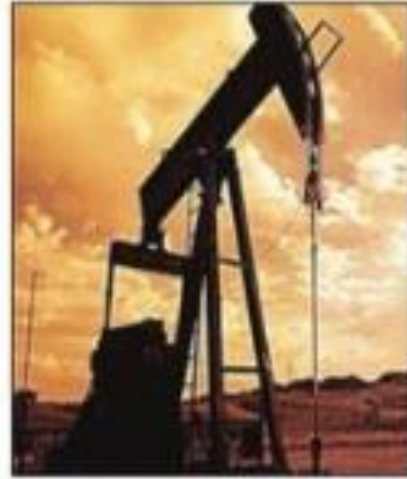




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## संकट के बीच सऊदी अरब ने पाक को उधारी का तेल देना किया बंद

इस्लामाबाद। पाकिस्तान को अर्थ संकट के बीच उसके सबसे करीबी सहयोगी कहे जाने वाले सऊदी अरब ने ही झटका दे दिया है। सऊदी अरब ने दोनों देशों के बीच स्थगित भुगतान (उधार) पर तेल की आपूर्ति बंद कर दी है। इसे लेकर दोनों देशों के बीच मई में समझौता खत्म हो गया था। करार आगे नहीं बढ़ने के कारण पिछले दो महीने से पाकिस्तान को इस खाड़ी देश ने तेल की एक बूंद तक नहीं भेजी है। द एक्सप्रेस ट्रिब्यून के मुताबिक, इस करार को हर दो साल में समीक्षा के बाद आगे बढ़ाया जाना था। पाकिस्तान सरकार की पेट्रोलियम डिवीजन के प्रवक्ता साजिद काजी ने कहा, करार को आगे बढ़ाने के पाकिस्तान के आग्रह का सऊदी सरकार ने अभी तक जवाब नहीं दिया है। सऊदी अरब की तरफ से तेल रोकने का फैसला ऐसे समय आया है, जब पाकिस्तान पहले से ही संकट में फंसा हुआ है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष (आईएमएफ) की तरफ से अपनी आर्थिक मदद का पांच महीने पहले किया गया तकनीकी निलंबन अब तक जारी है। ऐसे में तेल की उधारी का समझौता खत्म होने से पाकिस्तान के केंद्रीय बैंक के रिजर्व पर भारी दबाव बढ़ गया है, जो कर्ज लेकर ही बनाया गया है। एजेंसी



18 injured in LPG cylinder blast in south Delhi, one critical	Times of India	4	Bureau	Neutral
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## 18 injured in LPG cylinder blast in south Delhi, one critical

Officials said they received a call at around 7pm about a cylinder blast and fire at a house in Tigr1 JJ cluster. Two persons were brought out of the house by local residents and three others

were later rescued by fire officials. People living in the neighbourhood and those sitting outside also sustained minor burn injuries.

“Eight fire tenders were rus-

hed to douse the fire. The fire did not spread and was contained to one house but the roof of the house collapsed due to the blast. The fire was doused by 8.20pm,” said Atul Garg, director, DFS.

Police said a 35-year old woman was cooking in the house when the cylinder caught fire. The woman, along with her husband, immediately ran out from the house. Her brother-in-

## BAGHJAN BLOWOUT

# NGT rejects OIL objections to expert panel's recommendations

**SHIVAM PATEL**

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE NATIONAL Green Tribunal has rejected the objections of Oil India Limited (OIL) to the preliminary report of an expert committee on the blowout and explosion of a gas well owned by the energy giant in Assam's Baghjan.

OIL had asked the tribunal to not consider the committee's

findings, saying it was based on secondary and unverifiable data.

It stated it has already paid Rs 20 lakh to 11 families whose houses have been completely destroyed, and the additional amount recommended is not justified. The NGT did not accept this submission, but directed that the amount already paid by OIL be taken into account and excluded.

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## Assam Baghjan well fire: NGT rejects OIL objections

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, August 8

THE NATIONAL GREEN Tribunal has rejected the objections raised by Oil India to a preliminary report filed by a committee on the fire incident at Baghjan well number 5 in Assam.

Oil India had raised doubts over the findings of the committee headed by former high court judge B P Katakey saying it's report was based on desk research and secondary data which needs to be verified.

A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice A K Goel agreed with the finding of the committee, which has made three categories of persons entitled to interim compensation.

The committee has made three categories — houses completely gutted by fire, whose houses have been severely damaged and those have been moderately/partially damaged or whose standing crops and horticulture have been partially damaged. The scale of interim compensation has been fixed as ₹25 lakh, ₹10 lakh and ₹2.5 lakh, respectively. According to OIL, a compensation of ₹20 lakh has already been paid to persons covered under the first category while other two categories have not been identified. Additional compensation for the first category is also not justified, OIL said.

Saudi stops oil supply on deferred payments to Pak after deal expires	Millennium Post	2	PTI	Neutral
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## Saudi stops oil supply on deferred payments to Pak after deal expires

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan has not received the oil on deferred payments from Saudi Arabia since May as a deal signed between the two close allies for provision of \$3.2 billion worth of the fuel under the arrangement expired two months ago.

The \$3.2 billion Saudi oil facility was part of the \$6.2-billion Saudi Arabian package announced in November 2018 to ease Pakistan's external sector woes, the Express Tribune reported on Friday.

The agreement expired in May and efforts are being made by the Finance Division to renew the facility, Petroleum Division spokesperson Sajid Qazi was quoted as saying by the paper.

Pakistan is awaiting response from the Saudi government over its request to further extend the facility, he added.

The development comes at a time when Pakistan faces a challenging situation as its IMF programme also remains technically suspended for the last five months.

Returning of Saudi loans and expiry of the oil facility could strain the official reserves of the central bank, which are built purely by taking loans, the paper said.

The budget estimates suggested that the government was hoping to receive minimum \$1 billion worth of oil in fiscal year 2020-21, which started from July.

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