

Weekly Media Monitor

March 18th - 24th, 2024

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

- Aga Khan University and Gul Ahmed Textile pledge to install solar systems of 3.3 megawatts and 17.1 megawatts respectively to meet their energy needs.
- Power distribution companies (Discos) request the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to allow them to recover 967 billion rupees from electricity consumers through fuel adjustment charges.
- The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) seeks a 147 percent increase in gas prices, citing 189 billion rupees in revenue shortfall.
- Coal mine explosion in Zardalo village in Balochistan leaves 12 dead.
- Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar urges world leaders at the first nuclear energy summit organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the provision of nuclear infrastructure to developing countries to boost clean energy production.

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Coal	Oil & Gas	Renewable Energy	Energy & Finance	Climate Change
Three coal miners kidnapped in Duki	SNGPL seeks another hike in gas tariff, 3rd time in a year	Country urged to adopt renewable energy to fight climate change impacts	PRs alters 16,535 electric meters of residential colonies to DISCOs, KE	China to enhance international cooperation in tackling climate change
Dawn, Mar 24	Pakistan Today, Mar 24	The News, Mar 24	Pakistan Today, Mar 24	Pakistan Today, Mar 24
'Draft policy to be made on production of Liquid Gas from Thar coal'	Gas crisis looms as \$1bn diverted to domestic sector	Minister for using e-bikes, bicycle to combat smog	Ministers discuss privatisation of energy sector	'Global warming to raise food prices'
Business Recorder, Mar 23	Express Tribune, Mar 24	The News, Mar 23	The News, Mar 23	Dawn, Mar 24
<u>Unsafe coalmines</u>	Oil executives talk down rapid shift to green energy as profits boom	45 wind, solar energy projects awaiting approval under competitive bidding, CM told	US, Pakistan discuss energy collaboration	World Earth Hour observed by switching off lights for an hour
Business Recorder, Mar 23	The News, Mar 24	The News, Mar 23	The News, Mar 23	The News, Mar 24
Death traps	Oil sector seeks urgent LC limit hike to avert industry collapse	Gul Ahmed Textile to install 17.1MW rooftop solar plant	Two lending agreements on hydropower projects signed with SFD	Resilient Sindh
Dawn, Mar 22	The News, Mar 24	Pakistan Today, Mar 21	Business Recorder, Mar 23	Dawn, Mar 23

<u>Death mines</u>	Govt to offer OGDCL shares to Gulf investors	Railways to harness solar power, eyes Rs1bn annual savings	Boards of Discos: Power Division fails to discourage 'conflict of interest'	Global warming to raise food prices, inflation: study
Express Tribune, Mar 22	Express Tribune, Mar 24	Pakistan Today, Mar 21	Business Recorder, Mar 23	Business Recorder, Mar 23
Mining safety	Govt to offer OGDCL shares to Gulf investors	Railways to harness solar power, eyes Rs1bn annual savings	IMF proposes reviving 18% GST on petrol	Climate change and rural income disparities
The News, Mar 22	Express Tribune, Mar 24	Pakistan Today, Mar 21	Express Tribune, Mar 23	Business Recorder, Mar 23
12 coalminers die in Balochistan gas explosion	OGDCL reviews ESG policy progress	Nasir unveils plan to provide solar power to 500,000 households	Pakistan to get \$107m SFD loan for two hydro projects	Leaders tout nuclear power as climate tool at Brussels summit
Pakistan Today, Mar 20	The News, Mar 24	The News, Mar 21	Express Tribune, Mar 23	Business Recorder, Mar 22
18 workers trapped in mine after explosion in Balochistan's Zardalo	Refineries mull import delays as diesel demand dips	Solar panel prices	Consumers brace for surge in tariff as Discos pursue Rs967bn revenue requirement	Whither health and environment?
Dawn, Mar 20	The News, Mar 23	Pakistan Today, Mar 20	The News, Mar 22	Dawn, Mar 22
China 2024 coal output seen about 1% higher, industry group says	PM orders financial audit of state gas companies	Chashma Sugar Mills to set up ethanol manufacturing facility	Lesco recovers over Rs7.60m from 379 habitual defaulters	CM appeals to citizens to join plantation campaign
Business Recorder, Mar 20	The News, Mar 23	Business Recorder, Mar 19	The News, Mar 22	Express Tribune, Mar 22
12 miners killed in Harnai coal pit blast	US may hinder Pak-Iran gas pipeline project, fears Iran envoy	EVs — toys for the rich?	Power generation: Paying more for less	Dar touts nuclear power as sustainable climate tool
Express Tribune, Mar 20	The News, Mar 23	Dawn, Mar 18	Business Recorder, Mar 22	Express Tribune, Mar 22
China's Jan-Feb coal output slips 4% on high stockpiles, weak price forecasts	Oil prices slip	NTDC to acquire land for construction of solar power projects	Punjab Assembly admin indifferent to expensive electricity as lights remain switched on all day	Maryam launches 'Plant for Pakistan' campaign to turn Punjab green
Business Recorder, Mar 18	Dawn, Mar 23	The News, Mar 18	Pakistan Today, Mar 22	The News, Mar 22
	Oil industry seeks increase in margins	AKU to install 3.3MW solar system as part of its decarbonisation plan	Dr Musadik, US Ambassador reaffirm commitment to achieving shared energy goals	Pakistan loses \$4bn annually due to climate change, says TIP report
	Dawn, Mar 23	The News, Mar 18	Pakistan Today, Mar 22	The News, Mar 22
	Pipeline under fire	No takers?	Six Discos file petitions for Rs5 tariff hike to recover Rs750bn	Aizaz Dar to head climate change division
	Dawn, Mar 23	Pakistan Today, Mar 18	Pakistan Today, Mar 22	The News, Mar 22
	US urged Ukraine to halt strikes on Russian energy infrastructure, FT reports		Nationwide crackdown_ launched against electricity, gas theft	Int'l Day of Forests marked
	Express Tribune, Mar 23		Pakistan Today, Mar 22	The News, Mar 22

Oil steady as Gaza ceasefire talks gain traction	Interior minister orders crackdown on power, gas thieves	Govt pushes for climate financing at UN
Business Recorder, Mar 22	Dawn, Mar 22	Express Tribune, Mar 21
Global LNG: Asia spot LNG gains on supply concerns, steady demand	Power consumers brace for tariff surge	UN warns 2024 to be hottest year on record, climate change accelerates
Business Recorder, Mar 22	Express Tribune, Mar 22	Pakistan Today, Mar 20
MQM-P delegation meets SSGC MD	Industrialists push for govt action on energy	Planet 'on the brink', with new heat records likely in 2024: UN
Express Tribune, Mar 22	Express Tribune, Mar 21	Business Recorder, Mar 20
FIA tasked to act against power, gas thieves	IMF directs Pakistan to expedite tariff rebasing for Discos	UN sounds 'Red Alert' as world smashes heat records in 2023
Express Tribune, Mar 22	Pakistan Today, Mar 21	The News, Mar 20
Gas supply issues to be resolved on priority, consumers assured	Authorities initiate_ countrywide crackdown_ against electricity, gas theft	Climate protesters can't rely on beliefs in criminal damage cases, court rules
Dawn, Mar 22	Business Recorder, Mar 21	The News, Mar 19
Eyebrows raised over massive tariff hike sought by gas firms	IMF to release \$1.1b after staff level deal	Climate policies
The News, Mar 22	Express Tribune, Mar 20	The News, Mar 19
Pakistan reaffirms commitment to Iran Pakistan gas pipeline project	Gerrymandering and the poor Discos	Record heat index of 62.3C scorches Rio de Janeiro
Pakistan Today, Mar 21	Business Recorder, Mar 20	Business Recorder, Mar 19
RLNG prices raised after two monthly reductions	Power generation cost rises 8.5 pc y/y in February amid decline in output	Methane: a powerful gas heating the planet
Dawn, Mar 21	The News, Mar 20	Dawn, Mar 19
LNG prices raised up to 2.6% for March	Over Rs4/unit power tariff hike sought	Blood Carbon
Express Tribune, Mar 21	Express Tribune, Mar 19	Dawn, Mar 19
PSO ramps up diesel imports ahead of harvest season	SC issues notices to govt in power bill taxes plea	Climate in focus
The News, Mar 21	Express Tribune, Mar 19	Dawn, Mar 18
Oil slips 2pc from highs ahead of Fed decision	FIA continues crackdown on power thieves	Brick kilns tasked with tree planting
The News, Mar 21	The News, Mar 19	Express Tribune, Mar 18
RLNG prices up by over 2pc for SNGPL, marginal rise for SSGC	How high will power, gas rates go on IMF demand, asks Nawaz	

The News, Mar 21	The News, Mar 19
Cylinder danger	Discos seek Rs4.99 per unit extra charge under FCA in April
The News, Mar 21	The News, Mar 19
Gas crisis	YoY: Pakistan's power_ generation cost jumps, generation dips in February
The News, Mar 21	Business Recorder, Mar 19
Lower LNG prices trigger surge in Asian spot market purchases	Power firms seek to extract Rs35bn more from users
Business Recorder, Mar 21	Dawn, Mar 19
OGRA raises monthly RLNG tariffs for SNGPL, SSGC	Pakistan to get \$250mn loan from ADB for two power projects
Pakistan Today, Mar 20	Pakistan Today, Mar 19
India's Feb Russian oil imports edged up from January	Lesco collects over Rs5.97m from 379 defaulters
Business Recorder, Mar 20	The News, Mar 18
Oil retreats from multi-month highs ahead of Fed decision	Power portfolio taken from Musadik, given to Awais
Business Recorder, Mar 20	The News, Mar 18
China's Jan-Feb fuel oil imports rise 21% y/y	KE refutes 'Insane_ Loadshedding' reports
Business Recorder, Mar 20	Pakistan Today, Mar 18
US official affirms efforts to halt Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline construction	CPPA seeks another Rs4.99/unit increase in power tariff
Pakistan Today, Mar 20	Pakistan Today, Mar 18
Refinery likely to slash investment in plant upgrade	No additional funds to pay dues of Chinese power plants, Pakistan assures IMF
Express Tribune, Mar 20	Pakistan Today, Mar 18
Gas price: End the cross subsidy	Further hike in power tariffs to raise cost-push inflation: economist
Business Recorder, Mar 20	Business Recorder, Mar 18
Oil prices in for a surge?	Stalled energy solutions
Business Recorder, Mar 19	Dawn, Mar 18
SSGC warns of financial crisis without gas price hike	
Pakistan Today, Mar 19	

Oil climbs 2pc on tight supplies Dawn, Mar 19 Refinery accord nears finish; PARCO board to seal fate The News, Mar 19 SNGPL seeks massive hike in gas price The News, Mar 19
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The News, Mar 19
Oil stays near-four month high but Russia export uptick weighs
Business Recorder, Mar 19
Company may sink if tariff hike delayed: SSGC
Express Tribune, Mar 19
Iran inks big contracts to increase oil production
Business Recorder, Mar 18
Oil prices climb as attacks on Russian energy facilities intensify
Business Recorder, Mar 18
China Jan-Feb refinery output up 3% on Lunar New Year travels
Business Recorder, Mar 18
Russian oil exports from its western ports revised up 10% in March amid refinery outage
Business Recorder, Mar 18
After SSGC, SNGPL also seeks up to 147% hike in gas tariff
Pakistan Today, Mar 18
Consumers to bear the brunt as SSGC seeks further hike in gas price
The News, Mar 18
A Guyanese case study on oil
Dawn, Mar 18
APTMA wants gas market deregulation

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

