






Weekly Media Monitor

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This week's major news updates in Pakistan's energy sector:

- ➔ A report by the United Nations highlights the need for a comprehensive coal phase out strategy for Pakistan; points out that existing coal capacity and long-term agreements with Chinese power producers are major barriers to Pakistan's transition away from coal.
- ➔ Scientists warn that carbon pollution will need to be cut to almost half within this decade to avoid catastrophic climate impacts.
- ➔ Despite IMF directives and the federal cabinet's decision against hidden subsidies, the government proposes 44 percent gas subsidies for industrial exporters.
- ➔ Federal energy ministry submits a plan for reducing the power sector circular debt – worth 2.3 trillion rupees -- through revisions in policies and agreements with power producers as the federal finance ministry refuses to accommodate power sector losses through budget subsidies.
- ➔ Deep chasm emerges between Global North and Global South on the structure, contributors and beneficiaries of a loss and damage funds to compensate for damages done by climate change.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Coal Phase-Out	News Analysis: Delay in ECC's gas pricing reforms to amplify gas crisis	WSSP solarises three tubewells	Power generation rises, fuel cost falls	Climate talks end in failure
<i>Express Tribune, Oct 20</i>	<i>The News, Oct 22</i>	<i>The News, Oct 18</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 22</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 22</i>
Phasing down coal: UN report details challenges, opportunities	Another 223 gas connections cut off, Rs11m fine imposed	Footprints: Balochistan's sustainable 'university'	Power woes	BRI drives Pakistan's green transformation
<i>Dawn, Oct 18</i>	<i>The News, Oct 21</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 18</i>	<i>The News, Oct 22</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 21</i>
Unsung heroes: The humans and donkeys of Pakistan's coal mines	PSO's Q1 profit soars 17-fold on higher sales, margins	Kakar seeks Chinese investment in Pakistan's renewable energy sector	Plan prepared for cut in circular debt	Solid steps stressed to cope with climate change, food insecurity
<i>Express Tribune, Oct 17.</i>	<i>The News, Oct 21</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 17</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 21</i>	<i>The News, Oct 21</i>

Vehicles with 'unsafe' cylinders to be seized	PM invites Chinese investment in solar parks to help address climate change, steep energy import bill	Lesco detects power theft at 25 shops	All resources being mobilized to combat smog: minister
<i>Express Tribune, Oct 21</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 17</i>	<i>The News, Oct 21</i>	<i>The News, Oct 21</i>
Markets fall again and oil rises on Middle East, Fed fears	Renewable energy: China can sculpt a sustainable blueprint for Pakistan	Govt committed to ensuring uninterrupted power supply to industrial units: minister	Thai government pledges action as Bangkok pollution spikes
<i>Dawn, October 20</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 16</i>	<i>The News, Oct 21</i>	<i>The News, Oct 21</i>
Equal reduction in petrol, diesel prices demanded	It's time to close the sustainable energy gaps in Asia and the Pacific	Minister opens new grid station in Hattar economic zone	LHC orders impounding smoke-emitting vehicles
<i>The News, Oct 20</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 16</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 21</i>	<i>The News, Oct 21</i>
Petroleum sector: Pakistan, China sign MoU on \$1.5bn investment		BRI's initial phase helps and end power outages: minister	Countries asked to slash cooling emissions by 68 percent by 2050
<i>Business Recorder, Oct 19</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 21</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 20</i>
Oil surges 2 percent amid US storage draw		K-Electric inks deal to double national grid supply	SHC bars mining on Karoonjhar Hills
<i>Express Tribune, Oct 19</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 20</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 20</i>
Sindh, KP to pay more for Gas		SOEs: one step forward, two steps back	KU takes 'green step' towards pollution-free campus
<i>Express Tribune, Oct 19</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 20</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 20</i>
Gas subsidy proposed for exporters		KE consumers brace for Rs3.2 per unit hike	Climate-caused 'Loss and Damage': securing compensation
<i>Express Tribune, Oct 18</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Oct 20</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 20</i>
Oil prices fall as US retail sales boost fades amid Middle East uncertainty		Central Power Purchasing Agency seeks 55-paisa FCA for Discos	KU and CAC launch bicycling project for campus
<i>The News, Oct 18</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 20</i>	<i>The News, Oct 20</i>
Industrialists hail cut in fuel prices		Hydel power generation rises 13.5pc in July-Sept	Climate-finance
<i>The News, Oct 18</i>		<i>The News, Oct 20</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 19</i>

	Reduction in POL products' prices		Nepra concludes public hearing on KE power acquisition programme	Biodiversity is all inclusive of the effects of climate change
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 17</i>		<i>The News, Oct 20</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 19</i>
	After oil price cut, traders seek energy tariff reduction		Lesco's 10 officers found involved in corruption	Green Metric
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 17</i>		<i>DAWN, Oct 20</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 19</i>
	Petrol Price Relief		Pakistan's cost of power generation declines over 25% in September	Out of water
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 17</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 20</i>	<i>The News, Oct 18</i>
	Oil falls below \$90 a barrel		Clear message of no more business as usual-II	CO2 pollution expected to hit new record in 2023: researchers
	<i>The News, Oct 17</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 20</i>	<i>The News, Oct 18</i>
	Gas prices set to rise by 100pc		K-Electric reaches consensus with govt to double power supply from national grid	2,185 smoke-emitting vehicles fined
	<i>The News, Oct 17</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 20</i>	<i>The News, Oct 17</i>
	Decrease in oil prices		September FCA: CPPA-G seeks 55 paise positive adjustment in Discos' tariffs	PM to attend UN climate moot in UAE
	<i>Dawn, Oct 17</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 20</i>	<i>The News, Oct 17</i>
	Pakistan faces a long road ahead		Accessing climate finance	Family cycling event held to tackle smog
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 16</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 19</i>	<i>The News, Oct 16</i>
	Gas sector reform: beyond pricing		Capacity payments conundrum	Rapid urbanisation ruining Islamabad's habitat, ecosystem
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 16</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 19</i>	<i>The News, Oct 16</i>
	Concerns over persistent gas load shedding		Exorbitant bills	Into the flood zone
	<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 16</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Oct 18</i>	<i>The News, Oct 16</i>
	Common man finally gets some relief		JI slams KE for load-shedding	Urbanization ruining Capital's ecosystem
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 16</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Oct 18</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 16</i>

			Irked senate Panel summons NTDC BoDs	Efforts afoot to control pollution
			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 18</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 16</i>
			SC annuls PHC ruling on non-stop power supply to consumers	Chronic Air Pollution in Punjab
			<i>The News, Oct 18</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 16</i>
			Supreme Court Annuls LHC decision on FPA power bills	Women and climate change
			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 17</i>	<i>The News, Oct 16</i>
			FPA, QTA in electricity bills: SC sets aside LHC verdict	
			<i>Business Recorder, Oct 17</i>	
			Case of the missing meters	
			<i>Dawn, Oct 17</i>	
			Businesses want cut in power tariffs	
			<i>Dawn, Oct 17</i>	
			SC annuls LHC's decision on fuel price adjustment	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 16</i>	
			On the edge of a precipice	
			<i>Business Recorder, Oct 16</i>	
			Discos—a dead weight around our necks?—I	
			<i>Business Recorder, Oct 16</i>	
			Lesco official suspended, booked for power theft	
			<i>The News, Oct 16</i>	
			KE seeks another Rs3 per unit hike in quarterly adjustment	
			<i>Dawn, Oct 16</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

