



Weekly Media Monitor

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

- National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) directs distribution companies (Discos) and K-Electric to address meter reading delays and errors and rectify overbilling complaints by consumers. The directive has been issued after the failure of Discos and K-Electric to satisfactorily address the problems raised in an inquiry report prepared by Nepra.
- Central Power Purchasing Authority (CPPA) raises electricity costs by 96 percent as fuel cost adjustment charges. The raise is being attributed to decline in hydroelectric power generation and line losses.
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government launches an investigation into an alleged fraud in the bidding process by the Pakhtumkhwa Energy Development Organization (PEDO) for the construction of 880-megawatt Gabral Kalam hydropower project valued at 40 billion rupees.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Jamshoro Power Plant faces technical, environmental hurdles in coal switch: experts <i>The News, Feb 25</i>	Qatar to boost gas output with new mega field expansion: minister <i>Business Recorder, Feb 25</i>	Sazgar-GWM launch ORA 3 EV in Pakistan <i>Express Tribune, Feb 23</i>	Nepra orders probe into Discos' affairs <i>The News, Feb 24</i>	Tree plantation drive launched <i>The News, Feb 25</i>
'Pakistan can't give up coal power plants early' <i>Express Tribune, Feb 23</i>	Refineries to enjoy 10% tariff protection <i>Express Tribune, Feb 25</i>	Electricity through renewable energy: HCCI President criticizes govt for its incompetence <i>Business Recorder, Feb 20</i>	Overbilling scams: Nepra issues directives to Discos, K-Electric <i>The News, Feb 24</i>	'One person, one tree' drive launched in UoP <i>The News, Feb 24</i>
'Pakistan can't afford early retirement of coal power plants' <i>The News, Feb 22</i>	Oil prices dip as Fed hints at delayed rate cuts <i>Express Tribune, Feb 25</i>	Solar firms say raising finances for projects 'most difficult' <i>Business Recorder, Feb 20</i>	NEPRA issues directive to Discos, KE over excessive billing <i>Pakistan Today, Feb 24</i>	Climate Justice <i>The News, Feb 23</i>

Oil refining policy offering incentives notified after cabinet nod	Chinese EV giant BYD launches new plug-in hybrid sedan with lower starting price	Businessmen fear hefty job losses	‘Climate change impact unfairly burdens women’
<i>The News, Feb 25</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 24</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 23</i>
Gulf Oil enters Pakistan market with OTO partnership		Power exercise: Very costly	WFP seeks long-term climate resilience in Pakistan
<i>The News, Feb 25</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 23</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 23</i>
Energyico eyes \$1 billion refinery overhaul, negotiates to end Rs47.5 billion levy row		Jul-Jan power sector circular debt soars to Rs2.635trn	Art exhibit held on climate change
<i>The News, Feb 24</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 23</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 22</i>
CCoE okays 80-km pipeline from Gwadar to Iran border		Power tariffs: digging a deep hole	Senate body on Climate Change reviews progress in Climate Action Plan
<i>The News, Feb 24</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 23</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Feb 22</i>
Global lubricant giant Gulf Oil enters Pakistan		Will the power sector ever deliver?—II	Sustainable growth termed ‘a must’ for stable economy
<i>Business Recorder, Feb 24</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 23</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>
SNGPL notifies resumption of new gas connection installation		Alleged fraud taints Gabral-Kalam Hydropower Project award	Nestlé starts urban forests plantation of 50,000 trees
<i>The News, Feb 23</i>		<i>The News, Feb 23</i>	<i>The News, Feb 22</i>
How to cope with inflated gas and electricity bills		Will the power sector ever deliver?—I	WFP supported over 180,000 flood-hit people in seven districts of Sindh in 2023
<i>Express Tribune, Feb 23</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>	<i>The News, Feb 22</i>
FCCI for completing IP gas pipeline on priority basis		FPCCI demands supply of power at the rate of 9 cents/kWh	EU CO2 rules boost farmers, annoy environment activists
<i>Business Recorder, Feb 23</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 21</i>
Oil set for weekly decline with Fed in no rush to cut interest rates		Businessman urges incoming govt to address circular debt issue	World needs ‘trillions’ for climate action: COP28
<i>Business Recorder, Feb 23</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 21</i>
India Reliance’s Jan Russian oil imports up 48% m/m		Industrial power tariffs: High energy costs causing decline in power consumption: APTMA	Wildlife population dwindles in Chakwal
<i>Business Recorder, Feb 23</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 20</i>

	Global LNG: Asia spot prices hit near three-year lows as weak demand weighs		FCCI for provision of energy at 'regionally competitive' rates	It's their home too
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 23</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>	<i>The News, Feb 19</i>
	UAE stock markets fall on weak oil prices		Rs7.13 per unit power tariff hike in the offing	Better, greener future!
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 23</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Feb 21</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>
	Fertilizer gas pricing: myopic approach to have long-term repercussions		Power Division claims circular debt frozen at Rs2.310tr	
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Feb 21</i>	
	Palm falls on weaker rival oils in Dalian and Chicago		Power generation drops 2.4% in Jan amid rising fuel costs	
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Feb 21</i>	
	Oil rises on softer dollar, shipping attack		Blow to consumers as Discos seek Rs7.131/unit hike for March	
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>		<i>The News, Feb 21</i>	
	US says LNG pause will not impact relations with allies		Award of contracts for 765kV line from Dasu to Islamabad cleared	
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 22</i>		<i>The News, Feb 21</i>	
	Govt restructures gas priority for industrial growth		Electricity bills to surge with record fuel cost adjustment	
	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 22</i>		<i>Dawn, Feb 21</i>	
	Edible oil, sugar imports drop		'Anti-power pilferage drive': Staggering Rs85b recovered till Dec 2023	
	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 22</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Feb 20</i>	
	Govt okays RLNG supply to new domestic consumers		Higher power tariffs affecting industry	
	<i>The News, Feb 22</i>		<i>The News, Feb 20</i>	
	Refinery seeks settlement deal with govt over Rs47.5bn unpaid petroleum levy		CCP approves investment of Korean company in hydropower sector	
	<i>The News, Feb 22</i>		<i>The News, Feb 20</i>	
	Gas hike		Pakistan's power generation cost sees 23% jump, generation dips in January	
	<i>The News, Feb 21</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 20</i>	

	OGDCL agrees to pay Rs12.6bn royalty to Balochistan govt		Increase in prices of energy, petrol termed disaster for industry	
	<i>The News, Feb 21</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 20</i>	
	Gas tariffs: No protection for protected		HUBC - earnings continue to rise	
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 21</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 20</i>	
	Palm oil tracks rival oils higher, reverses previous session's losses		FPCCI president opposes frequent hikes in energy prices	
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 21</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>	
	Oil steady as investors weigh US rate cut outlook with Middle East tensions		HCSTSI president expresses concern over power price hike	
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 21</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>	
	OGDCL agrees to pay Rs12.6bn royalty to Balochistan		CCP approves merger of Korean firm with Mira Power	
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 21</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>	
	Engro Fertilizers welcomes gas tariff revision		Opposition to plans	
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 21</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>	
	Palm oil tracks Dalian rivals higher, extends gains to second day			
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 20</i>			
	Philippines' First Gen seeks LNG cargo for March delivery			
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 20</i>			
	Oil dips as questions remain around demand			
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 20</i>			
	Work on IP pipeline to begin in Pakistan			
	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 20</i>			
	Industries at risk as energy costs surge			
	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 20</i>			
	POL imports decline 12.06%			
	<i>Express Tribune, Feb 20</i>			

	IP gas pipeline project: Pakistan to lay 81-km pipeline from Gwadar to Iranian border			
	<i>The News, Feb 19</i>			
	SIFC okays new gas allocation merit order			
	<i>The News, Feb 19</i>			
	Gas Price Hike			
	<i>The News, Feb 19</i>			
	Hike in gas tariffs: an analysis			
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>			
	Palm snaps two sessions of losses on stronger rival vegetable oils			
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>			
	UAE's Fujairah January marine bunker sales rise to five-month highs			
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>			
	OGDCL discovers 'significant' hydrocarbon reserves in Sindh			
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>			
	Oil steadies as demand jitters counter Middle East conflict			
	<i>Business Recorder, Feb 19</i>			

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

