








Weekly Media Monitor

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

- Musadik Malik, federal minister for Petroleum, states that Pakistan's circular debt has soared to 5,300 billion rupees.
- Saudi Arab's state oil company, Aramco, acquires 40 percent shares in Gas & Oil Pakistan Limited (GO) as part of its global retail expansion plan.
- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) announces that developed nations have given 100 billion US dollars in finance to developing countries under the Paris Agreement's climate commitments.
- The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) approves quarterly tariff adjustments of rupees 46.6 billion, allowing the distribution companies (Discos) to raise tariffs by 1.90 rupees.
- Kuwait agrees to provide Pakistan with a 25 million US dollar loan for the construction of Mohmand and Diamer Bhasha Dams.
- The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) states that the government's underutilization of Thar's coal reserves is imposing a financial burden of 32 billion rupees on electricity consumers.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Mine owners in Khyber seek permission for controlled use of explosives <i>Dawn, June 02</i>	More fuel outlets coming up despite oil smuggling from Iran <i>Dawn, June 02</i>	400 kw solar system opens at PU <i>The News, June 02</i>	Shangla residents protest power cuts <i>The News, June 02</i>	Climate reality <i>The News, June 02</i>
Nepra highlights drop in Thar coal use for power generation <i>The News, May 31</i>	Oil, gas explorer awaits attractive shale gas policy <i>Express Tribune, June 02</i>	Chinese firm seeks revival of Kohala Hydropower Project <i>Dawn, June 01</i>	KP govt unveils plan to address power load-shedding crisis <i>The News, June 02</i>	More heat waves on the way <i>Business Recorder, June 02</i>
	Govt cuts LPG prices by 1.62pc <i>The News, June 01</i>	Experts call for EV policy overhaul <i>Express Tribune, June 01</i>	KCCI, SAI lambast power shortages <i>The News, June 02</i>	Implications of climate change on mental health <i>Pakistan Today, June 02</i>
	Another 320 illegal gas connections severed <i>The News, June 01</i>	Dewan Farooque Motors to manufacture Evs <i>The News, May 31</i>	Power hungry <i>The News, June 02</i>	Dangers of global warming <i>Business Recorder, June 01</i>

	Petrol, diesel prices slashed by Rs4.74/litre, Rs3.86/litre	Solar issues	Power consumers to pay up to Rs1.90/unit more in June-August	Sherry calls for urgent action to combat climate change
	<i>The News, June 01</i>	<i>The News, May 31</i>	<i>The News, June 02</i>	<i>The News, May 31</i>
	Aramco acquires 40pc GO stake	Dewan plans electric vehicles rollout in August	Regulator allows Discos to mop up Rs47bn under quarterly tariff adjustment	Climate calamity
	<i>Dawn, June 01</i>	<i>Dawn, May 31</i>	<i>Dawn, June 02</i>	<i>The News, May 31</i>
	Govt announces cut in petrol, diesel rates	Shift to renewables slowed in 2023: report	Delays in restoration of power supply to industries irk KCCI	Pakistan farmers pin poor mango crop on climate change
	<i>Business Recorder, June 01</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 31</i>	<i>Business Recorder, June 02</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 31</i>
	LPG shop blast fatalities rise to seven	Pak Cables completes commissioning of 2MW on grid solar power plant	POWERLESS UNDER A CRIPPLING POWER POLICY	Farmers pin poor mango crop on climate change
	<i>Express, Tribune, June 01</i>	<i>The News, May 30</i>	<i>Express Tribune, June 02</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 31</i>
	Govt cuts petrol price by Rs4.74 per litre	Electric vehicle: DFML enters into agreement with EGML to manufacture Honri-VE	Industries demand full restoration of power supply	Heat waves in Pakistan amidst climate change
	<i>Pakistan Today, June 01</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 30</i>	<i>Express Tribune, June 02</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, May 31</i>
	Govt may maintain gas sale prices from July 1	EU launches programmes to promote skills, clean energy in G-B	Inflation control, job creation govt's priority	Smart Fund for 'Climate Adaptation and Risk Financing' launched
	<i>The News, May 31</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 30</i>	<i>Express Tribune, June 02</i>	<i>The News, May 30</i>
	Extreme Asian heat spurs LNG demand ahead of summer months	Dewan Farooque Motors partners with ECO-Green Motors to manufacture electric cars	Lesco claims ensured uninterrupted power supply	Climate change impact on agriculture highlighted
	<i>Business Recorder, May 31</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, May 30</i>	<i>The News, June 01</i>	<i>The News, May 30</i>
	After initial gaffe, govt notifies cut in fuel rates	E-scooters empower capital women	Ministry corrects fuel prices after PM okays 'old figures'	Rich nations met \$100bn climate finance goal two years late: OECD
	<i>Express Tribune, May 31</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 29</i>	<i>Dawn, June 01</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 30</i>
	LPG gas shop explosion leaves 40 injured	SHC asks govt to provide electricity to low-income households through solar energy	KP govt devises plan to recover dues from power consumers	Climate change threatens low-lying Caribbean hospitals: UN
	<i>Express Tribune, May 31</i>	<i>The News, May 28</i>	<i>Dawn, June 01</i>	<i>The News, May 29</i>
	Petrol price slashed by Rs 4.74/litre, HSD by 3.86/litre	Three major roads to get solar powered street lights	Mohmand Dam: \$25m loan agreement with Kuwait on 3rd	Countering climate change
	<i>Pakistan Today, May 31</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 28</i>	<i>Business Recorder, June 01</i>	<i>The News, May 29</i>
	Consumers stage protest at SNGPL office	Parts' makers seek 10-year EV plan	Govt's abrupt change of heart on fuel prices stirs controversy	Climate change caused 26 extra days of extreme heat last year: report
	<i>The News, May 30</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 28</i>	<i>Express Tribune, June 01</i>	<i>The News, May 29</i>
	Policy paralysis: Energy sector stifled by government indecision, say experts	Call for allowing electricity donations from rooftop solar systems	Power tariff jacked up by Rs3.25 per unit	26 extra days of extreme heat in a year due to climate change: report
	<i>The News, May 30</i>	<i>The News, May 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, June 01</i>	<i>Dawn, May 29</i>

	Upstream sector challenges	Tackling the solar storm	Mirpur residents decry power outages	‘Only unpredictability is certain’ as climate extremes grip Pakistan
	<i>Business Recorder, May 30</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, June 01</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 29</i>
	Gas tariff respite: Unrealistic assumptions	Amid funding crunch, solar companies are being offered a door at PSX	Nepra approves Rs 46.6bn Quarterly Tariff Adjustment for discos, KE	Farmers yearn for irrigation scheme
	<i>Business Recorder, May 30</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 27</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, June 01</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 29</i>
	Oil sector demands repair of infrastructure	The claim of China’s ‘overcapacity’ is a fallacy	Loss-making feeders to face loadshedding: Leghari	Initiatives stressed to mitigate impacts of climate change
	<i>Express Tribune, May 30</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 27</i>	<i>The News, May 31</i>	<i>The News, May 28</i>
	Govt to add storage facilities to Gas Stream project		Discos seek Rs3.5 more for April amid demand slump	Climate change caused 26 extra days of extreme heat in last year: report
	<i>Express Tribune, May 30</i>		<i>Dawn, May 31</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 28</i>
	Gas transmission system continues to face danger of collapse		Nepra, minister at odds over power cuts at high loss feeders	Navigating the energy crisis amid global warming
	<i>The News, May 29</i>		<i>Dawn, May 31</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, May 28</i>
	Petrol, diesel to get cheaper by up to Rs7.5 per litre		SAI president urges full power restoration	What’s the climate like?
	<i>Dawn, May 29</i>		<i>Express Tribune, May 31</i>	<i>The News, May 27</i>
	Saudi Arabia may cut July oil prices to Asia for first time in 5 months		Storming grids won’t resolve issues: Kundi	
	<i>Business Recorder, May 29</i>		<i>Express Tribune, May 31</i>	
	Govt likely to further slash petrol prices		NEPRA highlights Rs32b burden on consumers	
	<i>Express Tribune, May 29</i>		<i>Express Tribune, May 31</i>	
	LPG firms demand duty on cheap imports		Poor rating mars \$3.5b debt plan	
	<i>Express Tribune, May 29</i>		<i>Express Tribune, May 31</i>	
	LPG price slashed by Rs70 per kg		Power problems	
	<i>Pakistan Today, May 29</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, May 31</i>	
	Economic Coordination Committee orders cheaper gas to two Punjab fertiliser units		Pakistan’s junk credit rating drives govt to seek alternative funding for Diamer Bhasha Dam	
	<i>Dawn, May 28</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, May 31</i>	
	Oil, gas sector irregularities unearthed		Govt, power regulator poles apart on revenue-based loadshedding	
	<i>Express Tribune, May 28</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, May 31</i>	
	Rs24b gas subsidy recovery okayed		Aramco completes acquisition of 40% stake in Gas & Oil Pakistan	
	<i>Express Tribune, May 28</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, May 31</i>	

	PD seeks Rs260bn to settle RLNG diversion cost		Electricity workers demand raise, safety measures	
	<i>The News, May 27</i>		<i>The News, May 30</i>	
	Country's gas transmission system in danger zone		KE overbilled Sindh govt more than Rs20bn in last 10 years: minister	
	<i>The News, May 27</i>		<i>The News, May 30</i>	
	Safeguard industrial efficiency		Nepra names K-Electric top performer in electricity provision	
	<i>Business Recorder, May 27</i>		<i>The News, May 30</i>	
	Petrol, diesel adulteration racket unearthed		KMC ready to review pact with KE on collection of utility charges via electricity bills, mayor tells SHC	
	<i>Express Tribune, May 27</i>		<i>Dawn, May 30</i>	
	Pakistan's gas transmission system at risk as line pack pressure surges to critical levels		Khyber residents storm grid station	
	<i>Pakistan Today, May 27</i>		<i>Dawn, May 30</i>	
			KE overbilled Sindh govt by Rs20b in past 10 years: minister	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 30</i>	
			Is net metering really hurting Discos?	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 30</i>	
			ECC approves Rs2.217bn grant for Jiwani-Gwadar circuit stringing	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 30</i>	
			Power cuts	
			<i>The News, May 29</i>	
			KP's loadshedding issue: Gandapur threatens to shut power from Tarbela	
			<i>The News, May 29</i>	
			PM seeks better handling of power outages in KP	
			<i>Dawn, May 29</i>	
			Bill payers in Lahore fume at hours-long unannounced power loadshedding	
			<i>Dawn, May 29</i>	
			Why Discos' privatisation can never happen	
			<i>Business Recorder, May 29</i>	

			Power shortfall reaches 5,319 MW amid scorching heat	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 29</i>	
			EU launches new programs to strengthen skills and energy in Gilgit Baltistan	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 29</i>	
			Nishat Chunian demands Rs 8.35bn payment from Power Division after NAB ends probe	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 29</i>	
			Energy crisis	
			<i>The News, May 28</i>	
			Centre, KP break the ice on power, arrears issues	
			<i>The News, May 28</i>	
			Power outages protested in Nowshera & DI Khan	
			<i>The News, May 28</i>	
			Bonhomie as KP, Centre agree to settle power row	
			<i>Dawn, May 28</i>	
			PM orders immediate end to unannounced load shedding	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 28</i>	
			Circular debt of power, petroleum sectors hits Rs5.3tr, says Musadik	
			<i>The News, May 27</i>	
			Over Rs26m collected from 108 electricity defaulters	
			<i>The News, May 27</i>	
			In rare joint press conference, KP CM Gandapur and federal ministers express will to work together	
			<i>Dawn, May 27</i>	
			FY 2022-23: Rs21bn decline in PESCO's line losses?	
			<i>Business Recorder, May 27</i>	
			Power sector employees face 'forced reshuffle'	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 27</i>	

			Centre, K-P bury the hatchet to tackle power woes	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 27</i>	
			Centre, KP govt vow to jointly work to end province's power woes	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 27</i>	

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