

Is Morocco dependent on Western Sahara for its energy supply?

But these developments have made Morocco partly dependent on Western Sahara for its energy supply. Morocco already gets 18% of its installed wind capacity and 15% of its solar from the occupied territory, and by 2030 that could increase to almost half of its wind and up to a third of its solar.

Why did Morocco invade Western Sahara?

According to Morocco, Western Sahara formed part of the Moroccan sultanate before Spanish colonisation in the 1880s. However, that year the International Court of Justice disagreed, and urged a self-determination referendum on independence for the indigenous Saharawis. Nevertheless, Morocco invaded and used napalm against fleeing Saharawi refugees.

Is Western Sahara a 'question of decolonisation'?

Western Sahara is the only African territory remaining on the list. It's also the only territory where the administering power column is left blank - a footnote explains the UN considers it a "question of decolonisation which remained to be completed by the people of Western Sahara".

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The new solar project is three times as big as the two solar plants so far constructed in Western Sahara, combined. The information about the new 350 MW solar plant in Boujdour appears on the website of

Morocco's Ministry for Energy Transition.

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"Morocco to Double West Sahara Green Power Output for World Cup", 16 October 2024 The government has set a 2027 deadline to build 1.4 gigawatts of new wind and solar capacity in the region... The projects are likely to cost about 21 billion dirhams (\$2.1 billion) and will be led by local and foreign private investors, according to the official

Morocco is set to embark on its most ambitious renewable energy project to date, with plans to establish a massive solar and wind power installation in the Western Sahara Desert. The energy generated will supply Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, via an extensive 1,400-kilometer electricity transmission network .

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