hours (GWh).

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