






Weekly Media Monitor

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

- Discos seek NEPRA's approval for transfer of Rs 22.56 billion burden to power consumers. Discos cite factors like variation in capacity, variable operation and maintenance, additional recovery on incremental sale, use of system charges as reasons for power price hike.
- The Board of Directors (BoD) of Jamshoro Power Company Limited (JPCL) submits four exit strategies for winding up the company's generation units including selling unit-1 to K-Electric. BoD recommended the Power Division to involve expert consultants in the process and said that important decisions cannot be made without WAPDA which holds majority shares.
- NEPRA grilled the Central Power Purchasing Authority (CPPA) over faulty prioritization of expensive fuels for electricity generation instead of including the cheaper local coal. The regulator questioned CPPA over the increased financial burden on power consumers during a public hearing.
- Caretaker federal cabinet approves up to 3900 percent increase in the fixed monthly charges and 194 pc increase in consumer rates for natural gas respectively. Petroleum division has issued the new summary with approved hikes for different categories as advised by OGRA.
- Punjab Govt imposes 'Smog emergency' in pursuance of Lahore High Court orders. Wearing masks is now mandatory for students in schools and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority has banned burning crop residues.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Thar coal block electrified	Malaysia Palm oil flat on low supply concerns	WASA plans shift to solar power in phases	LHC sends 400 pleas against inflated power bills to Nepra	The Paris Agreement Goals; Retrospection before COP28
<i>The News, Nov 03</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 05</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 05</i>	<i>The News, Nov 05</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 05</i>
Coal project wins safety awards	US natgas up on record LNG exports	Denmark to help Pakistan solve energy issues	Lesco detects more power pilferers	Climate aid
<i>The News, Nov 03</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 05</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 4</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 05</i>	<i>The News, Nov 05</i>

Laborer dies in coal mine accident	It's in country's interest to proactively pursue offshore oil and gas exploration	Pact on green energy initiative inked	Nepra appellate tribunal plagued by low pay, quorum issues	Tackling smog
<i>Express Tribune, Oct 31</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 05</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 03</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 05</i>	<i>The News, Nov 05</i>
Govt urged to convert plants on coal	KSA asks Pakistan to make China Sinopec part of \$10bn green refinery project	Clean energy transition Green Tech' unveiled	SC backed NEPRA decision: KE gets nod to recover Rs3 per unit subsidy from 2019	World vegetable oil deficit likely in 2024
<i>Express Tribune, Oct 31</i>	<i>The News, Nov 05</i>	<i>The News, Nov 3</i>	<i>The News, Nov 04</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 05</i>
Chinese ambassador calls on caretaker minister for energy	Sinopec signs LNG deal with Qatar	Renewable energy requires holistic planning	Power industry calls for release of vital reports	Smog emergency
<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 31</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 05</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 02</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 4</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 05</i>
	Gas tariff hikes disastrous for industry, warn business leaders	Carbon markets	Minister urged to extend Winter Incentive Package to all industrial consumers	Climate financial tightrope
	<i>Dawn, Nov 05</i>	<i>The News, Nov 01</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 4</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 05</i>
	APTMA says supports gas, RLNG pricing reforms	Govt depts to be shifted to solar energy	Need of NSC for change in shareholding	A harmful climate debate
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 04</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 31</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 04</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 05</i>
	IMF mission told: Hike in gas tariff to help govt collect Rs980bn	Denmark's help sought for boosting renewable energy	IPP unveils ambitious agenda for economic, social reforms	Garbage recycling stuck in limbo
	<i>The News, Nov 04</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 31</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 04</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 5</i>
	Social responsibility and environment friendly initiatives	BRF injects fresh impetus into China-Pakistan cooperation	CDWP okays nine projects to attract international investment	Climate risks
	<i>The News, Nov 04</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 04</i>	<i>The News, Nov 04</i>
	Oil industry faces cash crunch as sales tax claims pile up	Turning towards e-bikes	Power distribution	Naqvi upset over India's environmental 'aggression'
	<i>The News, Nov 04</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 3</i>	<i>The News, Nov 4</i>
	North zone textile mills laud rationalized gas tariff	Solar panels worth millions recovered	Rs6592 million was recovered by HESCO during the ongoing operation against power theft in Hyderabad	Fight against climate change – a lost cause without women
	<i>The News, Nov 04</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 3</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 04</i>

Oil falls as geopolitical risk premium wanes	Navigating the shifting energy landscape	APTMA slams gas tariff hike, says exports will suffer	500 hospitalized due to smoke
<i>Dawn, Nov 04</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>	<i>The News, Nov 03</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 04</i>
Petroleum sales and some recovery?	Pakistan, China agree to fast-track Gwadar Port, ML-1 upgradation	Power outages protests bring traffic to standstill	Pakistan must adapt to climate change
<i>Business Recorder, Nov 3</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 30</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 03</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 04</i>
Oil rises 1pc after FED, BoE keeps rates steady		Nepra questions CPPA's expensive electricity choice	CM Punjab, US CG discuss smog challenge, other matters
<i>Dawn, Nov 03</i>		<i>The News, Nov 02</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 04</i>
OMCs sales jump 19pc in October		Present BoDs of Discos have to go	Lahore's struggle with smog ongoing
<i>Dawn, Nov 03</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 02</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 04</i>
Newlywed couple suffocates due to gas leak		NTDC urges NEPRA to release withheld amount	UK to work with Pakistan for improving climate resilience: high commissioner
<i>Dawn, Nov 03</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 02</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 04</i>
Reforming at gunpoint		Power tariff hike of 54 paisa per unit sought	Climate funding
<i>Dawn, Nov 02</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Nov 02</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 04</i>
OGDCL earns Rs49bn		Power disconnected to tube-wells	Smoke-emitting units to face demolition on repeat offence
<i>Dawn, Nov 02</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Nov 02</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 04</i>
ECC fails to halt cheap gas supply		LESCO team traces illegal use of over 1.7 million electricity units	Schools warned against smog laxity
<i>Express Tribune, Nov 02</i>		<i>Dawn, Nov 02</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 03</i>
Oil up 2 pc as war rages in Middle East		JPCL prepares four options for 'exit strategy'	Smog rings alarm bells for twin cities
<i>Express Tribune, Nov 02</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 1</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 03</i>
NO change to POL products' prices		FD terms proposed winter package 'vague'	Changing climate
<i>Business Recorder, Nov 02</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>	<i>The News, Nov 3</i>

	How prices of HSD, petrol kept unchanged?		NTDC gets land for Gujranwala grid station	Pakistan firm on climate change goals
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 2</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 31</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 03</i>
	Shell inks accord to sell SPL majority shareholdings		91 cases of power pilferage on 52nd day of campaign	Rally participants pledge to use bicycles for small distances
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 2</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 31</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 03</i>
	New gas tariff to be effective from November 1: clarifies PD		Power companies seek to charge Rs1.8 per unit more	UN sounds warning on health threat posed by climate change
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 1</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 31</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 03</i>
	Govt raises gas prices amid Rs2tr loss		Thermal asset portfolio: Engro eyes equity partnership with Liberty Power Tech	Plumes of smog continue to pose health hazards
	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 1</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 03</i>
	Oil edges higher		Power consumers may be burdened with Rs22.56bn	Plastic waste in rivers may carry
	<i>Dawn, Nov 01</i>		<i>The News, Oct 31</i>	<i>The News, Nov 02</i>
	Saudi firm eyes control of Shell Pakistan		Industrial power consumers: FD terms proposed winter package 'vague'	'Integrate climate change into national security policies'
	<i>Dawn, Nov 01</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>	<i>The News, Nov 02</i>
	Price of domestic LPG cylinder reduced		Energy projects sans Chinese IPPs: PPIB resubmits transition from LIBOR to 'SOFR'	An era of disasters
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 01</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>	<i>The News, Nov 02</i>
	PPL – Earnings remain lifted		Recoveries under QTA: Discos seek positive adjustment of Rs1.7 per unit	Vanishing fish
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 1</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 02</i>
	Oil rises ahead of Fed meeting as Middle East conflict persists		KWSC colony without power for 'six days'	KP minister drives green initiatives
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 01</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 2</i>

OPEC oil output rises for third month		Electricity dues	China's smog problem explained
<i>Business Recorder, Nov 01</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 02</i>
POL products' prices kept unchanged		Irregularities in Guddu thermal power station: NAB seeks details of GHCL CEO, others	\$340b needed to fight climate change
<i>Business Recorder, Nov 01</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 30</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 02</i>
LNG: Bulls coming back		KWSC colony without power for 'six days'	Joint ventures on cards for conservation of water
<i>Business Recorder, Nov 01</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 02</i>
Hike comes into effect from July: Rs65bn financial impact also added to gas tariff raise: govt		Electricity dues	Lahore still second most polluted city globally
<i>Business Recorder, Nov 01</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 02</i>
Sherry opposes hike in gas prices		Potential sectors for revenue	SEPA told to improve its performance
<i>The News, Nov 01</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Oct 30</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 02</i>
Gas companies report Rs879bn loss: Minister justifies hike in gas prices		Power planning conundrum	Lahore's air emergency
<i>The News, Nov 01</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 30</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 02</i>
Govt plans to offer a subsidy of Rs384bn to gas consumers to offset the impact of hike in gas prices: Energy minister			Punjab govt imposes 'smog emergency' after LHC order
<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 01</i>			<i>Dawn, Nov 02</i>
OGRA notifies Rs10/KG cut in LPG price for November			Curbing the poisonous indoor air pollution
<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 01</i>			<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 01</i>
Gas tariffs increased			PDMA declares smog a 'calamity' in Punjab
<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>			<i>Business Recorder, Nov 01</i>

	Hike in gas tariffs to trigger industry's closure: VATEA			Smog turns Lahore into a toxic zone
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>			<i>The News, Nov 01</i>
	After much ado, increase in gas rates approved			Climate horrors
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 31</i>			<i>The News, Nov 01</i>
	Govt okays massive hike in gas prices			Smog turns Lahore into a toxic zone
	<i>The News, Oct 31</i>			<i>The News, Nov 01</i>
	Gas prices to go through the roof			Stubble burning: Unravelling the smog crisis in Pakistan
	<i>Dawn, Oct 31</i>			<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 31</i>
	Gas tariff hike to address Pakistan's economic woes: energy minister			COP28 wide open to private sector, says climate talks chief
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 31</i>
	Rs29.8b was the profit reported by Pakistan Petroleum Ltd			Cleanliness week kicks off in Pindi
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 31</i>			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 31</i>
	WB sees lower 2024 oil price, but ME war could cause spike			Lahore continues to be ranked most polluted city
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>			<i>Dawn, Oct 31</i>
	PPL's annual general meeting held			Rooftops of world caving, says Guterres in desperate plea for climate action
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>			<i>Dawn, Oct 31</i>
	OGDCL achieves Rs413.594bn net sales revenue			Smog: Facing unsustainable management again
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 30</i>
	Cabinet okays 'unbearable' gas tariff hike			Era of global boiling
	<i>Dawn, Oct 31</i>			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 30</i>

	Rs29.8b was the profit reported by Pakistan Petroleum Ltd Rs29.8b was the profit reported by Pakistan Petroleum Ltd			Karachi's climate quandary
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 31</i>			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 30</i>
	WB sees lower 2024 oil price, but ME war could cause spike			Increasing sustainability
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>			<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
	PPL's annual general meeting held			Countries face uphill groundwork task for crucial climate talks
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 31</i>			<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
	Cabinet decision on gas tariff hike likely today			The killing air
	<i>The News, Oct 30</i>			<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
	Petrol, diesel prices may drop again as rupee strengthens			Conservation call
	<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>			<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
	No more gas circular debt buildup?			Net zero and Pakistan's energy system: no more business as usual
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 30</i>			<i>Business Recorder, Oct 30</i>
	Industrialists reject hike in gas tariff			The incomparable role of trees
	<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>			<i>The News, Oct 30</i>
	KPTMA seeks relief for industry			Pak districts to face growing aridity
	<i>The News, Oct 30</i>			<i>The News, Oct 30</i>
	Gas shortage			PHA developing more green areas
	<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 30</i>			<i>The News, Oct 30</i>
	PPRA grants SLL exemption			1.5C goal on line as countries gear up for UAE climate talks
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 30</i>			<i>The News, Oct 30</i>

	Gas tariff hike to doom economy: expert			Earth under siege
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 30</i>			<i>The News, Oct 30</i>
	Small traders oppose hike in gas tariffs			Smog: Facing unsustainable management again
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 30</i>			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 30</i>
				Era of global boiling
				<i>Express Tribune, Oct 30</i>
				Karachi's climate quandary
				<i>Express Tribune, Oct 30</i>
				Increasing sustainability
				<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
				SDGs awareness walk held
				<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
				Countries face uphill groundwork task for crucial climate talks
				<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
				Swat students ask visitors to keep tourist spots clean
				<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
				The killing air
				<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
				Conservation call
				<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>
				Lahore becomes world's most polluted city with worst air quality
				<i>Dawn, Oct 30</i>

				Smog: Facing unsustainable management again
				<i>Express Tribune, Oct 30</i>
				Smog chokes Lahore
				<i>The News, Oct 30</i>

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

