


Weekly Media Monitor

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

- Federal Tax Ombudsman directs power distribution companies to collect 18 percent General Sales Tax (GST) on the gross value of electricity supplied to solar panel users, rejecting net metering deductions.
- The federal government halts capacity payments to 22 Independent Power Producers, saving 1.5 trillion rupees and reducing electricity costs.
- Pakistan hesitates to impose a carbon levy proposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and linked to 1 billion US dollar loan for climate financing.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Railway line for Thar coal to Port Qasim on track for completion by December 2025	Dealers reject oil price deregulation	Sindh launches Rs. 200 billion solar energy project with World Bank support	Discos' death spiral	Climate change key driver of frequent, less predictable floods: study
<i>Pakistan Today, 27 February 2025</i>	<i>The Express Tribune, 24 March, 2025</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 2nd March 2025</i>	<i>Dawn, 1st March 2025</i>	<i>Dawn, 1st March 2025</i>
Thar coal railway line to Port Qasim set for Dec 2025 completion	SIFC approves deal for resuming LPG production	World Bank unit and other lenders criticise Pakistan's energy negotiations: report	Govt halts capacity payments to 22 IPPs, saving Rs1.5 trillion	Climate change debate
<i>The News, February 27, 2025</i>	<i>Express Tribune, February 25, 2025</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 27th February 2025</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 26 February 2025</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 28 February 2025</i>
EU says energy plan could cut 45bn euros off fossil fuel import bill	LNG imports force closure of local gas fields	Pakistan hesitant on IMF's proposed carbon levy for clean energy transition	Rs2/unit power tariff relief on cards	Climate change, Resilience and Sustainability Facility, and beyond
<i>The News, February 27, 2025</i>	<i>Express Tribune, February 25, 2025</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 25th February</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 28 February 2025</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 28 February 2025</i>
	New oil and gas reserves discovered in Waziristan	Solar users to pay GST on gross value of electricity	Advancing uncertainty	IMF calls for strict climate adaptation plans
	<i>Express Tribune, February 25, 2025</i>	<i>DAWN, February 26, 2025</i>	<i>Dawn, 27th February 2025</i>	<i>Dawn, February 26, 2025</i>
	Petroleum committee warns SSGC deal to convert gas into LPG may reduce supply		Experts suggest renewable energy transition methods for textile sector	Population and climate: looming catastrophe
	<i>Express Tribune, February 27, 2025</i>		<i>Dawn, 27th February 2025</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 27th February</i>
	Gas faces competition from coal in Asia's power industry		Will 18% GST on net metering slow down Pakistan's solar boom?	Department of Environment & Climate Change
	<i>Express Tribune, February 27, 2025</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 26 February 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 27 February 2025</i>

	Govt claims saving Rs1.5tr by revisiting IPP contracts		Inverex: Powering the future with renewable energy	IMF urges Pakistan to prioritise climate adaptation for disaster resilience
	DAWN, February 25, 2025		Dawn 24 Febraury, 2025	Pakistan Today, 26th February 2025
	Govt seeks data on furnace oil production, exports		Govt invokes nationalisation order	Pakistan, IMF begin talks on \$1 billion climate resilience financing
	The News, February 26,2025		Express Tribune, February 26, 2025	Pakistan Today, 24th Febraury 2025
	Hubco reports 28% YoY profit decline in 1HFY25		IMF mission to arrive in Pakistan on March 3 for review talks	China cuts carbon intensity in 2024 but still lags on key targets
	The News, February 27,2025		Express Tribune, February 25, 2025	The News, March 01, 2025
	Govt yet to decide on fuel price deregulation		Carbon levy pops up in talks with IMF	
	The News, February 28, 2025		Express Tribune, 25 February, 2025	
			Industrial sector demands electricity tariff to be set at Rs26 per unit	
			Express Tribune, February 26th, 2025	
			Govt halts capacity payments to 22 IPPs, saving Rs1.5 trillion	
			Express Tribune, February 26, 2025	
			Govt denies external pressure over IPP deals	
			Dawn, February 27, 2025	
			Govt claims saving Rs1.5tr by revisiting IPP contracts	
			Dawn, February 25, 2025	
			Circular debt: Talks on with banks to finalise terms for Rs1,240bn loan	
			The News, February 24,2025	
			Nations at odds over major UN climate science report	
			The News, February 24,2025	
			Defaulters owed Discos over Rs877bn in FY23, PAC told	
			The News, February 26, 2025	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

