

Weekly Media Monitor

January 5th, 2026 – January 11th, 2026

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

- ⇒ 1. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) reviews the gas pricing formula, moving away from fixed asset-based returns amid market liberalization.
- ⇒ The federal government announces to install Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) in five power distribution companies to modernise the electricity network and reduce annual transmission and distribution losses of approximately 1 billion US dollars.
- ⇒ The United States exits the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Paris Agreement, and other climate-related agreements, prioritizing national interests over international commitments.
- ⇒ The federal government orders shift of high-loss power feeders to solar energy to cut losses and ensure reliable supply, starting pilot projects in Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) and Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) areas.

Coal	Oil & Gas	Renewable Energy	Energy & Finance	Climate Change
From The Past Pages Of Dawn: 1976: Fifty Years Ago	3 new firms seek to sell gas as existing licensees remain idle	Mayor inaugurates solar streetlights	KP Power Distribution Company: CM Afridi orders completion of feasibility study in 6 months	Farming's climate solution
DAWN, 7 January, 2026	DAWN, 5 January, 2026	Business Recorder, 5 January, 2026	The News, 5 January, 2026	The News, 5 January, 2026
Sindh energy secretary reviews progress on Thar Coal Railway Project	SNGPL improves gas supply through modern technology	Solar system: Chinese firm arrives to provide hi-tech storage solutions	Iesco to intensify crackdown on power theft, defaulters	The case for geo-environment in peace strategy
The News, 8 January, 2026	Business Recorder, 5 January, 2026	Business Recorder, 6 January, 2026	The News, 5 January, 2026	Express Tribune, 7 January, 2026
	Government tightens gas supply, reviews Winter load management	Demand to harness vast clean energy potential	CM orders completion of K-P transmission line	White House announces sweeping exit from global climate agreements
	Express Tribune, 6 January 2026	Business Recorder, 6 January, 2026	Express Tribune, 5 January, 2026	Express Tribune, 9 January, 2026
	Oil: Wealth, curse — and the price of defiance	FPCCI criticizes cut in solar net metering rate	UN body to help Pakistan develop its energy transition plan	Climate change seen behind low wheat yields
	Pakistan Today, 6 January 2026	Business Recorder, 6 January, 2026	DAWN, 5 January, 2026	The News, 10 January, 2026

	Domestic consumers being provided enhanced gas supply, minister told	Experts urge caution on net-metering changes	KP CM orders completion of feasibility study for power distribution company	
	<i>Business Recorder, 6 January, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 6 January, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 5 January, 2026</i>	
	APTMA urges Ogra to review RLNG actual sales price for 2015-22	Hoymiles launches energy storage solutions in Pakistan	Zong seeks industrial power tariff, fiscal parity for cloud and data centre operations	
	<i>Business Recorder, 6 January, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 7 January, 2026</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 5 January, 2026</i>	
	Gas supply improves this winter, says petroleum minister	Govt to shift high-loss power feeders to solar energy	China Mobile Pakistan seeks application of industrial power tariff amid high energy costs	
	<i>The News, 6 January, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 9 January 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 5 January, 2026</i>	
	Oil fluctuates, Venezuela's bonds surge after US raid	OPINION: Need for an amended solar policy	Pakistan to get Advanced Metering Infrastructure in five Discos	
	<i>DAWN, 6 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 10 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 5 January, 2026</i>	
	Goverment mulls fuel levy hike to aid gas sector	PM orders solarisation of loss-making feeders of Pesco, Qesco	OPINION: Discos: privatisation plan won't succeed without market deregulation	
	<i>DAWN, 7 January, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 10 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 5 January, 2026</i>	
	Govt appoints Ogra member gas after three years	DISCOs solarizing at last?	Pakistan to compile data for targeted tariffs	
	<i>DAWN, 7 January, 2026</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 11 January, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 6 January 2026</i>	
	Gas prices frozen for six months, NA panel told		SAI tells KE many industries not getting power supply	
	<i>Express Tribune, 7 January, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 6 January, 2026</i>	
	Govt freezes gas prices for six months despite Rs3 trillion circular debt		Punjab may adopt waste-to-energy models adopted by China, Japan	
	<i>Pakistan Today, 7 January, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 6 January, 2026</i>	
	Gas prices frozen for six months		LESCO overbilling cases: AGP restrains FIA from initiating probe	
	<i>The News, 7 January, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 6 January, 2026</i>	
	Flawed pricing regime		Sell-side due diligence begins for five power utilities as advisers step in	
	<i>DAWN, 8 January, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 6 January, 2026</i>	
	Cabinet halts hike in fuel margins		Cleaner energy	
	<i>DAWN, 8 January, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 7 January, 2026</i>	
	BR RESEARCH: OMC sales signal recovery with some friction		220kV SEZ grid station energised in Sheikhupura	
	<i>Business Recorder, 8 January, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 7 January, 2026</i>	
	Govt approves fresh Mari gas allocation for key fertiliser plants		Govt urged to tackle carbon regulation challenges	
	<i>Business Recorder, 8 January, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 7 January, 2026</i>	

	Fixing gas sector		EDITORIAL: Listening to OICCI on fixing power sector	
	Express Tribune, 8 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 7 January, 2026	
	Gas circular debt swells to Rs3.2tr		NGC energises 220kV Quaid-e-Azam Business Park Grid Station	
	The News, 8 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 7 January, 2026	
	KCCI unhappy over gas tariff freeze, seeks price cuts		CPPA-G seeks formal role in dealing with Discos	
	DAWN, 9 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 7 January, 2026	
	Market liberalisation: Ogra to revisit gas pricing formula		HSE compliance: Majority of power cos show notable progress: Nepra	
	Business Recorder, 9 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 7 January, 2026	
	OGRA moves to scrap fixed returns in gas pricing		Privatisation: GEPCO, FESCO to go as starters	
	Express Tribune, 9 January, 2026		Business Recorder, 7 January, 2026	
	Industry stakeholders call for revision of fixed return model for gas pricing		After PIA, DISCOs also to go under hammer	
	Pakistan Today, 10 January, 2026		Express Tribune, 7 January, 2026	
	Gas utilities' fixed returns fuel inefficiency, circular debt, Ogra told		Report cites weaknesses in public sector DISCOs	
	The News, 10 January, 2026		Express Tribune, 7 January, 2026	
	21% profit surge for gas utilities draws criticism over efficiency losses		Nepra warns power CEOs over safety failures	
	Express Tribune, 10 January, 2026		The News, 7 January, 2026	
	Gas shortages trigger protests in Quetta amid severe cold		Workers protest proposed privatisation of power Cos	
	DAWN, 11 January, 2026		The News, 7 January, 2026	
			Nepra cuts power tariff by 62 paise	
			DAWN, 8 January, 2026	
			Cold spell fails to curb power outages	
			Express Tribune, 8 January, 2026	
			Pakistan cuts national average power tariff for CY2026	
			The News, 8 January, 2026	
			Nepra okays 93-paisa per unit fuel cost refund	
			DAWN, 9 January, 2026	
			Super tax may trigger arbitration, warn exploration firms	
			DAWN, 9 January, 2026	

		<u>Power sector: World Bank urges need for credible marginal price determination</u>		
		<i>Business Recorder, 9 January, 2026</i>		
		<u>Govt wants to alter KE consumer-end tariff as per Nepra fixation</u>		
		<i>Business Recorder, 9 January, 2026</i>		
		<u>Experts urge urgent reforms, digital shift to secure energy future</u>		
		<i>The News, 9 January, 2026</i>		
		<u>Pakistan seeks World Bank help to power battery storage push</u>		
		<i>The News, 9 January, 2026</i>		
		<u>SOE losses triple despite reforms</u>		
		<i>DAWN, 10 January, 2026</i>		
		<u>Aptma sounds alarm on power tariffs, warns PM of export and industry fallout</u>		
		<i>The News, 10 January, 2026</i>		
		<u>Pakistan seeks WB energy debt refinancing</u>		
		<i>Express Tribune, 10 January, 2026</i>		
		<u>Senate panel told consumers billed Rs220b for unused power</u>		
		<i>Express Tribune, 10 January, 2026</i>		
		<u>Lawmakers slam Nepra over Rs2.2 trillion capacity charges, load-shedding crisis</u>		
		<i>Pakistan Today, 11 January, 2026</i>		
		<u>Senators slam NEPRA over rising electricity costs</u>		
		<i>Express Tribune, 11 January, 2026</i>		

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

December 29th - 4th January

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5th January - 11th January

