






Weekly Media Monitor

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

- Truckers transporting coal from Balochistan to Punjab continue their protest over the lack of security and compensation for their vehicles damaged by violence and vandalism along the way.
- The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the federal cabinet approves a Winter Package for electricity consumers, incentivizing them to increase the use of the national grid between mid-November and mid-February when electricity consumption drops dramatically.
- A task force headed by Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar allows gas exploration and production firms to sell 35 percent of their gas directly to the private sector.
- A report by the Asian Development Bank estimates that Pakistan requires an investment of USD 390 billion to achieve a low-carbon energy transition by 2050.
- During a previously unscheduled five-day visit, an International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission to Pakistan stresses the need to continue policies aimed at fiscal and monetary tightening, revenue mobilization, and transferring greater social and development responsibilities to the provinces.
- The 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) struggles to overcome a deadlock, mainly over the volume and nature of climate change finance to be provided by developed nations to developing ones.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Armed men attack Duki construction camp, kidnap three labourers DAWN November 14, 2024	Will Pakistan's shale gas promise deliver? The News November 11, 2024	Rs55 billion MoUs signed to solarise official buildings, poor households DAWN November 10, 2024	IESCO Installs 275,000 AMI Meters in Pindi to Ensure Zero Electricity Management DAWN November 11, 2024	Time to Deliver DAWN November 11, 2024
Our coal dilemma The NEWS November 16, 2024	Opec again cuts 2024, 2025 oil demand growth forecasts The NEWS November 11, 2024	KP govt launches two solarization projects worth Rs55bn The NEWS November 10, 2024	Pakistan's SOEs: A \$20bn hole in economy The News November 11, 2024	An unwanted fifth season DAWN November 11, 2024
	Fuel prices poised for second fortnightly rise DAWN November 13, 2024	Solar boom hits DISCOs revenues The NEWS November 10, 2024	CCP for sell-off of Discos or exploring PPPs Business Recorder November 11, 2024	Climate Summit DAWN November 11, 2024

	Petrol price may surge by Rs2.58 a litre	K-P to solarise public buildings, households	Disconnecting captive power: balancing between costs and efficiency	On COP29 eve, EU monitor says 2024 set to be hottest year on record
	<i>The NEWS November 14, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 10, 2024</i>	<i>Business Recorder November 11, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 11, 2024</i>
	National gas distribution network again at high risk	Solar surge slashes DISCOs revenues as grid demand dips	Government divides NTDC into three entities	Lowering crop production costs
	<i>The NEWS November 14, 2024</i>	<i>Pakistan Today November 11, 2024</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, November 11, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 11, 2024</i>
	PPL discovers hydrocarbon reserves in Sujawal	Govt proposes tax break for 'expensive' NEVs	Govt nears deal with 18 IPPs to shift to 'take and pay' model: report	Pakistan Seeks \$13m from WHO for Climate Resilience Training report
	<i>Business Recorder November 15, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 12, 2024</i>	<i>Pakistan Today November 11, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 11, 2024</i>
	Rally demands climate justice, reduction of fossil fuels	Solarisation, falling power demand worry IMF	Competitive wholesale electricity market in a year	Conference Demands Plan to Amend IRSA Act be Dropped, Six Canals Project Shelved
	<i>DAWN November 16, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune 12, 2024</i>	<i>The News November 12, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 11, 2024</i>
	Petrol, diesel unchanged, RLNG rate increased	Reon Energy, FrieslandCampina Engro sign solar partnership	T&D losses amassed: Nepra to sue Discos for Rs276bn circular debt	Call for Gender Inclusive Policies Amid Growing Climate Threats
	<i>DAWN November 16, 2024</i>	<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>	<i>Business Recorder November 12, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 11, 2024</i>
	Petrol, diesel prices not changed	INFRASTRUCTURE: THE SOLAR CONUNDRUM	KATI calls for permanent winter relief package	Punjab residents gasp in stubborn smog, toxic air shrouds KP's Peshawar
	<i>The NEWS November 16, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 17, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 13, 2024</i>	<i>The News November 11, 2024</i>
	Strong dollar weakens oil		IMF mission engages with Pakistan to address revenue shortfall, review economic progress	Smog control measures fall short
	<i>Business Recorder November 15, 2024</i>		<i>Pakistan Today November 13, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 11, 2024</i>
	Oil execs work COP29 as NGOs slam lobbyist presence		Mini-budget unlikely as IMF satisfied with tax steps	US climate action won't end with Trump, COP29 told
	<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>		<i>DAWN November 14, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 12, 2024</i>
	POL products' prices remain unchanged		A high-cost plan	Unicef seeks urgent action to reduce air pollution in Punjab
	<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>		<i>DAWN November 14, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 12, 2024</i>
	Oil and Gas Development Company Limited		All closed powerhouses be reopened: Wapda union	US launches \$24m 'Climate Smart Agriculture' project in Pakistan
	<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>		<i>DAWN November 14, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 12, 2024</i>
			Pakistan power sector set to undergo major overhaul	Don't 'normalise' debt burden of the vulnerable: PM
			<i>The News November 14, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 13, 2024</i>

			Before privatisation...: Pakistan seeks ADB support to strengthen Discos	Pollution chart goes through the roof: Schools closure extended across Punjab
			<i>The News November 14, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 13, 2024</i>
			IMF briefed about recovery plan, local debt	Development lenders set \$120bn climate finance goal for poorer countries
			<i>Business Recorder November 14, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 13, 2024</i>
			ADB delegation meets minister	Azerbaijan defends fossil fuels at COP29 as big names skip summit
			<i>Business Recorder November 14, 2024</i>	<i>Business Recorder November 13, 2024</i>
			Addressing thefts and losses in Discos	NDMA warns of worsening smog across Pakistan
			<i>Business Recorder November 14, 2024</i>	<i>Pakistan Today November 13, 2024</i>
			CDWP approves three energy sector projects worth Rs. 58.857 billion	US will back South Asia climate diplomacy: White House official
			<i>Pakistan Today November 16, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 14, 2024</i>
			‘Continuous rollovers made debt increasingly unsustainable’	Resilience not possible sans climate justice, says PM
			<i>The NEWS November 15, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 14, 2024</i>
			Govt, IMF wrap up talks after rare revision of fiscal data	Steep price
			<i>DAWN November 16, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 14, 2024</i>
			IMF flags Pakistan's tax shortfall, loan delays	Optimising COP29
			<i>Express Tribune November 16, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 14, 2024</i>
			No mini-budget coming, says finance minister	Stark warning on emissions fails to unite leaders at COP29
			<i>The NEWS November 17, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 14, 2024</i>
			HSD, petrol prices unchanged: Govt reduces adjustments in exchange rate, IFEM components	Smog in Islamabad ‘under control’ as AQI recorded at 192
			<i>Business Recorder November 17, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 14, 2024</i>
			Net metering: timely policy intervention	Crackdown on smoke-emitting vehicles
			<i>The NEWS November 17, 2024</i>	<i>The News November 14, 2024</i>

			Pakistan eyes carbon markets to plug climate finance gap	The Rich don't Care
			DAWN November 17, 2024	The News November 14, 2024
			Aurangzeb rules out 'mini-budget'	Pakistan's deadly air pollution crisis
			Business Recorder November 17, 2024	The News November 14, 2024
			Agri income levy: Punjab govt emulates FBR's super tax structure	Climate change
			Business Recorder November 17, 2024	Business Recorder November 14, 2024
			Roll back state control in economy, IMF tells govt	Climate ambition gap
			Business Recorder November 17, 2024	DAWN November 15, 2024
			ZRI consumers in LIEDA: PD under fire over 'AMR' meter 'impasse'	2 million seek treatment as smog chokes Punjab
			Business Recorder November 17, 2024	DAWN November 15, 2024
			Discos' sell-off: SIFC to play key role	COP 29: A platform for hypocrisy?
			Business Recorder November 17, 2024	Pakistan Today November 15, 2024
			Country unveils first National Carbon Market Policy	Breathing through the smog
			Business Recorder November 17, 2024	Pakistan Today November 15, 2024
			Legal action against Discos?	Lahore's dangerous smog: where disease and death stalk
			Business Recorder November 16, 2024	DAWN November 15, 2024
			Decentralising power: a provincial pathway for Pakistan's energy future	Liberal imports to hurt local assembly of EVs
			Business Recorder November 16, 2024	DAWN November 15, 2024
			IMF urges Pakistan to reduce government intervention as unscheduled visit ends	As the world melts around them, climate refugees in Hunza pin hopes on COP29
			Express Tribune November 16, 2024	DAWN November 15, 2024
			Air quality control to save economy	City chokes as smog torture persists
			Express Tribune November 16, 2024	The NEWS November 15, 2024
			Another surprise: Govt keeps petrol, diesel prices unchanged	Entry of heavy traffic, smoke-emitting vehicles to City banned
			Express Tribune November 16, 2024	The NEWS November 15, 2024

			Surcharge on fossil fuels	Call for urgent action to combat global warming
			<i>Business Recorder November 17, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 15, 2024</i>
			Pakistan rules out mini-budget after constructive IMF talks	KMU hosts symposium on climate change and mental health
			<i>Pakistan Today November 17, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 15, 2024</i>
			IMF urges Pakistan to harness untapped tax sources to boost revenue	COP29 climate talks grapple with trillion-dollar task
			<i>The NEWS November 16, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 15, 2024</i>
			Agriculture income to be taxed from Jan 2025, IMF told	Unable to breathe
			<i>The NEWS November 16, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 15, 2024</i>
			IMF calls for reduced govt intervention, energy reforms in Pakistan's economy	CO2 emissions to hit record high
			<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 15, 2024</i>
			Macro-fiscal forecasts for budget: IMF asks govt to strengthen capacity of FD	Pakistan, Global Green Growth Initiative ink four-year pact to boost climate resilience
			<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 15, 2024</i>
			Supplementary grants: IMF seeks to limit govt discretion	CO2 emissions to hit record high
			<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 15, 2024</i>
			IMF-govt talks conclude	Lahore ranked second most polluted city as toxic smog continues to engulf Punjab
			<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 15, 2024</i>
			Nepra warns Discos and KE: 'Resolve overbilling issue or face legal action'	WWF urges PM to declare smog emergency
			<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 15, 2024</i>
			CDWP approves 3 projects worth Rs58.85bn	Confronting climate change at Baku
				<i>Express Tribune November 15, 2024</i>
				Confronting climate change at Baku

				<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>
				Stricter lockdown in big cities as Punjab declares smog emergency
				<i>DAWN November 16, 2024</i>
				COP29 and the quest for an accord acceptable to all
				<i>DAWN November 16, 2024</i>
				Breathless Punjab
				<i>DAWN November 16, 2024</i>
				Snowballing smog engulfing Pakistan an inch per second
				<i>The NEWS November 16, 2024</i>
				Punjab struggles as Lahore's air quality hits 'hazardous' levels
				<i>The NEWS November 16, 2024</i>
				Negotiating fair climate finance at COP29
				<i>The NEWS November 16, 2024</i>
				Punjab's AQI crisis
				<i>The NEWS November 16, 2024</i>
				Punjab successfully tests artificial rain to combat smog
				<i>The NEWS November 16, 2024</i>
				Preparing for smog
				<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>
				Harnessing rice crop residues for agricultural and environmental prosperity
				<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>
				Fragile countries make \$20bn climate finance push at COP29
				<i>Business Recorder November 16, 2024</i>
				Lahore extends smog restrictions, schools closed until November 24
				<i>Express Tribune November 16, 2024</i>
				Lockdown returns as smog thickens

				Express Tribune November 16, 2024
				Punjab declares emergency measures as smog turns into 'health crisis'
				Pakistan Today November 16, 2024
				Smog crisis continues in Lahore; AQI at hazardous level
				The NEWS November 17, 2024
				In a toxic bubble
				The NEWS November 17, 2024
				One earth, one breath
				The NEWS November 17, 2024
				Smog and the city
				The NEWS November 17, 2024
				Govt, Unicef pledge to prioritise child-centric climate resilience
				DAWN November 17, 2024
				Islamabad's air quality becomes 'very unhealthy': Pak-EPA
				The NEWS November 17, 2024
				Smog SOPs breach continues unabated
				DAWN November 17, 2024
				COP in the time of climate denial
				Express Tribune November 17, 2024
				Lahore's air quality improves, drops out of 'hazardous' category
				Express Tribune November 17, 2024
				Record smog triggers anguish and anxiety
				Business Recorder November 17, 2024

