






Weekly Media Monitor

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

- The air quality of the provincial capital of Punjab, Lahore, worsens to record highs with its Air Quality Index (AQI) showing that the concentration of particulate matter 2.5 in its air is 86.2 times higher than the value given in the annual air quality guideline of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- The provincial government of Sindh cites a study conducted at the Nelson Mandela University, South Africa, to claim that Thar coal gasification could reduce energy costs by 60 percent.
- Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) seek 54 percent increase in gas prices to cover their fiscal deficit for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- Musadik Malik, federal minister for water resources, acknowledges that the federal government owes Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 38.925 billion rupees on account of net hydroelectric profits.
- Petroleum sales experience a surge in October 2024, reaching 1.49 million tonnes, owing to the government's strict action against petroleum smuggling.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
	Oil prices up slightly <i>Business Recorder, November 3</i>	Country urged to move towards renewable energy generation <i>Business Recorder, November 3</i>	Short-lived relief? <i>Dawn News, November 22</i>	COP29 at risk from graft, fossil fuel interests <i>Business Recorder, November 3</i>
	CNG stations to challenge gas supply suspension <i>The News, November 3</i>	Energy experts call for shift from fossil fuels to renewables <i>The News, November 3</i>		Lahore primary schools to remain closed for one week amid thickening smog <i>The News, November 3</i>
	Petroleum sales surge 18pc in October <i>The News, November 3</i>	New wave of electric cars 'targets elite' <i>Dawn News, November 3</i>		A COP to seize <i>The News, November 3</i>
	CNG association to challenge suspension of gas supply in court <i>Dawn News, November 3</i>	Textile millers seek wide cooperation in fibre recycling <i>Express Tribune, November 3</i>		Lahore's AQI touches unprecedented level <i>Dawn News, November 3</i>
				Lahore gasps as pollution hits record levels <i>Express Tribune, November 3</i>

Tharparkar undergoing remarkable transformation	Gas theft: 3 held, 7,870 illegal connections removed	Punjab eyes green industrial growth	Call for consensus on Kala Bagh Dam	Diseases and pollution
<i>Business Recorder, November 2</i>	<i>Business Recorder, November 2</i>	<i>Express Tribune, November 2</i>	<i>Business Recorder, November 2</i>	<i>Business Recorder, November 2</i>
Thar Lodges will be outsourced: Nasir Shah		Green tractors scheme relaunched	‘Rs38.925bn outstanding on account of KP govt’s NHP share’	Pakistan’s Strategic Climate Agenda for COP29
<i>Business Recorder, November 2</i>		<i>Express Tribune, November 2</i>	<i>Business Recorder, November 2</i>	<i>Express Tribune, November 2</i>
			New payment model for IPPs without ‘profit bonanza’	
			<i>Dawn News, November 2</i>	
Conversion of power plants to coal: NEA of China seeks to set up working group for talks	MD SNGPL visits Lahore region	EV stations for motorways approved	Share capital of Shell Pakistan: Proposed name ‘Wafi Energy Pakistan Ltd’ approved	Smog-control programme: CM launches first ‘Super Seeder Project’
<i>Business Recorder, November 1</i>	<i>Business Recorder, November 1</i>	<i>Express Tribune, November 1</i>	<i>Business Recorder, November 1</i>	<i>Business Recorder, November 1</i>
Two coal miners die from poisonous gas	LPG price raised by Rs2.89/kg for third straight month		PM Shehbaz invites Qatari investors to explore energy, infrastructure sectors	1.2 billion people at ‘high risk’ from climate change: World Bank infrastructure sectors
<i>Dawn News, November 1</i>	<i>The News, November 1</i>		<i>Express Tribune, November 1</i>	<i>The News, November 1</i>
	Petroleum Division calls meeting to discuss HSD supply strategy			The role of AI in combating climate change
	<i>The News, November 1</i>			<i>Pakistan Today, November 1</i>
	Oil Climbs 2% On Reports Of Iran Preparing Strike On Israel Dawn News English			India proposes South Asian coalition to tackle regional air pollution crisis
	<i>Dawn News, November 1</i>			<i>Pakistan Today, November 1</i>
	JI urges government to slash fuel prices, citing drop in global oil rates			
	<i>Pakistan Today, November 1</i>			
	Severing CPPs’ gas supply will cause Rs400bn loss to govt: official		Who truly own the IPPs?	Climate change-related threats: Speakers for effective regional cooperation
	<i>The News, October 31</i>		<i>Business Recorder, October 31</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 31</i>
	Govt increases petrol price by Rs1.35		Fuel adjustments on QTAs, FCAs: Nepra explains how positive financial impact will be reversed	EPA designates specific areas as ‘air pollution hotspots’
	<i>The News, October 31</i>		<i>Business Recorder, October 31</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 31</i>
	Govt raises petrol price by Rs1.35, high-speed diesel up by Rs3.85		Power rates to rise despite lower fuel costs	Lahore goes for ‘green lockdown’ to tackle smog
	<i>Express Tribune, October 31</i>		<i>Dawn News, October 31</i>	<i>Dawn News, October 31</i>
	OGRA notifies LPG price hike for November		NEPRA defers ruling on tariff relief	Mount Fuji snowless, shatters 130-year record
	<i>Express Tribune, October 31</i>		<i>Express Tribune, October 31</i>	<i>Express Tribune, October 31</i>
	Gas supply suspended in Karachi’s DHA and nearby areas			
	<i>Express Tribune, October 31</i>			

	Govt to shut CNG stations nationwide for December and January			
	<i>Express Tribune, October 31</i>			
‘Thar coal can reduce gas cost by 60%’	SSGC files rate hike plea		Tarbela 5th Extension Project: Wapda chief reviews progress	Lahore's average Air Quality Index reaches alarming level
<i>Express Tribune, October 30</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 30</i>		<i>Business Recorder, October 30</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 30</i>
	Gas utilities seek up to 54pc increase in tariff		KE removes over 1,800 illegal connections	
	<i>Dawn News, October 30</i>		<i>Business Recorder, October 30</i>	
	China's first 'smart factory' for offshore oil, gas equipment fully operational			
	<i>Pakistan Today, October 30</i>			
	Refineries barred from adjusting tax			
	<i>Express Tribune, October 30</i>			
	Hafiz Naeem demands Rs30 per litre cut in petrol prices amid falling crude oil costs			
	<i>Express Tribune, October 30</i>			
	Pakistan assembles legal team to tackle Iran pipeline lawsuit			
	<i>Express Tribune, October 30</i>			
Imported coal supply to Sahiwal power plant: CPPA-G asks PR to increase number of freight trains	Massive gas price hike sought for households		Five killed in attack on dam construction site in Balochistan's Panjgur	ADB approves \$500m loan to support climate and disaster resilience in Pakistan
<i>Business Recorder, October 29</i>	<i>The News, October 29</i>		<i>Business Recorder, October 29</i>	<i>Dawn News, October 29</i>
	Petrol, diesel prices cut from Nov 1 likely		NA informed: 93 IPPs with 22,671MW capacity operating	Worst air quality persists in Lahore with 708 AQI
	<i>The News, October 29</i>		<i>Business Recorder, October 29</i>	<i>Dawn News, October 29</i>
	Oil falls 5pc on lower risk of wider Middle East war			Swat schoolchildren come up with solutions to address climate change
	<i>Dawn News, October 29</i>			<i>Pakistan Today, October 29</i>
	Gas prices may rise as SNGC requests Rs 64 per MMBTU hike from Ogra			Call to turn digital skills into climate action
	<i>Express Tribune, October 29</i>			<i>Express Tribune, October 29</i>
Minerals for growth and development	Oil prices likely to fall after Israel shows restraint in strikes on Iran			United Insurance, Mobilink Bank team up to introduce 'climatic shock insurance'
<i>The News, October 28</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 28</i>			<i>Business Recorder, October 28</i>

Thar coal can produce gas 'cheaper than LNG': study	SNGPL move to reinstate arbitration perturbs NPPMCL			About \$41b in World Bank climate aid to vulnerable nations missing, claims Oxfam
<i>Dawn News, October 28</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 28</i>			<i>Express Tribune, October 28</i>
	SNGPL to continue supplying gas			
	<i>The News, October 28</i>			
	Petrol, diesel prices likely to drop by up to Rs3 per litre			
	<i>Dawn News, October 28</i>			
	Oil slumps more than 4% after Iran downplays Israeli strikes Dawn News English			
	<i>Dawn News, October 28</i>			
	Fuel prices expected to drop next month			
	<i>Express Tribune, October 28</i>			

