

Weekly Media Monitor (March 27 - 2nd April, 2023)

Coal	Oil & Gas	Renewable Energy	Energy & Finance	Climate Change
<p>Power from Thar coal projects: Nepra grills NTDC for not completing transmission line</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 31</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234668/power-from-thar-coal-projects-nepra-grills-ntdc-for-not-completing-transmission-line?fbclid=IwAR0twcKGI3P1WVZnva_GLJ7UsKoC06592LU0FICSPAVr6FBKigDXptNZeWo</p>	<p>LPG price cut by Rs49/kg for April</p> <p><i>The News, April 1</i></p> <p>https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1056167-lpg-price-cut-by-rs49-kg-for-april</p>	<p>PM invites UAE firm to invest in renewable energy sector</p> <p><i>The News, April 1</i></p> <p>https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1056199-pm-invites-uae-firm-to-invest-in-renewable-energy-sector</p>	<p>Power plants of 25MW and above: Customs duty exemption opposed</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, April 2</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234928/power-plants-of-25mw-and-above-customs-duty-exemption-opposed?fbclid=IwAR0p1Pu1VrAdv8YAOP98j6Y2tV6ahqqi-5wdHOXC9SSaMNpWR1FEuDP AZ0</p>	<p>Water shortages</p> <p><i>Dawn, March 30</i></p> <p>https://www.dawn.com/news/1744957</p>
<p>Electricity from coal-based plants in Thar: Nepra grills NTDC over delay in laying transmission line</p> <p><i>The News, March 31</i></p> <p>https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1055794-electricity-from-coal-based-plants-in-thar-nepra-grills-ntdc-over-delay-in-laying-transmission-line</p>	<p>Petrol, diesel price to remain unchanged</p> <p><i>The News, April 1</i></p> <p>https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1056200-petrol-diesel-price-to-remain-unchange</p>	<p>PM advises dissolution of PCRET owing to 'poor performance</p> <p><i>Pakistan Today, March 30</i></p> <p>https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2023/03/30/pm-advises-dissolution-of-pcret-owing-to-poor-performance/?fbclid=IwAR2Sq_10MyxdTWb5HX4mbOq2RRM2-cXE8gIhikQ2PLPD9dWqLAGT Nvm_ihw</p>	<p>IsDB approves \$13m for electricity</p> <p><i>Dawn, April 2</i></p> <p>https://www.dawn.com/news/1745433</p>	<p>Govt committed to long-term climate resilience measures: Ahsan Iqbal</p> <p><i>The News, March 29</i></p> <p>https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/1055074-govt-committed-to-long-term-climate-resilience-measure-ahsan-iqbal</p>

	<p>SNGPL told to supply gas to 2 urea plants for interim period sans subsidy</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, April 1</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234832/sngpl-told-to-supply-gas-to-2-urea-plants-for-interim-period-sans-subsidy</p>	<p>NTDC approves Rs500,000/month executive allowance for newly-posted MD</p> <p><i>Pakistan Today, March 30</i></p> <p>https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2023/03/30/ntdc-approves-rs500000-month-executive-allowance-for-newly-posted-md/?fbclid=IwAR0fmb5ylfq7ziEZc8DC7GjX3WciNy5n5IBX5Em65ShufRDBdFAzH9WGg1Y</p>	<p>All categories of consumers: Nepra approves Rs3.23/ unit surcharge</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, April 1</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234833/all-categories-of-consumers-nepra-approves-rs323-unit-surcharge?fbclid=IwAR0m5rkU1RN1klCv1c0qE-Lt7mhf9TI01qwOcijhwtS_C6hq_PgMraOGn00</p>	<p>Earth Hour 2023 marked as reminder of urgent need to address climate change</p> <p><i>The News, March 26</i></p> <p>https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1054050-earth-hour-2023-marked-as-reminder-of-urgent-need-to-address-climate-change</p>
	<p>Govt keeps prices of petrol, diesel unchanged till April 15</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 31</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234752/govt-keeps-prices-of-petrol-diesel-unchanged-till-april-15?fbclid=IwAR2MGtLgUZq6Mh6aQlmitZSFsXsZOngMQMXdaKmXq8jArLshtGhW8DJT5Zg</p>	<p>DG Khan Cement successfully installs 7MW solar power plant</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 27</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40233657</p>	<p>New rules unveiled for sales tax on electricity</p> <p><i>Express Tribune, April 1</i></p> <p>https://tribune.com.pk/story/2409261/new-rules-unveiled-for-sales-tax-on-electricity</p>	
	<p>Govt keeps petrol, diesel prices unchanged</p> <p><i>Express Tribune, March 31</i></p>	<p>Mismatch of renewables</p> <p><i>Dawn, March 27</i></p> <p>https://www.dawn.com/news/1744355</p>	<p>Incremental power consumption: ZRI 'categories' may be allowed to benefit from plan: APTMA urges PD</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, April 1</i></p>	

	https://tribune.com.pk/story/2409232/1?fbclid=IwAR17zeN2YXuE1ZBJ0adsZ3Ob0nnha3kFfsgi-40cN1V M-Y6lQfLxhkG vY		https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234822/incremental-power-consumption-zri-categories-may-be-allowed-to-benefit-from-plan-aptma-urges-pd?fbclid=IwAR3jxZZgJGOr99CfJ6NGcs10HB0UR2MLt55LuB0rZDL8-CN1POntnOmTsE	
	<p>Up to Rs14 cut in ex-depot fuel prices likely</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 30</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234380/up-to-rs14-cut-in-ex-depot-fuel-prices-likely?fbclid=IwAR3HuJt3q4TQojWFYqugYzgPHUSL3YAUGasIznVECARKAx6e7EF5EDDS-8</p>	<p>Pakistan fails to earn dollars through carbon credits</p> <p><i>Express Tribune, March 27</i></p> <p>https://tribune.com.pk/story/2408383/pakistan-fails-to-earn-dollars-through-carbon-credits</p>	<p>NTDC, KE blamed for Jan blackout</p> <p><i>Express Tribune, April 1</i></p> <p>https://tribune.com.pk/story/2409243/ntdc-ke-blamed-for-jan-blackout</p>	
	<p>PM vows to tackle gas load-shedding</p> <p><i>Express Tribune, March 30</i></p> <p>https://tribune.com.pk/story/2408890/1?fbclid=IwAR2NfbVcPWOCsXzMCx0RJ eaT-su-CoAkTnFfOblkdHBW5oMP4ijnONYE5w</p>	<p>DG Khan Cement successfully installs 7MW solar power plant</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 27</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40233657/dg-khan-cement-successfully-installs-7mw-solar-power-plant?fbclid=IwAR0-iSKnywnz U9YtOvZEgd-</p>	<p>Nepra allows further hike in power tariff</p> <p><i>Dawn, April 1</i></p> <p>https://www.dawn.com/news/1745294</p>	

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	<p>Up to Rs14 cut in ex-depot fuel prices likely</p> <p><i>Express Tribune, March 30</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234380</p>	<p>Need stressed for increasing use of solar energy</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 27</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40233561/need-stressed-for-increasing-use-of-solar-energy</p>	<p>Wild overbilling in the power sector</p> <p><i>Dawn, April 1</i></p> <p>https://www.dawn.com/news/1745262</p>	
	<p>Tight gas policy must be loosened</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 27</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40233538</p>		<p>Withdrawal of export power subsidy: Treasury MPs come down hard on govt</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 31</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234665/withdrawal-of-export-power-subsidy-treasury-mps-come-down-hard-on-govt?fbclid=IwAR2S-TerleP1R9dWlu1AGIT3GSK2pt8xLKgbRZew-iEXliHAC8GYa5a-c6w</p>	
	<p>The fuel 'relief' plan and the IMF</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 27</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40233535/the-fuel-relief-plan-and-the-imf</p>		<p>Conditions specified: Punjab govt willing to take over Discos</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 31</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234670/conditions-specified-punjab-govt-willing-</p>	

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			<p>‘NTDC be stopped from scrapping tender’: Chinese firm seeks support of ADB and minister</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 31</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234644/ntdc-be-stopped-from-scrapping-tender-chinese-firm-seeks-support-of-adb-and-minister?fbclid=IwAR3jnQ_yJ-Hem4gMzy9w1uAba-dmGUDP0SQbwiKRYV3NeKnfkzvFxni_6Es</p>	
			<p>Irsa fails to finalise water shortage estimates</p> <p><i>Dawn, March 31</i></p> <p>https://www.dawn.com/news/1745079</p>	
			<p>Neelum-Jhelum to resume power generation from July</p> <p><i>Dawn, March 31</i></p>	

			https://www.dawn.com/news/1745082	
			<p>Neelum-Jhelum to resume power generation from July</p> <p><i>Dawn, March 31</i></p> <p>https://www.dawn.com/news/1745082</p>	
			<p>Non-payment of Rs321.733m duty by KESC: ECC to approve pact to settle 27-year-old dispute today</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 30</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234373/non-payment-of-rs321733m-duty-by-kesc-ecc-to-approve-pact-to-settle-27-year-old-dispute-today?fbclid=IwAR1H34NCQEYpz3ZMu2ocAQ9K2cB8gK9sJEC3RpwqFRazMaeI2ATVEOhq9Pw</p>	
			<p>Provincialisation of Discos: KP gives 'conditional' acceptance to Pesco takeover</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 30</i></p>	

			https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234376/provincialisation-of-discos-kp-gives-conditional-acceptance-to-pesco-takeover?fbclid=IwAR2dR4MeRP9g7sD2N--wE0-NkaoThot5YWgrs6ma8tdSUNnmRHFdbQoam28	
			<p>MoF refuses to become part of deal with KE on TDS</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 30</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234379/mof-refuses-to-become-part-of-deal-with-ke-on-tds?fbclid=IwAR3UoOa-pWf_QBRFgU7VmSM9GZ4VRVGCTYgu12LsqYShQXqzMgCUsDWBIY4</p>	
			<p>KE consumers: Govt files motion with Nepra for recovery of two QTAs of Rs6/unit</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 29</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234087/ke-consumers-govt-files-motion-with-nepra-for-recovery-of-two-qtas-of-rs6unit?fbclid=IwAR0c9c0LzQp</p>	

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			<p>Remittances: APL says can invoke force majeure</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 29</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40234088/remittances-apl-says-can-invoke-force-majeure?fbclid=IwAR3vCfyOE9S-LLmOjJ9QAZ1YXIH2CAhJBLnXwGhLDxDVrFhTHri1Iuf5AKA</p>	
			<p>KPCL seeks Rs22.703bn from CPPA-G to settle liabilities</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 28</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40233830/kpcl-seeks-rs22703bn-from-cppa-g-to-settle-liabilities?fbclid=IwAROPUijbdwmMHsugAt1GzCptbFqfATI24xchgJWtGc718NbJxS0rjORxw7E</p>	
			<p>Old, new investors: KE dispute lands in PMO</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 28</i></p>	

			https://www.brecorder.com/news/40233831/old-new-investors-ke-dispute-lands-in-pmo?fbclid=IwAR3HuJt3q4TQojWFYqugYzgPHUSL3YAUGasITznVECARKAx6e7EF5EDDS-8	
			<p>London-listed CORO Energy seeks O&G JVs</p> <p><i>Business Recorder, March 28</i></p> <p>https://www.brecorder.com/news/40233833/london-listed-coro-energy-seeks-og-jvs?fbclid=IwAR0-iSKnywnz_U9YtOvZEqd-xZLUkOVzx20mflfA4rY_uvNeicnstA9EXSs</p>	