

Weekly Media Monitor

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

- A World Bank delegation and chairman of the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) inspects progress of the Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project which is set to generate electricity by 2025-26.
- The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL), and Pakistan Oilfields Limited (POL) collectively announce the discovery of new oil and gas reserves at Razgir-1 well in Kohat district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.
- National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) approves the addition of 2.5627 rupees per unit as fuel cost adjustment charges in consumer electricity bills for the month of August.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
The high stakes gamble on Thar coal <i>Express Tribune, Aug 11</i>	Unjust bills <i>The News, Aug 11</i>	In a first, women engineers set up 24 kW solar system in Pakistan <i>Express Tribune, Aug 11</i>	Going after IPPs <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 11</i>	The Climate-Development Nexus in Gilgit-Baltistan <i>Pakistan Today, Aug 11</i>
Pakistan, China agree to shift coal plants to local fuel amid energy crisis <i>The News, Aug 06</i>	Man held for stealing gas as 3,810 illegal connections removed <i>The News, Aug 10</i>	Oxford scientists develop material to transform everyday objects into solar panels <i>Express Tribune, Aug 11</i>	IPPs termed death warrant for industry <i>Business Recorder, Aug 11</i>	Climate change challenge <i>Business Recorder, Aug 10</i>
Delays hike up CPEC project cost <i>Dawn, Aug 05</i>	Mari Petroleum posts highest-ever profit <i>Dawn, Aug 09</i>	AIKO introduces N-Type ABC modules for Pak consumers <i>Business Recorder, Aug 11</i>	Traders considering stepping up protest against power tariffs <i>Business Recorder, Aug 11</i>	Health dept to have climate change cell <i>The News, Aug 10</i>
	Attock Refinery blocks upgrade deal, demands tax change <i>The News, Aug 09</i>	Chinese firm to set up solar panels factory in Punjab <i>The News, Aug 11</i>	The quest for cheap electricity <i>Business Recorder, Aug 11</i>	Climate resilience <i>The News, Aug 10</i>
	Offshore drilling for oil & gas: Govt may set up company with \$500m capital <i>The News, Aug 09</i>	All possible steps being taken to distribute 50,000 home solar panels this month: Nasir <i>The News, Aug 10</i>	PMLN, IPP agree to work jointly for people's welfare <i>The News, Aug 11</i>	Climate change Speakers call for preparing communities to deal with disasters <i>The News, Aug 09</i>
	Mari Petroleum reports profit of Rs77.3bn in FY24, announces 800% bonus shares and dividend <i>Business Recorder, Aug 08</i>	Minorities to be given solar panels on Minorities Day <i>The News, Aug 10</i>	Free electricity for consumers <i>The News, Aug 11</i>	Historic July breaks 13-month warmth record: two hottest days ever recorded <i>Express Tribune, Aug 08</i>

	Two gas supply projects inaugurated to benefit domestic and industrial sectors: SSGC	Mobilink Bank introduces affordable E-bike loans	KE put on notice over Rs20m damages suit	July 2024 becomes second hottest month
	<i>The News, Aug 08</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 09</i>	<i>The News, Aug 11</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 08</i>
	Legally sourced petrol sales surge in Balochistan	Balochistan must exploit renewables' potential, says World Bank	Energy sector, SOEs and privatisation efforts: Aurangzeb highlights significant steps	2024 'increasingly likely' to be warmest on record: EU monitor
	<i>The News, Aug 08</i>	<i>Dawn, Aug 09</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 10</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 08</i>
	Sales tax exemption on POL: Oil refineries say lenders won't help in upgrading plants	Chinese investors to set up electric bike plant in Punjab	Two-pronged strategy to tackle energy costs, debt	Combating climate change: 300,000 saplings to be planted in Tree Plantation Week
	<i>The News, Aug 08</i>	<i>The News, Aug 09</i>	<i>The News, Aug 10</i>	<i>The News, Aug 08</i>
	DG petroleum steps down	Dependence on solar energy must increase during current energy crisis: Zardari	How much did power companies cost the national exchequer in just one year?	Over 1m saplings to be planted in Pindi
	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 07</i>	<i>The News, Aug 09</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 09</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 07</i>
	New oil and gas deposits discovered	Electric vehicles: companies are seemingly testing the market, but is Pakistan ready?	HESCO chief sent letter: HCSTSI President seeks information on various taxes	Pakistan on the Frontline
	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 07</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 08</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 09</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 07</i>
	Oil consumption: stays tepid	Energy swindle crisis	The challenge of IPPs—V	Sherry Rehman demands enhanced climate diplomacy for effective action
	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 07</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 07</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 09</i>	<i>The News, Aug 07</i>
	Oil companies discover hydrocarbons in Kohat, PSX told	Punjab government delivers electric and petrol bikes to students	Begrudging private sector	Overheating
	<i>The News, Aug 07</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 06</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 09</i>	<i>The News, Aug 06</i>
	POL products smuggling harming oil industry, national exchequer	Solar scams in Karachi	Task Force on Power Sector constituted: Awais	Protect the mangroves
	<i>The News, Aug 07</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 06</i>	<i>The News, Aug 09</i>	<i>The News, Aug 06</i>
	Mixture of CO2 and LPG: Ogra halts illegal businesses	KE receives bids for 150MW solar projects in Balochistan	IPP scandal	Earth's fever has hit new highs
	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 06</i>	<i>The News, Aug 05</i>	<i>The News, Aug 09</i>	<i>The News, Aug 06</i>
	Pakistan's oil & gas companies announce significant hydrocarbon find in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa		FCA for June: Nepra approves Rs2.56 per unit hike for August power bills	Global warming revisited
	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 06</i>		<i>The News, Aug 09</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 05</i>
	PPL boosts hydrocarbon production at Sui Gas Field with compressor revamp		Electricity prices increased by Rs2.56 per unit for June	Women jurnos work to combat climate change
	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 06</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Aug 08</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Aug 05</i>
	Oil prices: Bears take over		Consultations on reducing electricity prices underway with army chief and allies: PM Shehbaz	What's new in the climate finance arena?
	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 06</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Aug 08</i>	<i>The News, Aug 05</i>

	Prices of POL products		High power bills, 'unjust' taxes: Traders to stage protest demonstration today	
	<i>Business Recorder, Aug 05</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Aug 08</i>	
			Privatisation without deregulation: A recipe for disaster in energy sector	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 08</i>	
			The challenge of IPPs—IV	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 08</i>	
			Kapco denies receiving capacity payments	
			<i>The News, Aug 08</i>	
			Lower bills	
			<i>The News, Aug 08</i>	
			Zakaria Ali Shah made additional secretary in Power Division	
			<i>The News, Aug 08</i>	
			Progress on Tarbela 5th extension reviewed	
			<i>Express Tribune, Aug 07</i>	
			Power sector challenges and way forward	
			<i>Express Tribune, Aug 07</i>	
			Pushing for power reforms	
			<i>Express Tribune, Aug 07</i>	
			'No capacity payments' received since PPA expiry in October 2022, says KAPCO	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 07</i>	
			The challenge of IPPs—III	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 07</i>	
			Senate panel wants regional power rates studied	
			<i>Dawn, Aug 07</i>	
			Power sector talk	
			<i>Dawn, Aug 07</i>	
			Prolonged power outages: Consumers threaten to launch protest in Mansehra	
			<i>The News, Aug 07</i>	

			63,137 cases registered against electricity thieves	
			<i>The News, Aug 07</i>	
			Trouble in the power sector	
			<i>The News, Aug 07</i>	
			World Bank inspects progress on Tarbela 5th extension hydropower project	
			<i>The News, Aug 07</i>	
			Our right to electricity	
			<i>The News, Aug 07</i>	
			KE seeks Nepra's approval to extend Bin Qasim Power Plant's lifespan	
			<i>The News, Aug 07</i>	
			New power incentive packages set to roll out for industrial sector	
			<i>The News, Aug 07</i>	
			Why is electricity so expensive in Pakistan?	
			<i>Express Tribune, Aug 06</i>	
			Power sector challenges highlighted in senate committee meeting	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 06</i>	
			Govt to stop buying electricity from IPPs, consumers to purchase directly: Energy minister	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 06</i>	
			WB team visits Tarbela 5th extension hydropower project to review progress	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 06</i>	
			Power sector: unanswered questions	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 06</i>	
			The challenge of IPPs-II	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 06</i>	
			Govt to cut returns to bring down power tariffs	
			<i>Dawn, Aug 06</i>	

			‘Slash electricity prices before situation gets out of hand’: Hafiz Naeem warns	
			<i>Express Tribune, Aug 05</i>	
			Government forms task force for urgent power sector overhaul	
			<i>Express Tribune, Aug 05</i>	
			Circular debt	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 05</i>	
			PESCO grid stations stormed by protestors over loadshedding	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 05</i>	
			Zardari assures industrial leaders of swift action on electricity disputes	
			<i>Pakistan Today, Aug 05</i>	
			Reinvigorating investor confidence	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 05</i>	
			Power sector challenges beyond capacity payments	
			<i>Business Recorder, Aug 05</i>	
			PM sets up task force on power sector reform	
			<i>Dawn, Aug 05</i>	
			KP farmers reject hydropower projects on irrigation canals	
			<i>The News, Aug 05</i>	
			Lesco extends due dates of bills	
			<i>The News, Aug 05</i>	
			lesco on high alert	
			<i>The News, Aug 05</i>	
			PM forms task force to fix power sector	
			<i>The News, Aug 05</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

