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Solar Energy Weekly Bulletin

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This Week's Headlines

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California solar site scales second-life EV battery storage to 28 MWh

ScienceBlog.com - 17/09/2026

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Victoria backs 1.86 GWh Baranduda long-duration battery

SEC Victoria - 17/09/2026

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Bangladesh launches \$123 million rooftop solar fund

pv magazine - 17/09/2026

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South Korea's new agrivoltaics law sets 30-year permit ceiling

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Spain launches capacity market as grid investment rises above EUR 17 billion

pv magazine - 17/09/2026

Editorial note

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

Weekly Summary & Analysis

14/09/2026 - 20/09/2026

SolarNews tracked 12 notable solar and renewable energy stories for 14/09/2026 through 20/09/2026. 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 ScienceBlog.com, SEC Victoria, pv magazine, Solar Power World, Nairametrics. 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



ScienceBlog.com

California solar site scales second-life EV battery storage to 28 MWh

17/09/2026 - scienceblog.com

A Lancaster, California solar site is using more than 1,300 retired electric-vehicle battery packs to provide 28 MWh of grid storage. The project demonstrates how intact automotive packs can be redeployed at scale instead of being immediately dismantled for recycling.

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



SEC Victoria

Victoria backs 1.86 GWh Baranduda long-duration battery

17/09/2026 - secvictoria.com.au

Aware Super, Birdwood and Victoria's state-owned SEC will deliver a 400 MW, 1.86 GWh battery at Baranduda near Wodonga. The 4.65-hour system is designed to support reliability as coal-fired generation retires and renewable output grows.

Why it matters

- Grid and storage signals are becoming central to solar value creation
- Source: SEC Victoria.

Story 3



pv magazine

Bangladesh launches \$123 million rooftop solar fund

17/09/2026 - pv-magazine.com

Bangladesh has created a \$123 million fund to provide concessional financing for rooftop solar and other renewable-energy projects. The government is also seeking support from international lenders as it targets 4 GW of rooftop capacity before next summer.

Why it matters

- Policy and tariff moves can change project economics quickly.
- Capacity and investment signals can indicate where demand is moving.

Story 4



pv magazine

South Korea's new agrivoltaics law sets 30-year permit ceiling

17/09/2026 - pv-magazine.com

South Korea has enacted its first dedicated agrivoltaics law, replacing the previous eight-year temporary permit framework with project terms of up to 30 years. The law takes effect on December 17, while detailed technical rules will follow in a presidential decree.

Why it matters

- Policy and tariff moves can change project economics quickly.
- Capacity and investment signals can indicate where demand is moving.

Story 5



pv magazine

Spain launches capacity market as grid investment rises above EUR 17 billion

17/09/2026 - pv-magazine.com

Spain is launching a technology-neutral capacity market that will pay generation, battery storage and demand-side resources for firm capacity and flexibility. The move comes as planned electricity-grid investment through 2030 rises from EUR 13.6 billion to more than EUR 17 billion.

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.



SEG Solar starts HJT module production at 4 GW Houston...

SEG Solar has begun commercial production of heterojunction modules...



Guinea prepares first 400 MW phase of solar and storage...

Guinea's Ministry of Energy and clean-energy nonprofit RELP will des...



Poland's grid-connected solar pipeline reaches 40.6 GW

Poland's solar project pipeline with grid-connection conditions has reach...



Nigeria commissions 3.3 MW solar-plus-storage mini-grid...

Nigeria has commissioned a 3.3 MW solar mini-grid with 2 MWh of battery stor...



First Solar ends ITC patent investigation but keeps TOPC...

First Solar has withdrawn its Section 337 complaint and will terminate an...



Sungrow and ERS Energy advance 1 GWh Southeast Asia storage...

Sungrow and ERS Energy say they have advanced a 1 GWh energy storage...