






# Weekly Media Monitor

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

- Federal energy minister Awais Leghari demands 1.23 trillion rupees from the federal finance ministry for the fiscal year 2024-25 to cover power generation costs and to pay back circular debt.
- Pakistan seeks waiver from the sanctions that the United States imposes on Iran and those countries and entries that do any business with Iran. The waiver is being sought for the construction of the long-delayed Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline.
- The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) confirms daily smuggling of 4000 tonnes of fuel into Pakistan, causing sales from the local oil sector to plummet.
- Federal government raises petrol prices by 9.66 rupees per liter to cater to the rising global petroleum prices.
- Ten power distribution companies (Discos) petition the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) for the approval of 9.9 billion US dollars in tariff adjustments for the upcoming fiscal year.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
<a href="#">Capitalizing on coal</a> <i>The News, Mar 31</i>	<a href="#">SNGPL unearths huge theft in Lower Dir, disconnects 4.5km-long illegal pipeline</a> <i>Pakistan Today, Mar 31</i>	<a href="#">Govt focusing on promotion of solar technology: minister</a> <i>The News, Mar 30</i>	<a href="#">Power pilfers in the crosshairs</a> <i>Express Tribune, Mar 31</i>	<a href="#">PM Shehbaz orders strategy to tackle impact of climate change</a> <i>Dawn, Mar 31</i>
<a href="#">NEPRA pushes for market reforms, domestic coal shift in power sector</a> <i>The News, Mar 29</i>	<a href="#">Govt drops petrol bomb days before Eid</a> <i>Express Tribune, Mar 31</i>	<a href="#">Govt attributes rising electricity cost to growing solar energy usage</a> <i>The News, Mar 29</i>	<a href="#">SFD signs agreements for funding two hydro power projects in AJK</a> <i>Pakistan Today, Mar 31</i>	<a href="#">Strange measures</a> <i>Dawn, Mar 31</i>
<a href="#">Miners stage protest against govt in Quetta</a> <i>Dawn, Mar 27</i>	<a href="#">Russia will cut oil output in Q2 to catch up with other OPEC+ countries</a> <i>The News, Mar 30</i>	<a href="#">BYD enters Pakistan's EV market</a> <i>The News, Mar 29</i>	<a href="#">'lesco implements customer friendly policies'</a> <i>The News, Mar 31</i>	<a href="#">Dealing with climate</a> <i>The News, Mar 31</i>
<a href="#">Planning Minister directs expediting work on Gwadar Power Plant</a> <i>Pakistan Today, Mar 26</i>	<a href="#">Petrol price set to surge by Rs10, diesel to dip in upcoming review</a> <i>The News, Mar 30</i>	<a href="#">Experts hail Chinese EV giant BYD's entry to Pakistan market</a> <i>Business Recorder, Mar 29</i>	<a href="#">Neelum-Jhelum plant hits maximum capacity</a> <i>Express Tribune, Mar 30</i>	<a href="#">Body to identify climate change issues</a> <i>Express Tribune, Mar 31</i>

<a href="#">Oil smuggling</a>	<a href="#">Renewable electricity revolution</a>	<a href="#">Neelum-Jhelum project achieves maximum capacity after repair</a>	<a href="#">Rising temperatures, longer heatwaves taking its toll on Pakistan</a>
<i>Business Recorder, Mar 30</i>	<i>The News, Mar 28</i>	<i>The News, Mar 30</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 30</i>
<a href="#">Oil jumps on tighter supply outlook</a>	<a href="#">China moves WTO against US subsidies to EV industry</a>	<a href="#">Hike in power rates</a>	<a href="#">Maryam stresses collective efforts for environmental sustainability</a>
<i>Dawn, Mar 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Mar 27</i>	<i>Dawn, Mar 30</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 30</i>
<a href="#">LNG diversion leads to gas price hike</a>	<a href="#">CORPORATE WINDOW: The potential of Chinese EVs</a>	<a href="#">Our energy quagmire</a>	<a href="#">Society and Climate Change</a>
<i>Express Tribune, Mar 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Mar 25</i>	<i>The News, Mar 29</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 29</i>
<a href="#">US aversion to gas pipeline</a>	<a href="#">Saudi Aramco CEO calls energy transition strategy a failure</a>	<a href="#">Work on Tarbela extension project to resume soon</a>	<a href="#">Poorer countries need money before raising climate targets: COP29 head</a>
<i>Express Tribune, Mar 29</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Mar 25</i>	<i>The News, Mar 29</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Mar 29</i>
<a href="#">SNGPL explains factors behind gas tariff hike</a>		<a href="#">Country can't afford power theft amid bleeding economy: PM</a>	<a href="#">Reimagining Irsa</a>
<i>The News, Mar 29</i>		<i>The News, Mar 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Mar 28</i>
<a href="#">60% of consumers protected from gas price hike: SNGPL</a>		<a href="#">Nepra hikes tariff by Rs2.75/unit for three months</a>	<a href="#">Shell shakes up climate targets, sparking backlash</a>
<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 28</i>		<i>The News, Mar 29</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Mar 28</i>
<a href="#">Refineries set to resume fuel oil export after local demand wanes</a>		<a href="#">PM for strategy to cut power sector losses</a>	<a href="#">Climate: Carbon capture tech is booming, and confusing</a>
<i>The News, Mar 28</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Mar 29</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Mar 28</i>
<a href="#">Country's gas transportation system under stress</a>		<a href="#">Nepra approves Rs85.275bn QTA for Q2FY24</a>	<a href="#">Wasting waste</a>
<i>The News, Mar 28</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Mar 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Mar 26</i>
<a href="#">Smuggling back in surge</a>		<a href="#">Defying threats, Chinese companies to continue working on CPEC projects</a>	<a href="#">Rising glacial outbursts</a>
<i>Business Recorder, Mar 27</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 29</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Mar 25</i>
<a href="#">US warns Pakistan of sanctions over gas pipeline project with Iran</a>		<a href="#">Defying threats, Chinese companies to continue working on CPEC projects</a>	<a href="#">Clean drinking water project: Aab-e-Pak Authority to get \$20m carbon credits</a>
<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 27</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 29</i>	<i>The News, Mar 25</i>
<a href="#">OGRA, SNGPL deny any plans to update gas billing system</a>		<a href="#">China resumes Tarbela dam work despite tragedy</a>	<a href="#">Environmentally friendly practice of the poor</a>
<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 27</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Mar 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Mar 25</i>

	<a href="#">OGDCL finds oil, gas in KP</a>		<a href="#">Consumers to face Rs7.63 per unit additional fuel costs for Feb</a>	
	<i>Dawn, Mar 27</i>		<i>Dawn, Mar 29</i>	
	<a href="#">Turkmenistan concerned over delay in TAPI pipeline</a>		<a href="#">Assisting Pakistan to deal with energy crisis top priority: US</a>	
	<i>Express Tribune, Mar 27</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">Pakistan will seek US waiver on IP gas project, says Petroleum Minister</a>		<a href="#">Assisting Pakistan to deal with energy crisis top priority: US</a>	
	<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 27</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">OGDCL discovers hydrocarbon reserves in Kohat</a>		<a href="#">PM directs disciplinary action, exemplary punishment to officers involved in power theft</a>	
	<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 26</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">Gas shortage during Sehr and Iftar timings</a>		<a href="#">NEPRA raises electricity rate by Rs2.74/unit for second quarterly adjustment</a>	
	<i>The News, Mar 26</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">Oil up over 1pc on supply concerns</a>		<a href="#">Iranian power firm seeks PM's intervention for unpaid NTDC dues</a>	
	<i>The News, Mar 26</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">Dealers urge margin revision, OCAC seeks exchange rate method overhaul</a>		<a href="#">Rs1.2tr sought for power subsidies</a>	
	<i>The News, Mar 26</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">Oil sector calls for action against \$35.6 million monthly loss from smuggled fuel</a>		<a href="#">Utilize power plants fully, IMF advises</a>	
	<i>The News, Mar 26</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">Pakistan to ask US to waive curbs on Iran gas pipeline</a>		<a href="#">Electricity theft detected at 398 spots in five districts</a>	
	<i>The News, Mar 26</i>		<i>The News, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">Iraq, oil firms trade blame over pipeline</a>		<a href="#">PHC issues notices over hike in electricity rate, tax inclusion</a>	
	<i>Express Tribune, Mar 26</i>		<i>The News, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">Oil settles higher</a>		<a href="#">Minister warns Discos chairmen, CEOs over power theft</a>	
	<i>Business Recorder, Mar 26</i>		<i>The News, Mar 28</i>	

	<a href="#">Slow and steady can finish last</a>		<a href="#">Helping Pakistan address energy shortage US priority: State Dept</a>	
	<i>Dawn, Mar 25</i>		<i>The News, Mar 28</i>	
	<a href="#">Hearing on SNGPL's '147pc' tariff hike plea today</a>		<a href="#">Pakistan's energy supply chain may get disrupted due to circular debt, warns PSO</a>	
	<i>Dawn, Mar 25</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 27</i>	
	<a href="#">SNGPL seeks 147pc gas price hike, 3rd time in one year</a>		<a href="#">Minister urges speedy work on Gwadar plant</a>	
	<i>The News, Mar 25</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Mar 27</i>	
	<a href="#">PM hurries the petroleum division into kickstarting 14-year old gas pipeline project to avoid penalties</a>		<a href="#">Stealing by using remote control: FIA busts electricity theft ring</a>	
	<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 25</i>		<i>The News, Mar 27</i>	
			<a href="#">Wapda asks IRSA to release water from Tarbela Dam beyond 1,420ft storage mark</a>	
			<i>The News, March 27</i>	
			<a href="#">Electricity (price) shock incoming</a>	
			<i>Business Recorder, Mar 27</i>	
			<a href="#">Tarbela 5th Extension project suspended due to security reasons</a>	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 27</i>	
			<a href="#">PM takes notice of challenges in energy sector</a>	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 26</i>	
			<a href="#">State-run Discos seek \$9.9bn in power rate adjustments for 2024-25</a>	
			<i>The News, Mar 26</i>	
			<a href="#">IMF and the power tariff</a>	
			<i>Business Recorder, Mar 26</i>	
			<a href="#">Power sector challenges</a>	
			<i>Business Recorder, Mar 26</i>	
			<a href="#">Discos request Rs2.765trn tariff adjustment for 2024-25</a>	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Mar 26</i>	

			<a href="#">Cut in power supply hours to agriculture feeders slammed</a>	
			<i>Dawn, Mar 26</i>	
			<a href="#">Steps on to provide free electricity up to 300 units: minister</a>	
			<i>The News, Mar 25</i>	
			<a href="#">Tarbela Dam's constraints may hit cash crop in Sindh</a>	
			<i>The News, Mar 25</i>	
			<a href="#">Govt urged to cut power, gas tariff</a>	
			<i>The News, Mar 25</i>	
			<a href="#">Shangla residents complain of excessive power cuts</a>	
			<i>The News, Mar 25</i>	
			<a href="#">The big anomaly in the power sector</a>	
			<i>Dawn, Mar 25</i>	
			<a href="#">Power sector woes: PM Shehbaz assigns tasks to ministries</a>	
			<i>Business Recorder, Mar 25</i>	

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