

## Weekly Media Monitor

## December 25th - 31st, 2023

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

- Pakistan Customs detects money laundering worth 16 billion rupees under the guise of solar panel imports, building upon previous investigations concerning illicit financial activities related to the same imports.
- ⇒ Power consumers in Pakistan are expected to face a significant per unit increase of 4.66 rupees in their January 2024 electricity bills because of increase in the prices of fuel used in power generation.
- The government signs new Power Purchase Agreements(PPAs) with Chinese power procedures to ensure that they are not be fined for failing to supply electricity due to unavailability of fuel.
- The government allocates a subsidy of 200 billion rupees to the power sector in an effort to reduce circular debt.

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Coal	Oil & Gas	Renewable Energy	Energy & Finance	Climate Change
Coal procurement process: Lucky Commodities lodges complaint with minister	Gas shortage	Solar panel imports: PCA South uncovers another money laundering offence	Hydroelectric power boosts by 7pc	Experts urge holistic approach to climate crisis
Business Recorder, Dec 30	The News, Dec 31	Business Recorder, Dec 29	Express Tribune, Dec 31	Express Tribune, Dec 29
	US natural gas prices dip	China's Xiaomi unveils first electric car, plans to become top automaker	How to make a budget transparent	Environment friendly
	Business Recorder, Dec 31	Business Recorder, Dec 28	Dawn, Dec 31	The News, Dec 28
	Four people burn to death	Nestle sets the way	'Exchange rate stability doubtful in CY24'	Climate affects global cotton production
	Dawn, Dec 30	Business Recorder, Dec 28	Dawn, Dec 31	Dawn, Dec 27

Senate panel wants LNG imports by private parties	Quetta to get 25 new green buses	Generating more units: Wapda helps exchequer save Rs106bn	Climate injustice
Dawn, Dec 30	Express Tribune, Dec 26	Business Recorder, Dec 31	Express Tribune, Dec 26
Doom and gloom	Promotion of electric bikes in full throttle	Power producers:  CPPA-G makes payments prior to year end	Who is responsible for climate refugees? Part - II
The News, Dec 30	Express Tribune, Dec 25	Business Recorder, Dec 31	The News, Dec 26
Oil prices set to end year 10pc lower	Hydel development and green hydrogen	SBP launches 'Sunwai'  portal for customer  complaints against banks	At COP28, Pakistan_ emphasizes fair, inclusive approach
Business Recorder, Dec 30	Dawn, Dec 25	Pakistan Today, Dec 30	Pakistan Today, Dec 25
More LNG import advocated	CORPORATE WINDOW: The rich eye EVs, HEVs	Political uncertainty impacted GDP contraction and inflation challenges in FY23, says SBP Governor	Who is responsible for climate refugees
Express Tribune, Dec 30	Dawn, Dec 25	Pakistan Today, Dec 30	The News, Dec 25
No gas for industries, CNG stations for 48 hours: SSGC		The World Bank says it all	
Business Recorder, Dec 30		Business Recorder, Dec 30	
Oil prices drift lower		SBP report keeps GDP growth projection at 2-3%	
Business Recorder, Dec 29		Express Tribune, Dec 30	
Industrialists demand uninterrupted gas supply to production units		Inflation surges again, reaches record highs	
Pakistan Today, Dec 29		Express Tribune, Dec 30	
US natural gas futures climb		Miseries of energy consumers continue to mount	
Business Recorder, Dec 29		Express Tribune, Dec 30	
Oil prices set to end year 10% lower as demand concerns snap winning streak		'Daducha Dam heading_ towards swift completion'	
Business Recorder, Dec 29		Express Tribune, Dec 30	

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HCSTSI urges PM to solve gas shortages issue of industry	Govt injects Rs200b subsidy to tackle power sector circular debt woes
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Iran lowers January light crude price to Asia	CPEC further strengthens Pak-China ties: Alvi
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Iran says oil exports at \$26.4bn in past nine months	CDWP approves 4 projects worth Rs11.15bn
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	SBP sets mechanism for ITM facility in importing input goods	
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	Finance Ministry forecasts decline in inflation to 24-25% in January	
	Pakistan Today, Dec 28	
	Rupee to range between 297 and 321 per dollar by June-end	
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