

Weekly Media Monitor

Dec 09 - Dec 15th, 2024

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

- ➔ World Bank cancels 500 million US dollars loan to Pakistan after Islamabad could not timely implement loan conditions, including revision of power purchase agreements.
- ➔ The federal government approves a framework for third-party gas sales, signalling an end to the monopoly of two state-owned gas giants.
- ➔ The federal cabinet approves new agreements with eight Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to cut power costs.

|  Coal |  Oil & Gas |  Renewable Energy |  Energy & Finance |  Climate Change |
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| | Pakistan opts for Azerbaijani LNG over deferred Qatari shipments | Chinese new energy vehicle companies plan to set up factories in Pakistan: Zafaruddin | Private sector participation | ‘Smogged Down’: Pakistan’s fight for clean air |
| | <i>Pakistan Today December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Pakistan Today December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 9, 2024</i> |
| | Navigating the LNG conundrum | Solar energy: transforming the future | Electricity tariffs: full cost recovery model no longer sustainable | The climate paradox: AI’s role in both saving and sabotaging the planet |
| | <i>Business Recorder December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Express Tribune December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 9, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 10, 2024</i> |
| | No decision on buying one LNG cargo for Jan 2025 on SNGPL demand | Vehicular emissions main cause of air pollution | Examining the Ministry of Energy’s new deforms and their implications | NA committee for vehicle fitness certification system in capital |
| | <i>The NEWS December 9, 2024</i> | <i>The NEWS December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 9, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 10, 2024</i> |
| | Oil price rises | Harvesting the sun for industrial growth | 165,572 Lesco consumers caught pilfering power in 16 months | Over 75% of land ‘permanently drier’ |
| | <i>DAWN December 10, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 9, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Express Tribune December 10, 2024</i> |
| | Energycico gets approval to export 40,000 tonnes furnace oil | BYD gambles on Pakistan’s EV market | Wapda CBA says IPPs have destroyed national economy | Breaking the plastic ceiling: A global call for environmental justice |
| | <i>The NEWS December 10, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 9, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Pakistan Today December 10, 2024</i> |
| | No gas for CPPs | KE’s renewable energy push gains momentum | Iesco launches winter facilitation package | Punjab joins hands with China for environmental preservation |
| | <i>Business Recorder December 10, 2024</i> | <i>The NEWS December 12, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Express Tribune December 11, 2024</i> |

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| Oil prices climb | K-Electric attracts lowest bids for 150 MW solar projects | Green banking — a path to financial sustainability | Arctic is emitting more carbon than it absorbs |
| <i>Business Recorder December 10, 2024</i> | <i>Pakistan Today December 12, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 9, 2024</i> | <i>Express Tribune December 11, 2024</i> |
| Sanghar denied oil, gas production bonus | K-Electric solar projects achieve record low bids | Over 50 green tractors delivered in Talagang | Punjab takes China's help for cleaner air, better environment |
| <i>Express Tribune December 10, 2024</i> | <i>Express Tribune December 12, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 10, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 11, 2024</i> |
| Industries wary of shifting to national grid | 150MW renewable energy projects | Power bills default: Water supply to Isakhel suspended | Construction of e-bus depot: LHC orders relocating trees instead of felling in Lahore |
| <i>Express Tribune December 10, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 12, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 10, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 12, 2024</i> |
| Kohat demands oil and gas royalties | Punjab launches solarization programme for tubewells | PPP, PMLN discuss canals issue, Sindh PSDP | What the smog said |
| <i>Express Tribune December 10, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 12, 2024</i> | <i>The NEWS December 10, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 12, 2024</i> |
| Govt to begin gas disconnection notices for captive power plants amid IMF demands | All petrol pumps in federal capital will be equipped with EV-charging stations | Pakistan trying to get IsDB financing, revive Saudi oil facility | KP govt forms working group for climate change initiative |
| <i>Pakistan Today December 10, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 13, 2024</i> | <i>The NEWS December 10, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 12, 2024</i> |
| Government ends SNGPL and SSGC monopoly, approves third-party gas sales framework | Islamabad to become 'model city' for EV adoption: minister | 'Project behind scheduled' | Businesses urged to act on climate risks to avoid losses |
| <i>Pakistan Today December 11, 2024</i> | <i>The NEWS December 13, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 10, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 12, 2024</i> |
| ECNEC paves way for E&P firms to sell gas to private sector | CDA set to instal vehicle charging units at petrol pumps | Winter Incentive Package: A welcome U-Turn | 'Climate change making tallest peaks warm' |
| <i>The NEWS December 11, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 13, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 10, 2024</i> | <i>DAWN December 12, 2024</i> |
| | Early adoption of electric vehicles can drive economic growth: speakers | Power sector privatisation – A pipe dream without cost allowances | Fighting desertification |
| | <i>DAWN December 14, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 10, 2024</i> | <i>The NEWS December 12, 2024</i> |
| Ogra approves export of additional 80,000 tonnes of furnace oil | Sindh govt, China sign MoUs for five projects | Recovery of Rs68bn dues from 'regular bill payers' | AGP Awan calls for global action on climate change at ICJ |
| <i>The NEWS December 11, 2024</i> | <i>The NEWS December 14, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 10, 2024</i> | <i>The NEWS December 12, 2024</i> |
| SIFC to address refinery upgrade deadlock | InfraZamin, Saudi Pak Industrial and Agricultural Investment sign renewable energy financing facility to Acumen Energy of Rs1.28bn | Lesco collects Rs3.76bn from defaulters | Pakistan urges action on climate change |
| <i>The NEWS December 11, 2024</i> | <i>The NEWS December 14, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 10, 2024</i> | <i>Express Tribune December 13, 2024</i> |
| Discontinuing gas to captive power plants will threaten exports, warns PTEA | Chinese investors ink MoUs for five projects in Sindh | Power, gas theft as cognizable offence | 'Climate change intensified back-to-back storms' |
| <i>DAWN December 11, 2024</i> | <i>Express Tribune December 14, 2024</i> | <i>Business Recorder December 10, 2024</i> | <i>Express Tribune December 13, 2024</i> |

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| Oil rises as EU agrees more curbs on Russia | Chinese investors ink five MoUs in Karachi | NEPRA urged to amend licensing rules for private sector participation in Disco sell-off process | CM for environmental tech sharing |
| DAWN December 12, 2024 | Business Recorder December 14, 2024 | Pakistan Today December 10, 2024 | Express Tribune December 13, 2024 |
| Govt to hike IFEM by Rs2.5 per litre for POL products | Eco-friendly electric buses set to ply on roads | Cabinet consents to 'settlement agreements' with eight IPPs to cut power tariff | Population, economy |
| The NEWS December 12, 2024 | Express Tribune December 15, 2024 | Pakistan Today December 11, 2024 | Business Recorder December 13, 2024 |
| Hazara women protest gas outages | | KE seeks NEPRA nod for Rs68b write-offs | Climate funding |
| Express Tribune December 12, 2024 | | Express Tribune December 11, 2024 | Business Recorder December 13, 2024 |
| Oil prices rise | | 8 baggasse-fired IPPs | Environmental pollution |
| Business Recorder December 12, 2024 | | Business Recorder December 11, 2024 | Business Recorder December 13, 2024 |
| OGRA approves export of additional 80,000MT furnace oil amid declining local demand | | SIFC to take up critical energy sector issues today | EPD intensifies operation against non-zigzag brick kilns |
| Pakistan Today December 12, 2024 | | Business Recorder December 11, 2024 | Business Recorder December 13, 2024 |
| Pakistan explores Saudi oil facility, IsDB financing to address IMF concerns | | KE's Rs68bn write-off claims: Nepra reserves verdict | Maryam proposes Beijing-Punjab working group to combat pollution |
| Pakistan Today December 12, 2024 | | Business Recorder December 11, 2024 | The NEWS December 13, 2024 |
| OGDCL-led consortium wins bid for 49% stake in Miran block | | PALSP says high energy tariffs brought steel sector to its knees | Indonesia's renewable energy plans may put forests at risk |
| Pakistan Today December 12, 2024 | | Business Recorder December 11, 2024 | The NEWS December 13, 2024 |
| Rs3.9 per litre reduction in diesel price likely | | The unseen costs of power sector mismanagement | CM Maryam announces joint working group with China to combat Punjab smog |
| Express Tribune December 13, 2024 | | Business Recorder December 11, 2024 | DAWN December 13, 2024 |
| Oil supply to rise in 2025 despite OPEC cuts: IEA | | Maryam launches joint environmental initiatives with China | Emissions trading |
| Business Recorder December 13, 2024 | | The NEWS December 11, 2024 | DAWN December 14, 2024 |
| Significant cut in POL products' prices likely | | Nepra raises alarm over power sector 'vulnerabilities' | UN Pakistan joins hands with DawnMedia for climate change conference |
| Business Recorder December 13, 2024 | | The NEWS December 11, 2024 | DAWN December 14, 2024 |
| Economic growth fuels optimism for OMCs | | Steel industry laments rising energy costs | Panelists call for collaboration to address challenges faced by mountain ecosystems |
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| | Govt seeks consensus on uniform gas pricing amid PPP protest | | Nepra reviews KE's Rs68bn write-off claims | 'Cross-border data vital for tackling climate change, pandemics' |
| | DAWN December 14, 2024 | | The NEWS December 11, 2024 | The NEWS December 14, 2024 |
| | OGDCL makes first discovery in Samanasuk | | Cabinet okays deal with eight IPPs to cut power costs | Climate change trial |
| | DAWN December 14, 2024 | | DAWN December 11, 2024 | The NEWS December 14, 2024 |
| | OGDC makes key gas and condensate discovery in KP | | Power companies' poor performance costs Rs660bn to exchequer | PRGMEA recognises issue of Scope 3 gas emissions |
| | The NEWS December 14, 2024 | | DAWN December 11, 2024 | Business Recorder December 14, 2024 |
| | Gas shortages make life miserable in Hyderabad | | K-Electric's plea for payment of Rs68bn faces stiff opposition | World falls short of drought deal at talks in Riyadh |
| | Express Tribune December 14, 2024 | | DAWN December 11, 2024 | DAWN December 15, 2024 |
| | OGDC discovers gas, condensate in K-P | | Gas, power tariff hikes under IMF fuel inflation: finance minister | Climate adaptation plans prepared for flood-hit Charsadda union councils |
| | Express Tribune December 14, 2024 | | DAWN December 12, 2024 | DAWN December 15, 2024 |
| | Iranian oil prices to China hit new multi-year highs | | Electricity rates | EPD to install smog clean tower in City |
| | Business Recorder December 14, 2024 | | DAWN December 12, 2024 | The NEWS December 15, 2024 |
| | OGDCL strikes hydrocarbon reserves in KP's Samanasuk formation | | Minister Aleem Khan directs speedy privatisation of Discos | New MV fitness certificate soon |
| | Pakistan Today December 14, 2024 | | DAWN December 12, 2024 | Express Tribune December 15, 2024 |
| | City faces gas shortage as temperature drops | | Maryam explores trade, energy opportunities in Shanghai | World falls short of drought deal at Saudi-hosted talks |
| | DAWN December 15, 2024 | | The NEWS December 12, 2024 | Express Tribune December 15, 2024 |
| | Industrial gases sector expands capacity | | Nepra notifies 20 paisa/unit increase under first quarterly adjustment | |
| | The NEWS December 15, 2024 | | The NEWS December 12, 2024 | |
| | Mari Petroleum overtakes OGDCL to become largest company on PSX by market cap | | PHC seeks responses from Pedo, Nepra, others | Tower installed in Lahore to deal with smog challenge |
| | Pakistan Today December 15, 2024 | | The NEWS December 12, 2024 | Business Recorder December 15, 2024 |
| | | | Govt to answer for restrictions on affordable electricity in province | |
| | | | Express Tribune December 12, 2024 | |
| | | | Pakistan, Russia eye energy projects | Impact of Cop29 on environmental changes globally |
| | | | Express Tribune December 12, 2024 | Pakistan Today December 15, 2024 |
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| | | | Discos: Dancing to the tune of inefficiency | |
| | | | Business Recorder December 12, 2024 | |
| | | | Remarks on CASA-1000 project | |
| | | | Business Recorder December 12, 2024 | |
| | | | Power sector losses exceed Rs660 billion in FY24 as inefficiencies rise | |
| | | | Pakistan Today December 12, 2024 | |
| | | | IPP plan approved | |
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| | | | World Bank cancels \$500m loan to Pakistan | |
| | | | Express Tribune December 13, 2024 | |
| | | | KE consumers to see Rs0.27/ unit cut | |
| | | | Express Tribune December 13, 2024 | |
| | | | Dysfunctional DISCOs | |
| | | | Express Tribune December 13, 2024 | |
| | | | Outslandings against provincial depts/entities | |
| | | | Business Recorder December 13, 2024 | |
| | | | Discos' sell-off | |
| | | | Business Recorder December 13, 2024 | |
| | | | KE FCA for October | |
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| | | | Winter demand initiative | |
| | | | Business Recorder December 13, 2024 | |
| | | | \$425m national transmission modernisation project | |
| | | | Business Recorder December 13, 2024 | |
| | | | Senate question hour: Rs923bn capacity payments made to 36 IPPs in 2023-24 | |
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| | | | Centre asks provinces to pay Rs146.176bn power dues | |
| | | | <i>The NEWS December 13, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Provinces told to pay Rs150bn dues to avoid power cut | |
| | | | <i>DAWN December 13, 2024</i> | |
| | | | LCCI asks govt to end fixed charges, taxes on electricity | |
| | | | <i>DAWN December 14, 2024</i> | |
| | | | PM directs cut in power tariff | |
| | | | <i>The NEWS December 14, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Rs411bn saved by annulling agreements with 5 IPPs, NA told | |
| | | | <i>The NEWS December 14, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Shehbaz wants power tariffs reduced | |
| | | | <i>Express Tribune December 14, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Rs9.5tn power irregularities unearthed | |
| | | | <i>Express Tribune December 14, 2024</i> | |
| | | | PM orders reduction in power tariffs | |
| | | | <i>Business Recorder December 14, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Captive power plants | |
| | | | <i>Business Recorder December 14, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Rs1.4trn paid in capacity payments to 36 IPPs in two years: Ministry of Energy | |
| | | | <i>Pakistan Today December 14, 2024</i> | |
| | | | World Bank cancels \$500m loan to Pakistan due to slow energy reforms | |
| | | | <i>Pakistan Today December 14, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Punjab govt departments among major defaulters on power bills | |
| | | | <i>DAWN December 15, 2024</i> | |
| | | | World Bank, govt join hands to woo investment in Discos | |
| | | | <i>DAWN December 15, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Sindh govt working to develop two special economic zones in Karachi: minister | |
| | | | <i>DAWN December 15, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Talks with 14 IPPs on cutting power cost concluded | |

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| | | | <i>The NEWS December 15, 2024</i> | |
| | | | LESCO exposes defaulters among major govt institutions | |
| | | | <i>Business Recorder December 15, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Govt to terminate power agreements with six more IPPs | |
| | | | <i>Pakistan Today December 15, 2024</i> | |
| | | | Audit uncovers Rs9.5 trillion irregularities in power companies over three years | |
| | | | <i>Pakistan Today December 15, 2024</i> | |
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Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

