






# Weekly Media Monitor

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

- Pakistan's caretaker government is considering full privatisation of all 10 state-owned power distribution companies or the transfer of complete management control to private entities.
- The signed minutes of the 11th Joint Cooperation Committee of the CPEC showed that the government gave up its opposition to setting up a new imported coal-fired power plant in Gwadar and also agreed to a number of Chinese demands to address Beijing's concerns.
- The government reported the outstanding payables to the Chinese power producers at around \$1.25bn as it pleaded to charge Rs1.83 per unit additional cost from consumers in October.
- Pakistan's gas sector is facing a loss of Rs 1 billion per day while its annual loss is Rs 350 billion and the circular debt of the gas sector has reached Rs 2900 billion.
- Pakistan approved the acquisition of \$150 million in financial assistance from the World Bank for energy conservation and capacity building of its officers, continuing its policy of funding activities with foreign money despite the growing debt burden.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
<a href="#">Largest coal miner to boost output</a>	<a href="#">Petrol, HSD prices cut by Rs8, Rs11 per litre</a>	<a href="#">Sustainable energy drive powers K-P forward</a>	<a href="#">Govt expands SIFC mandate</a>	<a href="#">Tree plantation termed key to fight climate change</a>
<i>Express Tribune, Oct 1</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 1</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 28</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 1</i>	<i>The News, Oct 1</i>
<a href="#">Pakistan owes \$1.2bn to Chinese power producers</a>	<a href="#">OGRA jacks up LPG price by Rs 21 per KG for October</a>	<a href="#">Solar panel case: Further probe under way to uncover 'startling' facts</a>	<a href="#">10,000 power thieves held across country</a>	<a href="#">Where's the climate aid?</a>
<i>Dawn, Sep 28</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 30</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 1</i>	<i>The News, Oct 1</i>
<a href="#">Chinese demand drives deals at world's largest coal conf</a>	<a href="#">CCP approves two mergers; allows takeover of LNG terminal operators</a>	<a href="#">BMP assails Nepra for another power rate hike</a>	<a href="#">Govt projects 31% rise in inflation</a>	<a href="#">Impacts of urban flooding on development projects</a>
<i>Business Recorder, Sep 27</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 30</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 29</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 28</i>

<a href="#">CPEC expansion plan in doldrums</a>	<a href="#">Pipeline in stasis</a>	<a href="#">Revamping power sector with deregulation</a>	<a href="#">OGDC earns record profit of Rs224.6b</a>	<a href="#">Youth bring climate case to Europe rights court</a>
<i>Express Tribune, Sep 26</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 29</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 28</i>
<a href="#">China reluctant to include several projects in CPEC expansion plan</a>	<a href="#">World oil prices fall</a>		<a href="#">Inflation seen surging to 31pc in September</a>	<a href="#">How these young people filed case about climate change against 32 govts</a>
<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 26</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 29</i>		<i>Dawn, Sep 29</i>	<i>The News, Sep 28</i>
<a href="#">At least 16 killed in coal mine fire in SW China</a>	<a href="#">OGDC earns record profit of Rs224.6b</a>		<a href="#">Earnings of bank, energy companies surge 69pc</a>	<a href="#">Climate change: Pakistan ranked 18 out of 191 in terms of vulnerability</a>
<i>The News, Sep 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 29</i>		<i>Dawn, Sep 29</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 28</i>
<a href="#">16 killed in fire at coal mine in China</a>	<a href="#">Pakistan seeks long-term oil deal with Russia</a>		<a href="#">Govt expects surge in inflation after energy tariff hike</a>	<a href="#">Social protection through the lens of digitisation</a>
<i>Dawn, Sep 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 29</i>		<i>The News, Sep 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 27</i>
	<a href="#">Meeting with ministers sought: RLNG/gas supply and pricing need clarity: APTMA</a>		<a href="#">Electricity users to pay Rs28b more</a>	<a href="#">Girls Alliance for Climate Change formed</a>
	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 29</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Sep 28</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 26</i>
	<a href="#">Fuel prices may finally come down after two months</a>		<a href="#">Spain's inflation rises to 3.5% in Sept as energy prices soar</a>	<a href="#">Pledged flood relief</a>
	<i>Dawn, Sep 28</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Sep 28</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 26</i>
	<a href="#">Pakistan receives first shipment of LPG: Russian embassy</a>		<a href="#">JI chief calls for 'forensic audit' of IPPs</a>	<a href="#">Carbon markets</a>
	<i>The News, Sep 28</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Sep 28</i>	<i>Dawn, Sep 26</i>
	<a href="#">Geopolitical tensions mar multi-billion dollar Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline project</a>		<a href="#">Fiscal consolidation of Rs3.2tr sought</a>	<a href="#">UNGA Session: PM vociferously expresses Pakistan's views on regional, global issues</a>
	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 28</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Sep 27</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 25</i>
	<a href="#">Energy ministry ascertaining facts after Russian embassy says LPG delivered to Pakistan</a>		<a href="#">NEPRA approves upto Rs 4.45 per unit hike in power tariff for KE consumers</a>	<a href="#">Need for adopting non-austerity policies</a>
	<i>Dawn, Sep 27</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 27</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 25</i>

	<a href="#">Pakistan seeks two LNG cargoes for winter</a>		<a href="#">CPEC expansion plan in doldrums</a>	
	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 27</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Sep 26</i>	
	<a href="#">Ogra cautions against 'jumping the gun' on petroleum prices</a>		<a href="#">Govt warned of rise in rebar prices</a>	
	<i>Dawn, Sep 26</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Sep 26</i>	
	<a href="#">US natgas futures steady</a>		<a href="#">Energy tariff hike triggers significant steel price surge: PALSP</a>	
	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 26</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Sep 26</i>	
	<a href="#">Pakistan introduces eco-friendly VLSFO</a>		<a href="#">Govt mulls privatisation of 10 Discos</a>	
	<i>Express Tribune, Sep 26</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Sep 26</i>	
	<a href="#">POL products' prices: Ogra emphasises importance of avoiding speculations</a>		<a href="#">Options to cut power costs being mulled</a>	
	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 26</i>		<i>Dawn, Sep 26</i>	
	<a href="#">Gas sector's circular debt reaches Rs 2900bn</a>		<a href="#">\$150m 'energy efficiency' loan okayed</a>	
	<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 25</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Sep 26</i>	
	<a href="#">Avoid speculating prices of petroleum products, says OGRA</a>		<a href="#">Balancing the scales</a>	
	<i>Business Recorder, Sep 25</i>		<i>Dawn, Sep 25</i>	
			<a href="#">High energy prices burn steel industry</a>	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Sep 25</i>	

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