






Weekly Media Monitor

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

- K-Electric Limited (KE) and Hub Power Company Limited (HUBCO) sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore the possibility of converting the latter's oil-based power plant located in Balochistan's southeastern town, Hub, to coal mined from Thar and supply the electricity thus produced to Karachi.
- The federal cabinet rejects a plan presented by the federal power division to block passports and computerized national identity cards of those who have defaulted on their electricity bills. The cabinet sees the plan as a diversion from addressing the root causes of financial challenges being faced by electricity distribution companies (Discos).
- The federal government is set to increase the price of natural gas by up to 41 percent in the next 15 days in order to meet a condition set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that aims at bringing down the energy sector's circular debt.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Impact on cement sector as coal prices reach pre-pandemic lows	CCI may allow companies to sell 50pc gas to private sector	China tops renewable energy growth index, Pakistan to achieve 30% renewable energy target	Lesco recovers over Rs2.16b from 73,612 defaulters	People of the Indus: Portraits from a changing river
<i>Pakistan Today, Jan 25</i>	<i>The News, Jan 28</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Jan 28</i>	<i>The News, Jan 28</i>	<i>Dawn, Jan 28</i>
KE, HUBCO sign MoU for Thar coal power	Petrol, diesel prices may go up by Rs9 per litre	SAU, Canadian 'Hoopo' sign MoU on survey on carbon-neutral villages	Power subsidy	Over 17,000 hectares destroyed in Colombia forest fires
<i>The News, Jan 24</i>	<i>Dawn, Jan 27</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Jan 28</i>	<i>The News, Jan 28</i>	<i>The News, Jan 28</i>
Pakistan turns to sea-borne coal as Afghan high cost imports dry up	REUP to double crude processing capacity within five years: PRL	MoU signed on providing solar panels to 7,000 PEF schools	Lucky Cement profit doubles on higher revenue	Govt mulls urea price hike, voucher subsidy amid gas crunch
<i>The News, Jan 23</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Jan 27</i>	<i>The News, Jan 27</i>	<i>The News, Jan 27</i>	<i>The News, Jan 28</i>

Russia, UAE pledge \$1bn investment in railway	Oil rises 2pc on falling US crude stock	PDP for introducing energy-saving technologies in rural areas	Stocks fall as energy sector suffers from debt plan doubts	Govt mulls urea price hike, voucher subsidy amid gas crunch
<i>Express Tribune, Jan 23</i>	<i>Dawn, Jan 26</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Jan 26</i>	<i>The News, Jan 26</i>	<i>The News, Jan 28</i>
	‘Essential maintenance’: Attock Refinery announces month-long shutdown of some units	‘Govt’s clear direction a must for renewable energy transition’	Criticality of power tariff cut highlighted	Black carbon challenge, game-changing solutions
	<i>Business Recorder, Jan 26</i>	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Jan 26</i>	<i>The News, Jan 28</i>
	OMAP urges OGRA to boost safety oversight in oil and gas industry	Renewable energy should be priority of new govt	FBATI welcomes power tariff cut	UHE hosts exhibition of eco-friendly vehicles
	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>	<i>The News, Jan 28</i>
	Cabinet body set to okay brownfield refinery policy with tweaks		Pakistan to share circular debt plan with IMF today	Need stressed to tackle climate change issues
	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>		<i>The News, Jan 25</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Jan 27</i>
	Sale of LPG at exorbitant rates adds to public woes		BQATI lauds caretaker for tariff cut	NESPAK secures five projects, signs two LTAs with UNOPS aims at achieving UN’s 2030 SDGs
	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>		<i>The News, Jan 25</i>	<i>Business recorder, Jan 27</i>
	Fuel prices set to rise as Middle East crisis boosts oil		Kakar urges action against circular debt	Ordinance soon to restructure IRSA
	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Jan 25</i>	<i>The News, Jan 27</i>
	Stocks gain on oil boost, circular debt hopes		Industries cheer power cut plan	Climate change behind extreme Amazon drought: study
	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>		<i>The News, Jan 24</i>	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>
	SSGCL halts industrial gas		SBP likely to hold key rate steady as IMF warns of inflationary risks	Punjab defies dry spell, expects 13pc rise in wheat output
	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>		<i>The News, Jan 24</i>	<i>The News, Jan 25</i>
	Two-day gas suspension		JI slams Nepra decision to extend KE licence by 20 years	Rainfall to dispel drought fears, smog
	<i>Dawn, Jan 25</i>		<i>The News, Jan 24</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Jan 25</i>

PSO faces acute liquidity crisis as Rs853bn receivables remain unpaid		Cabinet rejects plan to reduce Rs589bn loss estimated to be incurred by Discos in FY24	PDMA forecasts rain in Punjab
<i>The News, Jan 25</i>		<i>The News, Jan 24</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Jan 25</i>
OGDCL announces oil discovery at Sono-9 well in Hyderabad		PTEA seeks govt's intervention for restoration of competitive energy tariff	Snowless winter depriving northern Pakistan of economic lifeline
<i>Business Recorder, Jan 24</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Jan 24</i>	<i>The News, Jan 24</i>
Govt plans up to 41pc gas price hike amid IMF loan conditions		Shanghai Electric extends deadline for K-Electric deal by 90 days	Alvi for use of modern farm technology to combat climate change
<i>Pakistan Today, Jan 24</i>		<i>The News, Jan 23</i>	<i>The News, Jan 24</i>
Govt executes petroleum concession agreement, exploration licences with E&Ps		K-Electric, SAP team up	Air pollution
<i>Business Recorder, Jan 24</i>		<i>The News, Jan 23</i>	<i>The News, Jan 23</i>
Suspension in gas supply irks consumers		APTMA calls for swift implementation of power tariff reduction plan to revive exports	Climate summit underscores US support for Pakistan's economy
<i>The News, Jan 23</i>		<i>The News, Jan 23</i>	<i>The News, Jan 23</i>
Rawalpindi city relies heavily on gas cylinders		Two Lesco officials suspended over facilitating power theft	Dry spell, lack of snowfall causing negative impact on fisheries: expert
<i>The News, Jan 23</i>		<i>The News, Jan 23</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Jan 22</i>
OGDCL tests new oil well		CEO FESCO for providing excellent services to consumers	HTVs using diesel termed primary contributors to smoke emissions
<i>The News, Jan 23</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Jan 23</i>	<i>The News, Jan 22</i>
Under IMF radar: FBR declines \$50m tax exemption for TAPI gas project		KE asked to increase public facilitation capacity	Fog paralyses twin cities
<i>The News, Jan 23</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Jan 23</i>	<i>The News, Jan 22</i>
PPL funded WVTC commences operations in Punjab		Shanghai Electric Power extends deadline to acquire K-Electric by 90 days	Unsafe to drink
<i>Business Recorder, Jan 23</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Jan 22</i>	<i>The News, Jan 22</i>

Oil markets on edge		UAE ADNOC boosts budget allocation for decarbonization projects to \$23bn	Prolonged dry spell puts Rawalpindi's water supply at risk
<i>Dawn, Jan 22</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Jan 22</i>	<i>Dawn, Jan 22</i>
Govt to persuade KSA, Sinopec to materialise \$10bn green refinery project		APTMA calls for urgent removal of power tariff cross-subsidy	
<i>The News, Jan 22</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Jan 22</i>	
Oil creeps higher as geopolitics outweigh demand concerns		Lesco detects 429 power pilferers during last 24 hours	
<i>Business Recorder, Jan 22</i>		<i>The News, Jan 22</i>	
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		<i>Business Recorder, Jan 22</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

