






Weekly Media Monitor

January 12th, 2026 – January 18th, 2026

This week's major news updates in Pakistan's energy and climate sectors:

- ➔ The federal government prepares drafts of amendments to the NEPRA Act, 1997, and the Electricity Act, 1910, to shift key approval and notification powers from the federal cabinet to the federal Power Division.
- ➔ The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) approves uniform national tariff of 33.38 rupees per kilowatt-hour for 2026, despite the industrial sector's opposition that the tariff should not have included over 130 billion rupees worth of annual cross-subsidy that industries will have to pay.
- ➔ The federal government estimates that Pakistan requires 565.7 billion US dollars by 2035 to meet its latest Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs 3.0) climate targets for emission reductions, renewable energy expansion and electric vehicle adoption.
- ➔ A federal government report on the state-owned enterprises states that the power sector recorded negative equity of 800 billion rupees in 2025, as its six distribution companies continued to incur massive losses.

 Coal	 Oil and Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy and Finance	 Climate Change
‘Thar’s transformation will change Pakistan’ Express Tribune, 15 January, 2026	BR RESEARCH: OMC sales signal recovery with some friction Business Recorder, 12 January, 2026	Green contracts and the solar boom The News, 12 January, 2026	Wapda shares power evacuation plan for Diamer Basha Dam Project Business Recorder, 12 January, 2026	Achieving climate goals: ‘Pakistan will need \$565.7bn investment by 2035’ Business Recorder, 15 January, 2026
	A legacy of the oil shock DAWN, 12 January, 2026	Pakistan sets 60pc renewable energy target by 2030 The News, 13 January, 2026	Neptra approves uniform national average tariff, ignoring industry and export sector concerns Business Recorder, 13 January, 2026	Pakistan’s climate moment DAWN, 15 January, 2026
	Oil dreams return Pakistan Today, 12 January, 2026	Solar panel prices surge at start of the year Express Tribune, 18 January, 2026	Subsidised consumers eat up power tariff cut DAWN, 13 January, 2026	Pakistan needs \$566bn to meet climate targets DAWN, 15 January, 2026
	Pakistan seeks out-of-court settlement to scrap IP pipeline Express Tribune, 13 January, 2026		NEPRA leaves end-consumer tariff unchanged nationwide Express Tribune, 13 January, 2026	Pakistan needs \$566b to meet climate targets Express Tribune, 15 January, 2026
	Hazara women block road in Quetta over gas crisis Express Tribune, 13 January, 2026		Textile exporters seek urgent reforms as high energy costs cripple exports The News, 13 January, 2026	‘Pakistan needs \$565.7bn to meet climate commitments by 2035’ The News, 15 January, 2026

	Reduced gas supply intensifies cold-weather ordeal for Karachiites		Lahorites brave outages as power crisis deepens	
	DAWN, 13 January, 2026		The News, 13 January, 2026	
	Pakistan considers shelving gas pipeline project with Iran, but offers revival if US sanctions waiver is secured: report		Prices of petroleum products likely to decline	
	Pakistan Today, 13 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 14 January, 2026	
	Oil prices likely to drop by Rs5.49/litre from Jan 16		AGP raises questions over 'malfeasance' in Power Division think tank	
	Express Tribune, 14 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 14 January, 2026	
	PM suggests uniform gas tariffs for fertiliser		Petrol, diesel set for price cut	
	Express Tribune, 14 January, 2026		DAWN, 14 January, 2026	
	Oil, gas investment at risk as govt extends off-grid levy to third parties		Power outages irk Shangla residents	
	The News, 14 January, 2026		The News, 14 January, 2026	
	Pakistan might shelve the Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline project, what does that mean for the country's energy future?		NEPRA could come under Power Division's control, as per govt's latest amendments	
	Pakistan Today, 15 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 15 January, 2026	
	Gas supply raised to 746mmcf on winter demand surge		BR RESEARCH: Hidden anomalies in electricity tariff setting	
	Express Tribune, 16 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 15 January, 2026	
	Oil industry complains about delay in raising margins		Punjab govt will buy only electric or hybrid cars	
	Express Tribune, 16 January, 2026		DAWN, 15 January, 2026	
	Oil sector seeks rationalisation of line fill financing costs to ease financial pressure		Pakistan cuts industrial power subsidy burden by Rs123bn	
	The News, 16 January, 2026		Express Tribune, 15 January, 2026	
	Gas fees taken from captive power plants 'retrospectively unlawful'		Power users to continue paying debt surcharge	
	The News, 18 January, 2026		DAWN, 15 January, 2026	
	Govt asked to pass on benefit of reduced oil prices to public		Energy cost crisis	
	Business Recorder, 18 January, 2026		The News, 15 January, 2026	
	Backdated CPP gas levy unlawful, rules SHC		Petrol, diesel unchanged, levy increased	
	DAWN, 18 January, 2026		DAWN, 16 January, 2026	
	Exploration firms protest Rs1.5tr gas dues		Businessmen warn NEPRA losing autonomy	
	DAWN, 18 January, 2026		Express Tribune, 16 January, 2026	

			WB demands result-based power reforms before multibillion-dollar support	
			<i>The News, 16 January, 2026</i>	
			Power sector interventions fail to spark growth	
			<i>DAWN, 17 January, 2026</i>	
			Business leaders reject power package, seek tariff relief	
			<i>DAWN, 17 January, 2026</i>	
			Govt slammed for increasing taxes on petrol products	
			<i>Business Recorder, 17 January, 2026</i>	
			Fueling Reform: Pakistan's Digital Drive Transforms Petroleum Sector	
			<i>Pakistan Today, 17 January, 2026</i>	
			Power sector sees Rs800b equity hole	
			<i>Express Tribune, 17 January, 2026</i>	
			Crippling power sector	
			<i>Express Tribune, 18 January, 2026</i>	
			Subsidies for failure	
			<i>The News, 18 January, 2026</i>	
			Power Planning and Monitoring Company failed to meet key targets: AGP	
			<i>Business Recorder, 18 January, 2026</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

5th January - 11th January

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12th January - 18th January

