

Weekly Media Monitor

February 2nd, 2026 – February 8th, 2026

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

- ⇒ The Ministry of Maritime Affairs designates Port Qasim as a future energy hub linking it with a rail project that will carry Thar coal to different parts of Pakistan. Energy analysts, however, warn the rail project could become a stranded asset, unable to earn its keep due to projected decline in national coal demand.
- ⇒ The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) moves to replace solar net metering with net billing under draft Prosumer Regulations 2025 and schedules a public hearing.
- ⇒ The federal government directs all ministries to submit pro-climate budget proposals for fiscal year 2026-27 as the European Union threatens to restrict exports exceeding carbon emission thresholds.
- ⇒ NEPRA takes legal action against government-owned distribution companies (DISCOs) for failing to credit solar units to net-metering consumers.

Coal	Oil and Gas	Renewable Energy	Energy and Finance	Climate Change
Rs90b Thar coal rail line clashes with Port Qasim's green future	PSO's Rs30b receivables remain stuck at PIA	New Nepra move termed threat to clean energy, solar adoption	Wafi Energy eyes up to \$100mn investment in Pakistan over next 2-3 years	Islamabad's forests under assault
<i>Express Tribune, 4 February, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 6 February, 2026</i>	<i>Dawn, 2 February, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 2 February, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 2 February, 2026</i>
	PSO faces Rs30 billion financial challenge as PIA fails to settle receivables	Punjab's EV charging station to be solarized	Why Pakistani Universities must focus on energy innovation	Ocean heat
	<i>Pakistan Today, 6 February, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 3 February, 2026</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 3 February, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 2 February, 2026</i>
	BR RESEARCH: OMC sales kick off 2026 on a rebound	OPINION: Clean energy in Pakistan: a matter of sovereignty, survival, and industrial competitiveness	LESCO submits 27-point plan to LHC for Basant power supply	Haleji Lake begs for attention on World Wetlands Day
	<i>Business Recorder, 4 February, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 4 February, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 3 February, 2026</i>	<i>Dawn, 3 February, 2026</i>
		OPINION: Blaming solar for a broken power sector	Power consumers to pay 42 paisa more in Apr-Jun	Tree-cutting drive in Islamabad conducted on orders from PM Office, IHC told
		<i>Business Recorder, 5 February, 2026</i>	<i>Dawn, 5 February, 2026</i>	<i>Dawn, 3 February, 2026</i>

		NEPRA to abandon solar net metering	Pakistan must create 30m jobs: WB president	A decade after Paris: COP30, Heat and Pakistan
		Express Tribune, 5 February, 2026	Dawn, 6 February, 2026	Pakistan Today, 3 February, 2026
		Net-metering?	Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry assails proposed quarterly power tariff hike	Pakistan govt directs ministries to submit pro-climate budget proposals for FY2026-27
		The News, 6 February, 2026	Dawn, 6 February, 2026	Business Recorder, 4 February, 2026
		Karachi industrialists propose solar-powered charity model	Discos and KE: PD moves Nepra for uniform tariff approval	ESG in Pakistan: promises versus reality
		Dawn, 6 February, 2026	Business Recorder, 7 February, 2026	Express Tribune, 4 February, 2026
		BR RESEARCH: December power demand tells a different story	Industries: PD says working on peak tariff rationalisation plan	Decentralising climate action
		Business Recorder, 6 February, 2026	Business Recorder, 7 February, 2026	Express Tribune, 5 February, 2026
		BR RESEARCH: Pakistan's solar future: Prosumer regulations at critical juncture	Transparency push: Energy data for all: Awais	
		Business Recorder, 6 February, 2026	Business Recorder, 7 February, 2026	
		Solar net-metering could cost grid users Rs4.36tr by 2034	'Relief' for industry as government shifts burden to domestic bills	
		The News, 7 February, 2026	Dawn, 7 February, 2026	
		DISCOs facing music over net-metering failure	Nepra slaps Rs10m fine on National Grid Company	
		Express Tribune, 7 February, 2026	Dawn, 7 February, 2026	
		Prosumers slam Nepra's bid to curb incentives	Govt wants tariff cuts, fixed charge hikes for households	
		Dawn, 8 February, 2026	The News, 7 February, 2026	
			Nepra member for tariff, finance appointed	
			The News, 7 February, 2026	
			Govt proposes electricity tariff slash, hike in fixed charges	
			Express Tribune, 7 February, 2026	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

26th January - 1st February

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2nd February - 8th February

