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

- The World Bank funded Sindh solar energy project is facing delays in implementation due to 23% disbursement of the total \$100 million. The project closing date has been extended to July 21, 2025 as bidding for component-1 of the project comes close.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is dissatisfied over the government's failure to biannually notify revised gas prices - a mechanism suggested by the lending body to curtail gas sector circular debt. The government justified the massive increase in gas tariff that will yield Rs 980 billion revenue in just eight months.
- Twelve wind power projects in the Thatta district of Sindh, with an installed capacity of 610 megawatts, have been connected to the national grid. The project, which is part of the CPEC, has created 20,000 jobs and will curtail around 2-million-tonne carbon emissions.
- K-Electric is advancing a strategic renewable energy plan to add 640 MWs of renewable capacity that will reshape Karachi's power landscape. KE's four proposals in this regard are in line with NEPRA's competitive bidding regulations.
- Though Pakistan did well with fiscal consolidation to meet the IMF conditions for nine months stand-by arrangement (SBA), experts say the next IMF program will not be a walk in the park for Pakistan.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
	PSO keen on OGDCL, Mari Petroleum shares <i>Express Tribune, Nov 12</i>	Eco-friendly stoves to control smog <i>Express Tribune, Nov 12</i>	IMF talks put rupee on the edge <i>The News, Nov 12</i>	Cost of bad air <i>The News, Nov 12</i>
	Lesco displays names of power 'pilferers' <i>Business Recorder, Nov 12</i>	Wind power projects in Thatta come online <i>Express Tribune, Nov 12</i>	Lesco displays names of power 'pilferers' <i>Business Recorder, Nov 12</i>	Impact of global warming & climate change on Pakistan <i>Dawn, Nov 12</i>

	Oil prices up as Iraq backs more output cuts from OPEC+	EzBike launches battery swap network	Pakistan seeks \$600m from Chinese banks	CM for joint efforts to combat smog
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 12</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 10</i>	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>
	Manufacturers protest gas tariff hike	World Bank -funded Sindh solar energy project still faces delay	End loadshedding	COP28: Pakistan's narrative
	<i>Dawn, Nov 12</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 09</i>	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>
	Oil exploration - Editorials - Business Recorder	First EV showroom launched	ECC okays hike in quarterly tariff adjustments for KE	Smog lockdown: Punjab CM takes notice after traders allege 'force market closure'
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 12</i>	<i>The News, Nov 09</i>	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>The News, Nov 10</i>
	Gas shortage hits Pindiites hard as winter sets in	Electric bikes gain traction	Lesco detects 175 more power pilferers	Fight against smog
	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 08</i>	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>The News, Nov 10</i>
	Oil recovers 2 percent from lows, but faces third weekly loss on demand slump	Award-winning power solution from Pakistan shines at CIIE	Turkmenistan pushes for FIPPA protection of TAPI gas pipeline investment	'Integrate climate change into national security policies'
	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 08</i>	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>The News, Nov 09</i>
	Iran's expanding oil trade with top buyer China	Workshop on sustainable buildings attracts stakeholders	Govt debt shrinks by most in a decade as rupee strengthens	Minister for expediting climate-resilient projects
	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>The News, Nov 07</i>	<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 09,</i>
	SCCI demands action against sale of smuggled Iranian oil at dabba station		Rupee falls for 14th day against dollar	Carbon tax to tackle climate change
	<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 11</i>		<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 09</i>
	SNGPL faces liquidity crisis of Rs176bn outstanding dues, appeals for urgent action		Rs1.70 per unit hike on cards in KE tariff	Govt ready to rollout policy draft for carbon credits trading
	<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 11</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Nov 11</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 09</i>
	TAPI vital despite India's disinterest: Kakar		Industrialists demand withdrawal of raise in gas, power tariffs	Community engagement stressed for environment challenges
	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 11</i>		<i>The News, Nov 11</i>	<i>The News, Nov 09</i>

	Rs176bn receivables create liquidity issue for SNGPL		TAPI project: Turkmenistan seeks US nod for relaxation of Kabul sanctions?	What will remain open during smog holidays in Punjab?
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 11</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 11</i>	<i>The News, Nov 09</i>
	Price hikes		Inflated bills	Immutable air pollution chokes K-P
	<i>The News, Nov 10</i>		<i>The News, Nov 10,</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 08</i>
	Oil set for third weekly decline as demand worries weigh		Pakistan plans electricity export to Central Asian states	Climate change: reducing emissions isn't enough, world needs to decarbonise as well, says Zoe Lofgren
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 10</i>		<i>The News, Nov 10</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 07</i>
	Global LNG: Asia spot LNG prices fall amid full inventories, mild weather		Lesco drive against power theft enters 62nd day	\$3bn projects approved for flood-hit areas
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 10</i>		<i>Dawn, Nov 10</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 6</i>
	Despite India's lack of interest, Pakistan focused on benefitting from TAPI: Kakar		WAPDA chairman visits Mohmand Dam project	Lives, uplift gains lost due to climate crisis: UN
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 10</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Nov 09</i>	<i>Dawn, Nov 6</i>
	RLNG, Ogra-prescribed gas prices: Provinces required to pay differential for urea production		Brent oil hovers above \$80 after this week's downward spiral	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 10</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 09</i>	
	Gas tariffs: Are 'fixed charges' legal?		CPEC project to become a reality very soon: minister	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 10</i>		<i>The News, Nov 09</i>	
	Hiked gas tariff announced by Ogra		Rs73.4bn irregularities found in Pesco 2021-22 audit	
	<i>The News, Nov 09</i>		<i>The News, Nov 09</i>	
	29th ATC, Exhibition of Oil & Gas Companies concludes		Discos allowed to charge additional Rs0.4/unit in November bills	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 09</i>		<i>The News, Nov 09</i>	

	Ban on LPG in public transport ignored		NTDC says 'brain drain' exacting a toll on network operations	
	<i>Express Tribune, Nov 09</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 09</i>	
	Russia cuts gasoline, diesel output in October		lesco recovers over Rs560m during campaign	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 09</i>		<i>Dawn, Nov 08</i>	
	Discos' infrastructure needs		Experts call for power sector reforms	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 08</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Nov 07</i>	
	OGDC in 1QFY24		Need stressed for reducing cost of power production, ending uniform tariff policy	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 08</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 07</i>	
	Oil, gas: 70pc area remains unexplored		Privatization: tread the path with care	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 08</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 07</i>	
	Oil sputters near three-month lows as demand concerns mount		Rupee falls further amid smooth talks with IMF	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 08</i>		<i>Dawn, Nov 07</i>	
	Ogra takes action against substandard LPG cylinder manufacturing		Foreign funding in Pakistan	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 08</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 07</i>	
	KP industrialists demand withdrawal of gas, power tariff hike		Cabinet likely to discuss factors assisting privatization	
	<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 08</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 07</i>	
	IMF not happy over failure to notify revised gas tariff		Centre doubts ability of provinces to run Discos credibly	
	<i>The News, Nov 08</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 07</i>	
	OGRA swoops on illegal LPG cylinder manufacturers; seals four units		10 arrested, 38 booked for power theft	
	<i>Pakistan Today, Nov 07</i>		<i>The News, Nov 07,</i>	

	Chevron eyes fuel storage in Pakistan for local and foreign trade		Findings of US-based research lab: Pakistan is third largest beneficiary of Chinese uplift funding in world	
	<i>The News, Nov 07</i>		<i>The News, Nov 07</i>	
	Mari Petroleum Company Limited		Pakistan suffering Rs8 trillion in tax loss each year due to illicit trade	
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov7,</i>		<i>The News, Nov 07</i>	
	Oil rises on supply cuts		Power theft detected at Bheer Village	
	<i>Dawn, Nov 07</i>		<i>The News, Nov 06,</i>	
	Entering the carbon market		Next IMF programme is not going to be easy	
	<i>The News, Nov 06</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Nov 6</i>	
	Local refineries upgrade: Inclusion of termination, force majeure clauses in IAs sought			
	<i>The News, Nov 06</i>			
	Oil up 1.5% as Saudi Arabia and Russia stick to supply cuts			
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 06</i>			
	Saudi Arabia keeps Dec Arab Light crude oil price to Asia steady from Nov			
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 06</i>			
	Russian oil price for India eased in September vs Aug			
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 06</i>			
	Gas price hike: work doesn't end here			
	<i>Business Recorder, Nov 06</i>			

	The changing global oil equation			
	<i>Dawn, Nov 06</i>			
	Govt plans to increase strategic petroleum reserves as tensions grow in Middle East			
	<i>The News, Nov 05</i>			

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