

Weekly Media Monitor

Nov 04th - Nov 10th, 2024

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

- Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, hosts COP 29 from 11 November to 22 November 2024. Pakistan is sending a large contingent to it, including Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz.
- With severe smog blanketing much of Pakistan and the Air Quality Index in Punjab's major cities exceeding internationally accepted guideline by over 70 times, the provincial government closes schools, implements a 50 percent attendance policy in public institutions and initiates several other efforts to control vehicular, industrial and agricultural pollution.
- An IMF mission visits Islamabad for discussions with Pakistani authorities on the supply of gas supplies to captive power plants (CPPs) by January 2025, among many other things.
- The government initiates renegotiation of contracts with five independent power producers (IPPs), aiming for annual savings of up to 300 billion rupees and a potential reduction in electricity tariffs by 2-3 rupees per unit.
- The government introduces 'Bijli Sahulat Package,' offering reduced electricity rates for residential, commercial, and industrial consumers on incremental electricity usage from December to February.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Three Coal Trucks en route to Punjab torched in Duki attack <i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>	SIFC for resolving POL sales tax exemption issue <i>The NEWS November 4, 2024</i>	Trump return will slow, not stop, US clean energy boom <i>The NEWS November 7, 2024</i>	Electricity tariffs go down... at the PBS <i>Business Recorder November 4, 2024</i>	Lahore AQI crosses 1,000 again, govt mulls lockdown <i>The NEWS November 4, 2024</i>
Tharis demand justice amidst coal project's expansion <i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>	OPEC+ agrees to delay December output hike for one month <i>Business Recorder November 4, 2024</i>	Rs55 billion MoUs signed to solarise official buildings, poor households <i>DAWN November 10, 2024</i>	IESCO notifies power shutdown programme <i>Business Recorder November 4, 2024</i>	Gaspung for Air <i>The NEWS November 4, 2024</i>
3 imported coal-based IPPs to Thar coal: PPIB seeks details of Chinese Ad hoc Working Group on conversion <i>Business Recorder November 9, 2024</i>	Global oil jumps nearly 3pc <i>DAWN November 5, 2024</i>	KP govt launches two solarization projects worth Rs55bn <i>The NEWS November 10, 2024</i>	Economic consequences of shutting gas supply to industrial self-generation facilities <i>Business Recorder November 4, 2024</i>	Air pollution: primary schools closed for a week in Lahore <i>The NEWS November 4, 2024</i>
	PPL secures development lease extension for Sui gas field <i>The NEWS November 5, 2024</i>	Solar boom hits DISCOs revenues <i>The NEWS November 10, 2024</i>	PCGA reveals significant cotton output decline YoY <i>Business Recorder November 4, 2024</i>	Azerbaijan COP29: Reimagine climate diplomacy <i>The NEWS November 4, 2024</i>

	SIFC moves to address refinery woes	K-P to solarise public buildings, households	Thousands held for power theft in a year across 5 Punjab districts	SMOG EMERGENCY: Islamabad bans polluting vehicles and industries
	<i>Express Tribune November 5, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 10, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 5, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 4, 2024</i>
	Reliable gas supply in winter sought	Solar surge slashes DISCOs revenues as grid demand dips	Navigating economic perils	Climate Council
	<i>Express Tribune November 5, 2024</i>	<i>Pakistan Today November 11, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 4, 2024</i>
	Petroleum sales rebound	Govt proposes tax break for 'expensive' NEVs	Rupee report: Weekly rupee-dollar parity	Schools shut as smog chokes Lahore's lungs
	<i>Business Recorder November 5, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 12, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 4, 2024</i>
	Govt's decision to close CNG stations rejected	Solarisation, falling power demand worry IMF	Power pilferers fined over Rs33m in October: Iesco	Will gov't's 'unreliable' AQI figures deepen issue?
	<i>DAWN November 6, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune</i>	<i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 4, 2024</i>
	Funds approved for Mansehra gas supply		KPRA posts 40pc growth in revenue collection	Will climate commitments hold at COP29?
	<i>DAWN November 6, 2024</i>		<i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 4, 2024</i>
	TAPI gas project not sustainable for Pakistan if India opts out		Circular Debt Management Plan approved, Rs637bn loss projected from theft, low bill recoveries	Critical air pollution prompts primary schools closure for a week
	<i>The NEWS November 6, 2024</i>		<i>Pakistan Today November 6, 2024</i>	<i>Pakistan Today November 4, 2024</i>
	Halt to gas supply may prove catastrophic		Provinces asked to ensure effective price control	Germany commits €20 million to enhance Pakistan's billion tree initiative
	<i>Express Tribune November 6, 2024</i>		<i>DAWN November 6, 2024</i>	<i>Pakistan Today November 4, 2024</i>
	Russia's oil output at 9m bpd as promised to OPEC+		40-paisa hike in K-Electric tariff for August usage notified	SIFC directs Petroleum Division to extend refinery upgrade deadline and resolve sales tax issue by November 10
	<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>		<i>DAWN November 6, 2024</i>	<i>Pakistan Today November 4, 2024</i>
	Oil prices make gains		Karachi residents hold protest over power, water supply cuts	Punjab to reach out to India as Lahore chokes
	<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>		<i>Express Tribune November 6, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>
	Ogra mandates safety and branding standards for oil tankers		KMC collects Rs220m municipal tax through August KE bills	Situationer: Left Gasping For Air
	<i>The NEWS November 7, 2024</i>		<i>DAWN November 6, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>
	What is the cost of misguided energy policies?		Major holes in IPP tariff deals revealed	Pakistan may face substantial losses in natural resources by 2070 due to climate change: ADB
	<i>The NEWS November 10, 2024</i>		<i>Express Tribune, November 6, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>
	Will Pakistan's shale gas promise deliver?		IMF accelerates review of \$7 billion bailout	Punjab notes: Gasp for air and love Lahore
	<i>The News November 11, 2024</i>		<i>Express Tribune, November 6, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 4, 2024</i>

	Fuel prices poised for second fortnightly rise		KMC collects Rs228m taxes via power bills	Sustainable development conference begins
	DAWN November 13, 2024		Express Tribune, November 6, 2024	DAWN November 4, 2024
	Opec again cuts 2024, 2025 oil demand growth forecasts		Renegotiating or terminating contracts with IPPs: up to Rs300bn annual saving expected	Pakistan's cotton production plummets by 37% amid climate, funding challenges
	The NEWS November 11, 2024		Business Recorder, November 6, 2024	Pakistan Today November 5, 2024
			Infighting in Nepra worsens	Breathe!
			Business Recorder, November 6, 2024	Business Recorder November 5, 2024
			Consumer confidence returns gradually	Choking on Smog
			Business Recorder, November 6, 2024	Business Recorder November 5, 2024
			Energy task force targets more IPPs in reform push	UN urges leveraging carbon markets to help poorest states
			The NEWS November 6, 2024	Business Recorder November 5, 2024
			K-Electric to charge Rs0.4/unit extra from consumers	Pollution a 'serial killer' in Pakistan amid climate crisis
			The NEWS November 6, 2024	The NEWS November 5, 2024
			Nepra imposes Rs50m fine on Iesco for grid delay	Experts want complete City lockdown
			The NEWS November 6, 2024	The NEWS November 5, 2024
			Energy sector attracts highest FDI in Q1FY25	Uniform gas pricing for all consumer categories on the cards
			The NEWS November 6, 2024	The NEWS November 5, 2024
			Tariff for KE consumers raised by Rs0.40 per unit	Smog Hazard
			Express Tribune November 6, 2024	DAWN November 5, 2024
			The cost of ignoring energy poverty	29 brick kilns demolished in crackdown in Attock
			Express Tribune November 6, 2024	DAWN November 5, 2024
			Recovery of Rs8.718bn from consumers	Lahore continues to grapple with smog
			Business Recorder November 7, 2024	DAWN November 5, 2024
			Power Consumption Boost	Balochistan okays policy for organic farming
			Business Recorder November 7, 2024	DAWN November 5, 2024

			FPCCI seeks 'winter package' for trade & industry	Ban on stubble burning flouted in Narowal
			<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 5, 2024</i>
			Petrochemical, chemical plants: criticality of CCPPs highlighted	Limited real-time air quality monitors hinder effective measures in smoggy Lahore: report
			<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>	<i>Pakistan Today November 6, 2024</i>
			Speakers for firm action to deal with economic, environmental challenges	Analysis: Tackling smog will take more than 'lockdowns and prohibitions'
			<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 6, 2024</i>
			Trump victory to reverberate through global economy	New pacts with 18 IPPs likely in six months
			<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 6, 2024</i>
			Peaceful N-programme: Attainment of SDGs	A fortress of Smog
			<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune, November 6, 2024</i>
			PM announces 100MW power supply for G-B	Leaders from key countries to skip climate summit
			<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 6, 2024</i>
			PM Shehbaz announces 100MW supply for GB	NCHR takes suo motu notice of smog
			<i>DAWN November 7, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 6, 2024</i>
			Power companies' inefficiency costs users Rs60bn	Govt pledges stronger climate action, partners with stakeholders
			<i>DAWN November 7, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 6, 2024</i>
			IPP Contracts	Delhi wants artificial rain to tackle pollution
			<i>DAWN November 7, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 6, 2024</i>
			Negotiating Climate Finance	EPD establishes 'Smog War Room' to address issue
			<i>DAWN November 7, 2024</i>	<i>Business Recorder November 6, 2024</i>
			Three Hesco officials hurt in Sehwan as 'defaulters' attack	Green Financing, Climate Resilience
			<i>DAWN November 7, 2024</i>	<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>
			Experts propose measures to achieve sustainable targets	Crop residue, other agri issues
			<i>DAWN November 7, 2024</i>	<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>
			Kohistanis accuse Wapda of flouting agreement	Climate risk – is the climate action enough?
			<i>DAWN November 7, 2024</i>	<i>Business Recorder November 7, 2024</i>
			Consumers set to pay Rs8.7b for idle IPPs	Sherry Rehman urges world to rethink finance mechanism

			Express Tribune November 7, 2024	DAWN November 7, 2024
			PM announces 100MW power supply for G-B	Climate Congress at Lums
			Express Tribune November 7, 2024	DAWN November 7, 2024
			Babu's fuel allowances expend exchequer	193 booked for violating anti-smog regulations
			Express Tribune November 7, 2024	DAWN November 7, 2024
			ECC concerned about price hikes	Minimum chances of smog engulfing twin cities
			Express Tribune November 7, 2024	DAWN November 7, 2024
			NEPRA approves rate cut of up to Rs1.28/unit	Suparco launches project to track pollution sources
			Express Tribune November 7, 2024	DAWN November 7, 2024
			PM announces 100MW power supply for GB, Rs1bn endowment fund	Punjab goes virtual again as schools shut down
			The NEWS November 7, 2024	Express Tribune November 7, 2024
			Nepra announces Rs1.27/unit refund in Nov bills	Constructions around Rawal Dam ring alarms
			The NEWS November 7, 2024	Express Tribune November 7, 2024
			IMF team due on 11th for talks on programme performance	COP29: a fizzling climate summit?
			The NEWS November 7, 2024	Express Tribune November 7, 2024
			First quarter FY24-25: Discos seek Nepra nod for Rs8.7bn recovery from power consumers	Senate body calls for enhanced climate pledges from developed nations
			The NEWS November 7, 2024	The NEWS November 7, 2024
			NEPRA approves Rs 1.28 per unit cut in power tariff under fuel charges adjustment for September 2024	Climate Challenge
			Pakistan Today November 7, 2024	The NEWS November 7, 2024
			EFF progress review: don't let them off the hook!	Green financing crucial for climate action: experts
			Business Recorder November 8, 2024	The NEWS November 7, 2024
			Power tariffs: Quarterly adjustment tanks	Climate crisis demands urgent action: SBP governor Jamil
			Business Recorder November 8, 2024	DAWN November 9, 2024
			From FY17-23: Nepra questions KE's Rs68bn write-off claims	A ten-point agenda for COP29
			Business Recorder November 8, 2024	The News November 9, 2024

			15 sectors contribute 62.4pc of domestic sales tax revenue	Every Winter Smog and Air Pollution Over the City of Lahore Has Caused it to be Ranked Internationally as having the Dirtiest Air Quality in the World
			<i>Business Recorder November 8, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 10, 2024</i>
			IPP claims contracts being negotiated 'forcibly'	Heat, air pollution, disease: how climate change affects health
			<i>Business Recorder November 8, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 10, 2024</i>
			No gas for CPPs as per IMF terms: MoC moves PM for reversal of decision	Carbon trading stalemate threatens global climate progress
			<i>Business Recorder November 8, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 10, 2024</i>
			SOE dominance hinders power sector competition	Climate initiative launched to mobilise private investment
			<i>Business Recorder November 8, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 10, 2024</i>
			Govt unveils winter package to boost power consumption	ENVIRONMENT: TO BREATHE OR NOT TO BREATHE?
			<i>DAWN November 9, 2024</i>	<i>DAWN November 10, 2024</i>
			CCP for doing away with inefficient power plants	UAE offers support to Pakistan to minimise smog impact
			<i>Express Tribune November 9, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 10, 2024</i>
			'No one wants to roll over the debt'	Govt launches 'Climaventures': A \$50m push for climate innovation, investment
			<i>Express Tribune November 9, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 10, 2024</i>
			Captive power phase-out: the show must go on	Nations attending COP 29 moot must honour their pledges: PBF
			<i>Business Recorder November 9, 2024</i>	<i>The NEWS November 10, 2024</i>
			Power crisis and the way forward	Smog tightens chokehold on more Punjab cities
			<i>Business Recorder November 9, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 10, 2024</i>
			Economy on the mend	STP protests over Indus River canal construction
			<i>Business Recorder November 9, 2024</i>	<i>Express Tribune November 10, 2024</i>
			Pakistan seeks two-year extension on \$3.4bn Chinese debt amid IMF programme	
			<i>Pakistan Today November 9, 2024</i>	
			Federal cabinet approves major restructuring of NTDC into two new entities	
			<i>Pakistan Today November 9, 2024</i>	
			FBR to introduce new fossil fuel surcharge to boost revenue	

			Pakistan Today November 9, 2024	
			NTDC Divided into Three Companies	
			DAWN November 10, 2024	
			ADB to help build aviation fuel facility	
			DAWN November 10, 2024	
			Six-canal project to push Sindh towards the edge of precipice, says STP chief	
			DAWN November 10, 2024	
			Power sector reforms: Consumers will be able to choose from multiple electricity supplier	
			The NEWS November 10, 2024	
			Incentivising consumption	
			The NEWS November 10, 2024	
			Fans replacement in Discos, KE	
			The NEWS November 10, 2024	
			CPPs: govt must phase out 'preferential' treatment	
			The NEWS November 10, 2024	
			DISCOs a hurdle to development: CCP	
			EXPRESS TRIBUNE November 10,	
			Govt splits NTDC into three entities	
			EXPRESS TRIBUNE November 10	
			Power 'relief' package	
			EXPRESS TRIBUNE November 10	

