






Weekly Media Monitor

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

- Sindh's Energy Minister suggests greater reliance on coal for power generation.
- Gas consumers brace for a massive price hike.
- Pakistan is reported to owe 350 Billion US dollars to Chinese IPPs who refuse to renegotiate power purchase agreements; China's state-owned insurance company Sinosure is also reported to be reluctant to provide insurance cover to any new chinese power project in Pakistan.
- Beset by high oil prices, two thermal power plants show intent to use Thar coal for power generation.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Dirty energy <i>DAWN, Oct 15</i>	Rs34 fall in petrol price likely <i>Express tribune, Oct 14.</i>	Investment programme: ADB dispatches mission on power distribution, clean energy project <i>Business Recorder, Oct 15</i>	Loss-making DISCOs struggle to avoid privatisation <i>Express Tribune, Oct 15</i>	Imbalanced hydrological cycle <i>Express Tribune, Oct 15</i>
Why the BRI is not a danger for environment <i>Pakistan Today, Oct 15</i>	Petrol may fall below Rs300 in coming review <i>DAWN, Oct 13</i>	Students learn about getting energy from water, wind <i>Express Tribune, Oct 13</i>	Balochistan agriculture hit hard by power crisis <i>Express tribune, Oct 14</i>	Smoke-emitting vehicles banished from Lahore's roads <i>DAWN, Oct 15</i>
Two thermal plants hint at converting to Thar coal <i>Business Recorder, Oct 15</i>	Balochistan issues 10 days' deadline prior to crackdown on oil smugglers <i>Pakistan Today, Oct 11</i>	Sindh Solar Energy Project nears completion, WB team told <i>Express Tribune, Oct 13</i>	PBC floats proposals aimed at reducing power tariff <i>Business recorder, Oct 14</i>	Ministry rejects report claiming World Bank loan for flood relief in jeopardy <i>The News, October 14</i>
IEEFA lists challenges to early coal phaseout <i>Business Recorder, Oct 11</i>	Massive hike in gas tariffs now seems inevitable <i>Business Recorder, Oct 11</i>	Spain seeks trade facilitation <i>Express Tribune, Oct 10</i>	Power projects: Chinese again refuse to renegotiate PPAs <i>Business Recorder, Oct 13</i>	Pakistan among nations hit by 'out of balance' water cycle <i>DAWN, Oct 13</i>

Younus Dagha calls for 'aggressive' coal burning	Oil, gold rise on spike in Middle East tensions	Solar pumps	SEPCO operation	Markets in Lahore to shut on Wednesdays to counter smog
DAWN, Oct 11	DAWN, Oct 10	DAWN, Oct 9	PakistanToday, Oct 12	DAWN, Oct 11
Govt asked to shift injured miners to burns centre in Pindi	\$10bn refinery: PSO interacting with Bank of China/Sinopec		Employees of power sector entities: Nepra opposes free electricity, monetisation	Indus bank cleaning drive to kick off in Jamshoro
DAWN, Oct 11	Business Recorder, Oct 10		Business Recorder, Oct 11	DAWN, Oct 11
	Opec leaders make case for fossil fuels at climate event		T&D losses key challenge: KE	Amid ongoing mega projects, Lahore tops cities with worst air quality
	DAWN, Oct 9		Business Recorder, Oct 11	DAWN, Oct 10
			Powers Protestors block Torghar road	Punjab govt deliberating on weekly holiday, work from home arrangement to counter smog in Lahore
			DAWN, Oct 10	DAWN, Oct 10
			Privatization of loss making SOEs must be accelerated, directs Kakar	Climate Conference
			Pakistan Today, Oct 9.	DAWN, Oct 10
			Cheap power during winter months: Package for industry on the cards	CORPORATE WINDOW: The green potential of CPEC
			Business Recorder, Oct 9	DAWN, Oct 9

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

