

1. BP claims force majeure relating to the Greater Tortue Ahmeyim project

- Gimi MS Corp, a subsidiary of Golar LNG, received written notification of a force majeure claim from BP Mauritania Investments under the Lease and Operate Agreement, dated February 26, 2019, between the Company and BP, relating to the Greater Tortue Ahmeyim project.
- The Notice received from BP claims that due to the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) around the globe, BP is not able to be ready to receive the floating liquefied natural gas facility “GIMI” on the target connection date in 2022.
- BP estimates at this stage that the consequential delay caused by the claimed force majeure event is in the order of one year and that it is not currently possible to mitigate or shorten this delay.

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2. Oil price slump: FG not returning fuel subsidy, under-recovery – NNPC

- Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Mallam Mele Kyari, Monday, hinted of a possible deregulation of the Nigerian downstream petroleum sector, stating that the Federal Government has eliminated subsidy and under recovery in the industry.
- Speaking in an interview monitored on a television programme in Abuja, Kyari said, “There is no subsidy and it is zero forever. Going forward there would be no resort to either subsidy or under recovery of any nature. NNPC will play in the marketplace, it will just be another marketer in the space. But we will be there for the country to sustain security of supply at market price.”
- Kyari further disclosed that Nigeria’s crude oil and condensates output has risen to 2.3 million barrels per day. He stated that the output growth, which was achieved on Sunday, was the first time the country was hitting that milestone in very many months and years.
- He noted that despite the glut in crude oil supply across the world due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the country was still getting buyers for its crude oil, while he added that the number of stranded vessels carrying Nigeria’s crude oil had dropped to less than 20.

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3. Petrol subsidy: Oil marketers seek flat rate for dollar

- Oil marketers on Tuesday advised the Federal Government not to give special advantage to any person or group of persons in the sale of the United States dollars if it wants the removal of subsidy on petrol to succeed.
- According to them, the purpose of removing subsidy on petrol will be defeated if the government through the Central Bank of Nigeria sells the dollar at staggered rates.

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- On Monday, the Group Managing Director, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, Mele Kyari, announced that petrol subsidy or under-recovery was gone forever in Nigeria.
- Reacting to this, the National President, Petroleum Products Retail Outlets Owners Association of Nigeria, Billy Gillis-Harry, told our correspondent that the association was in support of the move but stressed that government must make dollar available to marketers.

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4. Ghanaian government to power airports with solar energy

- The Government of Ghana is about to implement a project to power the country's airports with solar energy. It is receiving support from India for this solarization project.
- Ghana's airports will soon go green thanks to a government project that aims to equip every airport in the country with solar power plants to supply electricity. In order to implement this project, the Ghanaian government has sought Indian expertise. It is within this framework that Joseph Kofi Adda, the Ghanaian Minister of Aviation recently received the Indian High Commissioner to Ghana, Sugandh Rajaram.
- The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the progress of the Ghanaian government's project. The authorities of this West African country have already signed a partnership agreement with Cochin International Airport in the southern Indian state of Kerala. This is the world's largest and first airport powered solely by solar energy, with a 40 MWp photovoltaic solar power plant.

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5. Egypt, Sudan electricity grids officially connected

- The electricity grids of Egypt and Sudan were officially connected on Friday with an initial capacity of 60 megawatts, Sudan's Ministry of Energy and Mining said.
- The extension of the grid to Sudan's northern regions was completed with testing on Friday morning, part of efforts to expand power supply, Reuters quoted the ministry to have said. The line was completed in April last year with a length of 100 km (62 miles) in Egypt and 70 km (44 miles) in Sudan, the Egyptian cabinet said in a statement on Saturday.
- The first phase of connectivity aims to provide Sudan with a capacity of up to 70 megawatts, increasing to 300 megawatts in the second phase after the upgrade of some Sudanese power stations, it added. Egypt has rapidly expanded its power generation in recent years and has been looking to export surplus electricity to neighbouring countries.

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6. Energy Vision to deploy purpose-built power systems for base stations in Nigeria and Gabon

- Telecom-focused energy service company Energy Vision is deploying purpose-built power systems for outdoor telecom sites across Nigeria and Gabon.

- The group ordered Swedish technology company eSite Power Systems' eSite x10 as it expands its African operations into Nigeria, with additional power systems to be deployed in Gabon.
- The manufacturing of the eSites is ongoing in Sweden, with shipments to Nigeria and Gabon planned before the end of the month.
- Pre-equipped to use solar energy, the eSites will be used to provide stable and dependable power at cell sites where the electricity grid supply is unreliable or unavailable.

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7. Blackout imminent over 10,000 Mw stranded electricity

- There may soon be nationwide blackout as the power sector is unable to utilise all the 5,000 megawatts (Mw) of electricity generated by the sector, the Executive Secretary, Association of Power Generation Companies (AGPC), Dr Joy Ogaji, has warned.
- She said more than 1,000 Mw, out of 5,000 Mw generated in the past few weeks got stranded, due to deficiencies in the transmission and distribution segments of the sector.
- Ogaji said the development was expected, as the supply of electricity is falling across the country, relative to the current production of the sector.

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8. ECOWAS countries sign up for cleaner vehicles

- Ministers of Environment and Energy of the fifteen countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have adopted in February 2020 in Burkina Faso, regulations to introduce cleaner fuels and vehicles in the West African region. This initiative will reduce the level of air pollution in cities in the region.
- The governments of the fifteen countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) are beginning to respond to their populations' cry of desperation. In February 2020 in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso, the environment and energy ministers of these countries adopted a set of regulations. These aim to introduce cleaner fuels and vehicles in the West African region.

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