






Weekly Media Monitor

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

- Amid the IMF's persistence for retrospective gas price adjustments to curb runaway circular debt, the caretaker government has planned to take a series of immediate steps.
- A report says that all coal-fired power plants built and operated by Chinese companies in Pakistan have been consistently using high-quality coal imported from other countries.
- Lucky Cement, one of Pakistan's largest cement manufacturers, announced the installation of an additional three renewable projects that would have a generation capacity of 37.6MW, in its bid to reduce reliance on imported fuel.
- Discos have sought another Rs1.83 per unit in fuel cost adjustment to squeeze Rs30bn more from consumers next month.
- The Caretaker Energy Minister says work on the Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline has already started and Pakistan's ready to fully explore the option of importing gas and oil from neighboring countries.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Despite odds, Chinese power plants make no compromise on use of high-quality imported coal in Pakistan: official	Chundrigar Road blocked against gas shortage	Loans for solar energy	Nepra approves Rs3.28/unit hike	Beyond lip service
<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 23</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 24</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 23</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 23</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 24</i>
Protest erupts over closure of mines	Petroleum dealers seek 10pc increase in margins	Money Laundering Networks Solar Power From Space Zara Hat Kay Dawn News	Pakistan's economy on edge of precipice, warns World Bank	We are causing more than 100% global warming
<i>Express Tribune, Sep 23</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 24</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 21</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 23</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 24</i>

Nepra points out use of inferior coal by Chinese plants	Work on IP gas pipeline launched	Electricity prices push affluent Pakistani households to solar power but cost remains a hurdle	Nepra allows Rs3.28 tariff hike for six months	England had 4,500 heat-related deaths during record-breaking 2022, official data show
<i>The News, Sep 22</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 23</i>	<i>The News, Sep 21</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 23</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 24</i>
Plants accused of overcharging for low-quality coal	Pakistan to engage with Iran to explore oil, gas imports	KE willing to join RE project of Saudi firm	Defaulters owe DISCOs over Rs2tr	Narrative at UNGA
<i>Express Tribune, Sep 22</i>	<i>The News, Sep 23</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 20</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 21</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 24</i>
Coal pricing mechanism: power plants, coal suppliers question Nepra's proposed revision	UFG: the elephant in the room	CORPORATE WINDOW : Mired in expensive non-renewables	TotalEnergies to invest \$300mn in JV with Adani Green Energy	SIFC's task
<i>Business Recorder, Sep 22</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 21</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 18</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 20</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 23</i>
CPEC power plants: Sinosure demands govt make payments	Change in gas prices to be announced soon: energy minister	Energy security through biofuels	European shares end flat as energy gains limit losses	Sindh CM orders improvement in flood rehabilitation efforts at Manchar Lake
<i>Business Recorder, Sep 18</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 21</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 18</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 20</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 23</i>
Utilising Thar coal	Demands accepted: Oil Tanker Contractors Association	Repositioning Pakistan	Handling the energy crisis	Climate change glossary: Terms you need to understand, explained
<i>Dawn, Sep 18</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 21</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 18</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 20</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 22</i>
	OGDC makes gas discovery in Punjab	Going green: Lucky Cement says it will install 37.6MW renewable energy projects	ECC orders check on profiteering	At UN, PM warns against 'Hindutva fascism'
	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 20</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 18</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 20</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 22</i>
	Oil tanker operators end strike		Adherence to economic adjustment programme crucial for stability: ADB	PM urges global support for developing nations on climate ambitions
	<i>Dawn, Sep 20</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Sep 20</i>	<i>The News, Sep 21</i>
	Siraj asks govt to 'reconsider' agreements with IPPs		Discos set to squeeze Rs30bn more from users	Call to create awareness about climate change impacts
	<i>Dawn, Sep 19</i>		<i>Dawn, Sep 20</i>	<i>The News, Sep 21</i>

	OGDCL discovers gas reserves in Rahim Yar Khan, Punjab		Decision on borrowing cost put off	Climate action leadership
	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 19</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Sep 20</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 21</i>
	Govt plans special gas tariff for low-income group		Energy affordability key to boosting economic growth	Climate change is a humanitarian issue
	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 19</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Sep 19</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 21</i>
	Tankers' strike disrupts petroleum supply		Finance: No room for complacency	Sunak waters down Britain's climate goals
	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 19</i>		<i>Dawn, Sep 18</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 21</i>
	IMF pressure spurs prompt actions in gas sector		TotalEnergies to evaluate \$9bn energy investment in Suriname	Climate crisis has 'opened the gates to hell', UN chief tells summit
	<i>Dawn, Sep 19</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Sep 18</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 20</i>
			Australian shares fall as financial, energy stocks drag; RBA minutes in focus	PM urges global support for developing nations on climate ambitions
			<i>Business Recorder, Sep 18</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 20</i>
			Petroleum price parity with the US	In Gilgit-Baltistan, climate change is changing how people dream
			<i>Dawn, Sep 18</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 20</i>
				British diplomat visits major universities to discuss climate change impact
				<i>Dawn, Sep 20</i>
				Climate change: Collective efforts needed to tackle challenge: governor
				<i>Business Recorder, Sep 19</i>
				UN General Assembly: End wars, focus on climate change instead: Colombia's Petro
				<i>Business Recorder, Sep 19</i>

				World leaders warn goals to fight hunger, poverty, climate change in peril
				<i>Business Recorder, Sep 19</i>
				Thousands on New York streets demanding action on climate change ahead of UNGA sessions
				<i>The News, Sep 18</i>
				Pakistan's other crisis
				<i>Dawn, Sep 18</i>
				Climate and industry
				<i>Dawn, Sep 18</i>
				US reaffirms pledge to boost Pakistan's trade competitiveness
				<i>Dawn, Sep 18</i>

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

