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THE SHORT ANSWER

Why is Asian LNG demand falling in 2025 despite forecasts of continued growth?

Asia's LNG demand is set to fall by around 5% in 2025, driven mainly by a reported 16% drop in Chinese imports as Beijing boosts domestic gas production, pipeline supply and renewables for energy security. Pakistan and Japan are pulling back too, which shows the shift is structural, not a short cyclical dip.

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What matters

01 Asia's LNG demand is projected to contract by around 5% in 2025, reversing forecasts that the region would drive half of global gas consumption growth.

02 China's LNG imports have fallen by a reported 16%, as Beijing prioritises domestic gas production, Eurasian pipeline supply and state-backed solar and wind.

03 Pakistan is sidelining LNG after years of unaffordable import costs, with an unexpected boom in small-scale solar displacing gas-fired power.

04 Japan's mature LNG market is declining moderately as idled nuclear reactors restart and renewables expand.

05 Asian LNG demand is not inelastic. Buyers will switch fuels or delay projects when the economics do not suit national priorities.

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