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Europe's efforts to detangle itself from Russian gas continued this week. Germany's Uniper was awarded EUR 13 billion in damages for non-delivery of gas under long-term contracts with Russia's Gazprom. After the ruling, Uniper terminated its gas supply contracts with Gazprom. Meanwhile, Ukraine secured an agreement with the US LNG exporter Venture Global for a 20 year supply. The development boots Ukraine's energy security after Russia's shock invasion of the country in 2022, which also rocked energy markets and caused prices to surge.

Over in the Middle East, the UAE's ADNOC and Saudi Arabia's Aramco made headline-grabbing LNG deals. ADNOC took final investment decision on its Ruwais LNG facility, awarding a USD 5.5 billion engineering, procurement and construction contract for the project to a consortium. Aramco also signed a non-binding heads of agreement with NextDecade for a 20 year LNG offtake from its Rio Grande terminal, which is still under construction in Texas.

With less than three weeks until the UK general election, the main political parties have outlined their manifesto pledges on how the nation's energy sector. While the two major parties – the Conservatives and Labour – remain committed to Net Zero they have different approaches to green levies, windfall taxes and approval of licences for new oil and gas licences in the North Sea.

Here's the crop of top energy stories this week:

[UK sanctions hit Russian LNG companies in clampdown on 'shadow fleet' \[1\]](#)

[Uniper awarded €13bn in Gazprom dispute over non-delivery of gas \[2\]](#)

[Ukraine eyes US LNG via 20-year agreement with Venture Global, DTEK \[3\]](#)

[Aramco signs 20-year deal for LNG from NextDecade's Rio Grande project \[4\]](#)

[ADNOC takes FID on Ruwais LNG plant \[5\]](#)

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