

Weekly Media Monitor

March 3rd - March 9th, 2025

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

- The government says surge in rooftop solar net metering has burdened grid-dependent consumers with an additional 159 billion rupees, leading to an additional tariff increase of 1.5 rupees per unit.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has rejected Pakistan's proposal to reduce General Sales Tax (GST) on electricity bills.
- The government plans to borrow 1.25 trillion rupees from banks to retire circular debt, aiming to enhance liquidity in the energy sector.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
China's coal imports tick up in January-February despite risks to outlook	Petroleum dealers call off strike after gov't assurance on deregulation policy	Balochistan to receive 15,000 solar home systems under China-backed initiative	KE launches EPIC to foster innovation, localisation in energy sector	Impact of climate change: Decrease in water crisis in Nandiyar River threatens fish industry, land fertility
<i>Express Tribune, March 7, 2025</i>	<i>The News, March 04, 2025</i>	<i>PakistanToday, March 6,2025</i>	<i>The News, March 3,2025</i>	<i>The News, March 4, 2025</i>
LG reps urge KP govt to ensure mining companies with rules	Diesel imports overshoot demand		Severe power outages: Shangla residents struggle to cope with harsh winter conditions	Senate panel highlights climate threat to food security
<i>The News, Mar 8, 2025</i>	<i>Express Tribune, March 5, 2025</i>		<i>The News, March 04, 2025</i>	<i>The News, March 4,2025</i>
	Refineries seek FinMin intervention		Govt expects no hiccups as IMF reviews targets	Climate resilience, water management projects initiated in Balochistan
	<i>Express Tribune, March 6, 2025</i>		<i>Dawn, March 3,2025</i>	<i>Dawn, March 4, 2025</i>
	Fate of green refinery: PSO shares market study with Aramco, Sinopec		Govt in talks with IMF to address solar policy concerns	Nations fail to break deadlock on UN climate report timing
	<i>The News, March 8, 2025</i>		<i>The Express Tribune, March 5,2025</i>	<i>Dawn, March 3, 2025</i>
	SSGC reactivates shuttered LPG plant		NEPRA reduces electricity prices by Rs3 per unit for Karachi consumers	Climate change and growing population, a looming crisis
	<i>Pakistan Today, March 6,2025</i>		<i>The Express Tribune, March 6,2025</i>	<i>Express Tribune, March 04, 2025</i>
			NEPRA directs power tariff cut nationwide	Punjab launches 48,368-acre tree plantation drive
			<i>The Express Tribune, March 7, 2025</i>	<i>The Express Tribune, Mar 4, 2025</i>

			IMF rejects tax relief on power bills	Pakistan Green Taxonomy: A game changer or just greenwashing?
			<i>The Express Tribune, March 7,2025</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Mar 6, 2025</i>
			K-P Assembly seeks higher Koto Power tariff	CM Bugti inaugurates home solar system
			<i>The Express Tribune, March 4,2025</i>	<i>Dawn, March 7,2025</i>
			Govt denies forced revision of IPP contracts	
			<i>The Express Tribune, March 4,2025</i>	
			Govt planning to borrow Rs1.25trn from banks to clear circular debt, says brokerage house	
			<i>Business Recorder, March 7,2025</i>	
			Wharves 3 and 4: China's HSR seeks to sort out royalty issue with PQA	
			<i>Business Recorder, March 7,2025</i>	
			Leghari says govt to 'rationalise net metering,' aims to ease burden on consumers	
			<i>Business Recorder, March 3,2025</i>	
			Pakistan nearing \$4.4bn loan to ease power sector debt	
			<i>Business Recorder, March 8,2025</i>	
			Tariff plan for rooftop solar panel users shared with IMF	
			<i>The News, March 7,2025</i>	
			IMF objects to govt move to borrow Rs1.25tr for circular debt resolution	
			<i>The News, March 8,2025</i>	
			Consumers to bear burden as govt proposes new power surcharge	
			<i>Dawn, 8th March 2025</i>	
			Dip in Karachi's industrial power consumption	
			<i>Dawn, 8th March 2025</i>	
			Rs17 cut per unit for net metering users	
			<i>Express Tribune, March 8, 2025</i>	
			Roof solar net metering shifts Rs159bn burden on grid consumers	
			<i>The News, March 9, 2025</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

