






Weekly Media Monitor

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

- The federal government announces a subsidy of 50 billion rupees for poor households consuming less than 200 units of electricity each month.
- Sindh's energy minister, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, announces that the Sindh Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Sepra) will become fully functional by the end of August 2024.
- An audit report presented by the Auditor General of Pakistan highlights irregularities of 28 billion rupees in subsidy payments made to captive power plants in export-oriented sectors.
- Trade data suggests that Pakistan imported solar modules with the capacity to produce 10,450 megawatts of electricity from China in just the first half of 2024.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
FBR exposes Rs11 billion tax fraud involving bogus firms and duty-free coal sales <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 04</i>	No respite in fares despite fuel price cut <i>Express Tribune, Aug 04</i>	200k low-income households to get solar kits <i>Express Tribune, Aug 04</i>	Jl's protest against KE, IPPs, inflation continues <i>Express Tribune, Aug 04</i>	'Climate Disasters': Female environmental journalists team up to highlight women sufferings <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 04</i>
Sindh govt to give land for Thar coal railway project <i>The News, Aug 04</i>	Govt unearths Rs135b petrol scam <i>Express Tribune, Aug 04</i>	Sindh govt to distribute solar panels to 200,000 households <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 04</i>	Menacing capacity charges: Contract Act offers a way out <i>Express Tribune, Aug 04</i>	Climate apathy <i>The News, Aug 04</i>
Pakistan eyes Kyrgyzstan coal imports for power generation <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 03</i>	OCAC raises alarms about 'unfair' HSD import, 'hefty' discounts by private OMC <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 04</i>	50,000 solar systems to arrive in Karachi by October-end: CM <i>The News, Aug 04</i>	Urgent tax relief on electricity bills advocated by former finance minister <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 04</i>	'Plantation to help combat climate change' <i>Express Tribune, Aug 03</i>
Two miners killed in Dara Adam Khel coalmine landslide <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 02</i>	OCAC seeks OGRA action on 'unfair' HSD import practices and 'hefty' discounts by private OMC <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 04</i>	Pakistan becomes Asia's largest market for Chinese solar modules: report <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 02</i>	KP advisor slams federal handling of IPP contracts amid public outcry over electricity bills <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 04</i>	Sindh only province to avail trade carbon credits, SC told <i>Dawn, Aug 03</i>
Coal consumption to double by 2030: report <i>The News, Aug 01</i>	Petroleum exploration and production firms not allowed 35pc local sales <i>Dawn, Aug 04</i>	KE completes another significant milestone <i>Business Recorder, Aug 02</i>	The challenge of IPPs-I <i>Business Recorder, Aug 04</i>	Extreme heat's toll <i>Dawn, Aug 03</i>

FBR allows 100% tax credit for Sindh coal mining projects	Oil industry raises concerns over HSD imports	Pakistan's energy system strained by surge in solarization, battery tech	Minister orders implementation of reduced travel fares	BISP pivotal role in crisis caused by climate change acknowledged
<i>Pakistan Today, July 30</i>	<i>The News, Aug 04</i>	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>	<i>The News, Aug 04</i>	<i>The News, Aug 03</i>
Debt re-profiling, conversion to local coal to reduce power tariff significantly: Leghari	Urea makers suggest dedicated gas supply amid dip in offtake	UK firms invited for solar project	JI demands revision of tax rates, cancellation of agreements with IPPs	Issues related to climate change: SC hints at contempt proceedings over delay in forming body
<i>Pakistan Today, July 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Aug 03</i>	<i>Express Tribune, July 30</i>	<i>The News, Aug 04</i>	<i>The News, Aug 03</i>
Power plants' conversion to Thar coal discussed with China: Leghari	July petroleum sales dip 11pc to 1.2m tons yoy		IPP tyranny	US highlights alliance for climate-smart agriculture
<i>The News, July 29</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 03</i>		<i>The News, Aug 04</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 02</i>
	Pakistan, Turkmenistan accelerate work on TAPI pipeline		Capital suggestion: Power facts	Extreme heat claims 175,000 lives a year in Europe, says WHO
	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 02</i>		<i>The News, Aug 04</i>	<i>Dawn, Aug 02</i>
	Petroleum sales in Pakistan drop 11% in July		Shah highlights potential for cheap electricity	Net zero goal critical to Earth's stability: study
	<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 02</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Aug 03</i>	<i>Dawn, Aug 02</i>
	Attock Refinery CEO calls for phased deregulation in petroleum prices		CCOP okays sale of six power firms	Youth's role in fight against climate change underscored
	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 02</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Aug 03</i>	<i>The News, Aug 02</i>
	HSD and petrol: FD allows PSO to make exchange rate adjustment		Untangling the power sector marred by capacity charges	Net zero goal critical to Earth's stability: study
	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 02</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Aug 03</i>	<i>The News, Aug 02</i>
	Petroleum sales plunge 11pc in July		Overbilling consumers	Population control as a key to climate resilience
	<i>The News, Aug 02</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Aug 03</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 01</i>
	Petrol price slashed by Rs6.17 per litre, diesel by Rs10.86		Reduction in electricity tariff key agenda of PML-N, allies: PM	Typhoons forming closer to coast due to Climate Change: Study
	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 03</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 01</i>
	Exploration, production policy: Ministry works out implementation framework		Finance and energy ministries propose major cuts to electricity bills	Policy games we play
	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 03</i>	<i>Dawn, Aug 01</i>
	RLNG price slashed for July, LPG raised for August		Special police stations, courts planned to tackle electricity theft	Navigating net zero
	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 03</i>	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>
	Major relief to public as PM approves significant reduction in fuel prices		Nepra approves Rs6.690 billion negative adjustment for K-Electric	Punjab formulates first Climate Change Policy
	<i>Express Tribune, July 31</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 03</i>	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>

	Govt cuts petrol prices for first half of August 2024, LPG prices rise		High tariffs making industry 'nonviable', says Sindh CM Murad	Well-coordinated approach against climatic hazards emphasised
	<i>Pakistan Today, July 31</i>		<i>Dawn, Aug 03</i>	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>
	Govt reduces petrol price by Rs6.17, HSD's by Rs10.86 per litre		July, Aug: KATI seeks KE's inclusion in bills' payment extension	Climate change policy by Aug 15, SC informed
	<i>Business Recorder, July 31</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Aug 03</i>	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>
	Petroleum products into sales Tax exemption: Change of status of zero-rating to benefit FBR worth Rs20bn		Sepra on the way	Climate crisis
	<i>Business Recorder, July 31</i>		<i>The News, Aug 03</i>	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>
	Govt decides to return 322.461m OGDC shares from PC to PD		Country to sink if FBR, power sector not rid of graft: PM	Climate of sickness
	<i>The News, July 31</i>		<i>The News, Aug 03</i>	<i>The News, Aug 01</i>
	OGRA convenes meeting to address supply issues in AJK		Govt initiates phased privatisation of 13 power sector entities	Youngsters unite to restore 'Takht Pari Forest'
	<i>The News, July 30</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 02</i>	<i>Express Tribune, July 31</i>
	PPL discovers oil and gas in Kohat		President proposes FPCCI panel on IPP payment issue	President, Commonwealth secretary discuss climate challenges
	<i>The News, July 30</i>		<i>Dawn, Aug 02</i>	<i>Dawn, July 31</i>
	Pakistan Oilfields discovers hydrocarbons from Razgir-1 exploratory well, Kohat		Millions subjected to inflated bills in April-June: Nepra	President urges stronger ties with commonwealth to tackle climate change, other issues
	<i>Pakistan Today, July 29</i>		<i>Dawn, Aug 02</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, July 30</i>
	Cut in petrol price by Rs5.50, diesel by Rs11.06/ litre likely from Aug 1		Bloated power bills	This is climate hell
	<i>The News, July 29</i>		<i>Dawn, Aug 02</i>	<i>The News, July 30</i>
			High capacity payments jeopardised economy: APTMA	Robust plan must to showcase Pakistan's resilience-building initiatives at COP29
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 02</i>	<i>The News, July 30</i>
			Action against electricity theft launched	Mass extinction
			<i>The News, Aug 02</i>	<i>The News, July 30</i>
			IPPs issue being used for politics: Tarar	Pakistan committed to Commonwealth's connectivity, climate resilience goals: Dar
			<i>The News, Aug 02</i>	<i>Express Tribune, July 29</i>
			DISCOs directed to extend last date for payment of electricity bills	Unprecedented global heat fuels massive wildfires in the US and Europe
			<i>Express Tribune, Aug 01</i>	<i>Express Tribune, July 29</i>

			President seeks solution to energy costs, capacity payments to IPPs	Mangroves under threat
			<i>Express Tribune, Aug 01</i>	<i>Express Tribune, July 29</i>
			Capacity charges are just the tip of Pakistan's power sector iceberg	Hottest day in history
			<i>Express Tribune, Aug 01</i>	<i>Dawn, July 29</i>
			Tarar announces DISCOs privatisation, addresses IPP issues	Scrambling to handle climate change
			<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 01</i>	<i>Business Recorder, July 29</i>
			PM extends bill payment deadline as all power companies accused of overbilling	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 01</i>	
			Nepra warns against revisiting power sector contracts, urges adoption of new technologies	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 01</i>	
			Pacts can't be revisited forcefully, says Nepra	
			<i>Dawn, Aug 01</i>	
			IPPs and capacity payments	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 01</i>	
			Untangling energy crisis: the 'misguided' criticism of IPPs	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 01</i>	
			Federal cabinet approves privatisation of 13 Power Division entities	
			<i>The News, Aug 01</i>	
			PHC directs Pesco to ensure uninterrupted power at prisons	
			<i>The News, Aug 01</i>	
			Increase in power rates expected by Rs2.63 per unit	
			<i>Express Tribune, July 31</i>	
			Rs 50 billion subsidy announced for households using less than 200 units	
			<i>Pakistan Today, July 31</i>	
			Nepra faces backlash as KE seeks Rs5.50 per unit FCA	
			<i>Dawn, July 31</i>	

			Enough is enough!	
			<i>Business Recorder, July 31</i>	
			Residents protest power outages	
			<i>The News, July 31</i>	
			IPPs: currents of discontent	
			<i>The News, July 31</i>	
			Karachi consumers accuse Nepra of being 'rubber stamp'	
			<i>The News, July 31</i>	
			NEPRA reserves verdict on Rs5.45 per unit hike for Karachi	
			<i>Express Tribune, July 30</i>	
			NEPRA Asaan Approach mobile app on the cards to facilitate consumers	
			<i>Pakistan Today, July 30</i>	
			Power Division targets 23 key issues in generation, transmission, and distribution for reforms	
			<i>Pakistan Today, July 30</i>	
			Beyond the billionaires bash: Pakistan's real crisis	
			<i>Business Recorder, July 30</i>	
			MoU inked to improve power supply system	
			<i>The News, July 30</i>	
			CM looks into proposals for providing cheap electricity to low-income families	
			<i>The News, July 30</i>	
			Sindh's power regulatory authority to become functional next month, says Nasir	
			<i>The News, July 30</i>	
			APTMA demands transparency on IPPs deals	
			<i>The News, July 30</i>	
			Woman commits suicide over power bill	
			<i>Express Tribune, July 29</i>	
			IPPs: nationalisation a flawed idea	

			Express Tribune, July 29	
			Unjustified investor criticism puts mega projects at risk	
			Express Tribune, July 29	
			Power protests	
			Pakistan Today, July 29	
			Decentralization of the Power System	
			Pakistan Today, July 29	
			Pakistan's capacity repayments hit Rs6 trillion in last five years	
			Pakistan Today, July 29	
			Auditor General unearths Rs 28 billion irregular subsidy payments to captive power plants	
			Pakistan Today, July 29	
			Power division denies allegations of free electricity for lawmakers	
			Pakistan Today, July 29	
			No free electricity given to lawmakers, says power division	
			Dawn, July 29	
			Thermal energy portfolio: CCP approves merger application	
			Business Recorder, July 29	
			IPP agreements main reason behind power challenges: PBF	
			Business Recorder, July 29	
			Miftah Ismail says fiscally possible to remove electricity taxes without disturbing primary surplus	
			Business Recorder, July 29	
			Power mess: It is beyond capacity charges	
			Business Recorder, July 29	
			Govt urged to revisit IPPs contracts	
			The News, July 29	
			'Only 40pc of lowest-income households receive 28pc of subsidies'	
			The News, July 29	

			Letter of Punjab irrigation to IRSA: Filling of Tarbela, Mangla dams in jeopardy as IRSA releases more water to Sindh	
			<i>The News, July 29</i>	
			Competitive wholesale electricity market under CTBCM on the cards	
			<i>The News, July 29</i>	
			More than Rs6tr capacity charges paid over five years	
			<i>The News, July 29</i>	
			Reduce utility rates	
			<i>The News, July 29</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

