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Solar Energy Weekly Bulletin

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SolarQuarter - 29/07/2026

Editorial note

Selection favors market impact, policy relevance, source quality, and professional reader interest.

Weekly Summary & Analysis

27/07/2026 - 02/08/2026

SolarNews tracked 12 notable solar and renewable energy stories for 27/07/2026 through 02/08/2026. The selected stories concentrate on market-moving policy decisions, grid economics, storage momentum, and deployment signals that can affect solar companies, investors, and energy buyers.

This issue draws from sector sources including Solar Power World, pv magazine Global, Energy-Storage.News, SolarQuarter. Stories with direct policy, tariff, country-level regulation, or large project impact are prioritized because they usually shape market behavior beyond the initial headline.

What matters this week

1

Country-level tariffs, regulations, and grid-price changes remain the highest-signal items for solar market direction.

2

Storage, flexibility, and electricity pricing are increasingly tied to solar growth and reader engagement.

3

Large project launches and capacity records provide useful demand signals for the wider solar supply chain.

Story 1



Solar Power World

Eolian advances 1 GWh battery beside Ohio data center load

30/07/2026 - solarpowerworldonline.com

Eolian is building the 200 MW Flint Grid battery outside Columbus, Ohio, next to New Albany data center and industrial load. The five-hour system is expected to provide 1 GWh of storage and enter commercial operation before the 2027-2028 PJM capacity year.

Why it matters

- Grid and storage signals are becoming central to solar value creation.
- Capacity and investment signals can indicate where demand is moving.

Story 2



pv magazine Global

Colombia awards 270 MW solar and 100 MW storage in clean energy auction

30/07/2026 - pv-magazine.com

Colombia awarded contracts for about 270 MW of solar tied to 100 MW of battery storage in the first round of its long-term clean energy auction. The 15-year contracts start electricity delivery in 2030 and are structured to shift solar output into the evening peak.

Why it matters

- Policy and tariff moves can change project economics quickly.
- Grid and storage signals are becoming central to solar value creation.

Story 3



pv magazine Global

Bangladesh opens bidding for 220 MW Sonagazi solar project

30/07/2026 - pv-magazine.com

Electricity Generation Bangladesh has opened bidding for the 220 MW Sonagazi solar project in Feni district. Bids are due September 15 and the selected developer will have 18 months to complete construction.

Why it matters

- Capacity and investment signals can indicate where demand is moving.
- Source: pv magazine Global.

Story 4



Energy-Storage.News

AirTrunk urges Australia to use data centres as clean-energy anchor tenants

30/07/2026 - energy-storage.news

AirTrunk says Australia should treat large data centres as anchor tenants for new renewable generation, storage, and transmission investment. The argument follows a national policy push requiring large data centres to underwrite at least as much clean energy and firming capacity as they consume.

Why it matters

- Policy and tariff moves can change project economics quickly.
- Grid and storage signals are becoming central to solar value creation.

Story 5



SolarQuarter

RWE starts 236 MW / 470 MWh battery build at Germany's Hambach mine

29/07/2026 - solarquarter.com

RWE has started construction of a 236 MW / 470 MWh battery energy storage system at the Hambach opencast mine in Germany. The project is expected to enter operation in 2027 and is part of roughly 1.7 GW of large-scale storage RWE is building in Germany.

Why it matters

- Grid and storage signals are becoming central to solar value creation.
- Capacity and investment signals can indicate where demand is moving.

More Solar Sector Moves

Additional stories tracked in this weekly digest.



Neoen starts 227 MW / 907 MWh grid-forming battery in Sout...

Neoen Australia has begun construction of a 227 MW / 907 MWh grid-forming...



Masdar and EPCG move 150 MW Montenegro solar pipeline in...

Masdar and Montenegro's state utility EPCG have signed joint development...



Timor-Leste secures \$85.7 million for first solar-stor...

Timor-Leste has secured an \$85.7 million financing package for a 73.7...



China's solar market heads for first annual contraction sin...

The China Photovoltaic Industry Association expects China's solar...



US adds foreign-produced solar inverters to FCC Covered List

The US Federal Communications Commission has added foreign-produce...



Italy grants positive EIA for 599 MW Puglia agrivoltaic...

Italy's environment ministry has issued a positive environmental impact...