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Will China's dominance of the solar panel supply chain slow the transition?

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Is China a leader in solar energy?

Benefiting from a complete life-cycle supply chain and rapid advancements in PV power generation technology, China has emerged as a leader, achieving significant cost reductions and shaping the landscape of solar energy on a global scale," said Jiang Yali, a solar sector analyst at BloombergNEF.

Are China's solar panels struggling with overcapacity?

Photo: Reuters But the panel makers have added capacity at a faster pace with the result that despite the country's record-breaking installation of solar energy under its 2060 carbon neutral target, China's solar panel sector is grappling with overcapacity.

Will the world rely on China for solar panels?

"The world will almost completely rely on China for the supply of key building blocks for solar panel production through 2025," the agency said in the report. "This level of concentration in any global supply chain would represent a considerable vulnerability."

What are the risks of a solar PV supply chain in China?

The risks of a solar panel supply chain concentrated in China "is not only a geopolitical issue. It can be a fire in major facilities. It can be floods. Disruption of [the solar PV supply chain] has huge implications for our clean energy transition and energy security," Birol said.

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China's rapid growth in solar energy, a vital component of the country's "new three" economic drivers, has resulted in an overproduction problem. Reuters reported that ...

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