

Weekly Media Monitor

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

- ⇒ Lucky Electric Power Company Limited, a privately owned coal-based power producer, requests Power Minister Awais Leghari to expedite the completion of Thar coal rail link so that the company can avoid costs on coal imports.
- ⇒ Pakistan and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) sign climate resilience projects worth over 300 million US dollars to strengthen coastal protection and promote climate smart farming.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif directs new oil and gas exploration and the digitisation of the petroleum sector to curb smuggling and save foreign exchange.
- ⇒ Pakistan will reportedly import 88 liquified natural gas (LNG) cargoes from Qatar in 2026, though 24 of these cargos will be diverted to other countries..

Coal	Oil & Gas	Renewable Energy	Energy & Finance	Climate Change
Challenges related to Thar rail link: LEPCL seeks Leghari's intervention	HCSTSI says concerned at severe gas shortage, low pressure	Thatta Cement approves additional 7.5MW wind project, renewable capacity to rise to 17.3MW	IESCO demonstrates outstanding performance in FY25: CEO	Pakistan, ADB sign over \$300m climate projects
<i>Business Recorder, 30 December, 2025</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 29 December, 2025</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 31 December, 2025</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 29 December, 2025</i>	<i>The News, 30 December, 2025</i>
	Daytime gas supply cut sparks public anger	Economics of the solar boom	Ahsan Iqbal seeks urgent action as Rs1tr throw-forward looms over power, water PSDP projects	India's Chenab dam plan riles eco-activists, Pakistan alike
	<i>Express Tribune, 29 December, 2025</i>	<i>The News, 3 January, 2026</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 30 December, 2025</i>	<i>DAWN, 30 December, 2025</i>
	Pakistan to import 88 LNG cargoes from Qatar in 2026	OPINION: Solar energy	Govt prioritises critical power projects	Digital climate change: new crisis we are not talking about
	<i>The News, 30 December, 2025</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 4 January, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 30 December, 2025</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 31 December, 2025</i>
	Oil industry urges govt to suspend Fotco's flow rate penalties		CPEC 2 brings Chinese textile units, and a new rival for local mills	ADB signs two major climate resilience initiatives with Pakistan
	<i>The News, 31 December 2025</i>		<i>Express Tribune, 30 December, 2025</i>	<i>DAWN, 31 December, 2025</i>

	Pakistan's oil marketing sector heading for forced exits, warns report		Govt cuts petrol by Rs10.28, diesel by Rs8.57 per litre for next fortnight	International trends — extending the argument
	Express Tribune, 1 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 31 December, 2025	Express Tribune, 1 January, 2026
	OGDCL makes significant oil and gas discovery in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa		Hydropower emerges as backbone of 2025 energy mix	Climate shocks agriculture
	Express Tribune, 1 January, 2026		The News, 31 December, 2025	Express Tribune, 1 January, 2026
	Pakistan's oil marketing sector heading for forced exits, warns report		Hydel power stations generated 33b units	Climate resilience
	Business Recorder, 1 January, 2026		Express Tribune, 31 December, 2025	DAWN, 1 January, 2026
	OGDCL makes significant oil and gas discovery in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa		Govt rings in New Year with Rs10.28 per litre petrol cut	Pakistan's invisible climate casualties
	Business Recorder, 1 January, 2026		Express Tribune, 31 December, 2025	Express Tribune, 2 January, 2026
	PM directs new exploration, digitization of oil and gas sector		WAPDA generates 33.12bn units of hydel electricity in 2025	Climate reckoning
	Pakistan Today, 2 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 31 December, 2025	DAWN, 3 January, 2026
	New oil and gas reserves: PM urges aggressive drive to explore, extract		Power tariff likely to be cut by Rs0.72	Financial cost of climate inaction in Pakistan
	Business Recorder, 2 January, 2026		Express Tribune, 1 January, 2026	Express Tribune, 3 January, 2026
	TAL JV discovers gas in KP's Kohat		OGDCL receives Rs8.3bn from Uch Power	
	Business Recorder, 2 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 1 January, 2026	
	Shehbaz for exploring new oil, gas fields to cut imports		Petrol price slashed by Rs10, diesel rate by Rs8.5	
	DAWN, 2 January, 2026		DAWN, 1 January, 2026	
	PM directs new exploration, digitization of oil and gas sector		Govt cuts petrol, diesel prices as New Year relief	
	Pakistan Today, 2 January, 2026		The News, 1 January, 2026	
	PM hails significant oil and gas discovery in K-P		Power Division claims Rs780 billion circular debt reduction, major tariff cuts in one year's reform report	
	Express Tribune, 2 January, 2026		Pakistan Today, 1 January, 2026	
	Captive power gas: Govt extends monthly levy to third-party suppliers		OICCI proposes reforms in power sector	
	Business Recorder, 3 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 2 January, 2026	
	Bettani elders demand payment of gas royalty		OPINION: A dysfunctional electricity market	
	DAWN, 3 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 2 January, 2026	

	<u>Urea sales hit all-time high; cement, oil surge</u>		<u>Lucky Islamic Energy Fund launched</u>	
	DAWN, 3 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 2 January, 2026	
	<u>Attock Refinery shuts main unit amid crude shortages, weak product uplift</u>		<u>Renewed hope in the energy sector</u>	
	The News, 3 January, 2026		DAWN, 2 January, 2026	
	<u>Fixed Rate of Return regime for gas utilities opposed</u>		<u>Energy sector sees mixed results in 2025 amid circular debt, reform efforts</u>	
	Business Recorder, 4 January, 2026		Express Tribune, 2 January, 2026	
	<u>Engro Powergen Qadirpur seeks 40mmscfd gas from Kandhkot field</u>		<u>Growing reliance on imported POL products putting a strain on local production</u>	
	Business Recorder, 4 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 3 January, 2026	
			<u>Govt urged to carry out swift privatisation of SOEs</u>	
			Business Recorder, 3 January, 2026	
			<u>OICCI proposals</u>	
			DAWN, 3 January, 2026	
			<u>K-Electric shows steady progress during 2025</u>	
			The News, 3 January, 2026	
			<u>Petroleum product sales fall 5pc in December</u>	
			The News, 3 January, 2026	
			<u>Pakistanis spend two-thirds of income on food, power as remittance reliance grows</u>	
			Express Tribune, 3 January, 2026	
			<u>KP govt urged to establish hydel power projects</u>	
			The News, 3 January, 2026	
			<u>Smart meter procurement under scanner</u>	
			Express Tribune, 4 January, 2026	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

