

Weekly Media Monitor

January 19th, 2026 – January 25th, 2026

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

- ➔ The federal government holds talks with the International Financial Institutions and Saudi Arabia to secure 36 billion US dollars in long-term loans to refinance the power sector's debt burden and help reduce electricity tariff for industry.
- ➔ The World Bank raises concerns over proposed amendments to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) Act 1997 and Electricity Act 1910, warning that these changes could weaken NEPRA's independence by shifting regulatory approval powers to the Power Division.
- ➔ The Senate Standing Committee on Economic Affairs flags large-scale under-invoicing and suspected trade-based money laundering in solar kit imports under the Sindh Solar Energy Project.

 Coal	 Oil and Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy and Finance	 Climate Change
	Line fill financing cost: OCAC urges Ogra to review existing recovery methodology <i>Business Recorder, 19 January, 2026</i>	OPINION: Solar success, system strain: why policy must catch up <i>Business Recorder, 20 January, 2026</i>	Govt will save as much as \$17 billion by abandoning procurement of 'expensive' electricity <i>Business Recorder, 19 January, 2026</i>	Amid climate crisis in Lahore, Punjab University cuts down' 60 grown trees <i>DAWN, 21 January, 2026</i>
	OGDCL discovers oil & gas reserves in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa <i>Business Recorder, 20 January, 2026</i>	OPINION: From solar subsidy to system stress: rethinking net metering in Pakistan <i>Business Recorder, 22 January, 2026</i>	Tariff Differential Subsidy: KE slams Power Div's 'violation' of interim court orders <i>Business Recorder, 19 January, 2026</i>	Credibility on climate <i>The News, 22 January, 2026</i>
	Govt rolls out digital overhaul of petroleum sector to curb smuggling <i>The News, 20 January, 2026</i>	FBR flags tax evasion in Sindh solar imports <i>DAWN, 22 January, 2026</i>	Petroleum Association seeks govt support to settle Rs1.547trn overdue payments <i>Business Recorder, 19 January, 2026</i>	Climate finance fails to deliver <i>Express Tribune, 23 January, 2026</i>
	OGDCL makes another discovery in Kohat <i>DAWN, 21 January, 2026</i>	Balochistan gets UN-funded 48 solar-powered facilities <i>DAWN, 22 January, 2026</i>	Govt cites weather among reasons for power outages <i>DAWN, 19 January, 2026</i>	Sherry calls for expert committees to oversee tree cutting, plantation <i>The News, 23 January, 2026</i>

		Rooftop power politics	Why Pakistani Universities must focus on energy innovation	Pakistan calls for climate justice, urges global scientific collaboration at ThinkFest 2026
		<i>The News, 22 January, 2026</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 19 January, 2026</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 24 January, 2026</i>
		Punjab CM launches first of its kind eco-friendly 'Green Policing Unit'	Industrial power tariffs as tool for cross-subsidy: Tanveer says approach eroding industrial competitiveness	Call to frame climate change messages in 'people-friendly terms'
		<i>Pakistan Today, 23 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 20 January, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 24 January, 2026</i>
		Pushing hard on EVs	Grid issues behind costly power: Nepra	
		<i>Pakistan Today, 23 January, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 20 January, 2026</i>	
		Firm gets nod to use NTDC network for renewable project	Power generation rises 8.8pc in December	
		<i>DAWN, 25 January, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 20 January, 2026</i>	
		OPINION: When EV batteries die, the story isn't over	Energy policy beyond firefighting	
		<i>Business Recorder, 25 January, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 20 January, 2026</i>	
			BR RESEARCH: Power sector is only less bad	
			<i>Business Recorder, 21 January, 2026</i>	
			World Bank concerned about Nepra's independence	
			<i>Business Recorder, 21 January, 2026</i>	
			Grid at the brink	
			<i>Express Tribune, 21 January, 2026</i>	
			Industry leaders warn Rs131bn power cross-subsidy is undermining competitiveness	
			<i>The News, 21 January, 2026</i>	
			Regulatory independence	
			<i>Business Recorder, 22 January, 2026</i>	
			KE dispute: Gulf investors launch \$2bn arbitration case against Pakistan	
			<i>Business Recorder, 22 January, 2026</i>	
			BR RESEARCH: Power sector's business model raises some questions	
			<i>Business Recorder, 22 January, 2026</i>	
			EDITORIAL: Nepra's damning report on power sector	
			<i>Business Recorder, 22 January, 2026</i>	
			Taxes, power tariffs to be cut soon: Haroon	
			<i>DAWN, 22 January, 2026</i>	

			\$36bn loans for power sector: gov't in talks with Saudi and financial institutions	
			<i>Business Recorder, 23 January, 2026</i>	
			BR RESEARCH: Power generation inches up slightly	
			<i>Business Recorder, 23 January, 2026</i>	
			AJK warns of tariff review amid surge in electricity use	
			<i>DAWN, 23 January, 2026</i>	
			Pakistan seeks \$36 billion refinancing to ease power sector debt, cut tariffs	
			<i>Pakistan Today, 23 January, 2026</i>	
			'Reduction in taxes and affordable electricity crucial for economy	
			<i>The News, 23 January, 2026</i>	
			Power sector: too many regulators	
			<i>Express Tribune, 25 January, 2026</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

12th January - 18th January

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19th January - 25th January

