

Weekly Media Monitor

January 26th, 2026 – February 1st, 2026

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

- ⇒ The federal power minister Sardar Awais Leghari withdraws an official order that stopped net-metering credits for solar consumers exporting electricity to the grid. He directs distribution companies (DISCOs) to restore credits within approved capacity limits.
- ⇒ Pakistan's power sector circular debt rises by 223 billion rupees in the first five months of fiscal year 2025-26, reaching 1.837 trillion rupees by November 2025, even after the government raised 1.225 trillion rupees from commercial banks to contain it.
- ⇒ The World Bank approves a 378.9 million US dollars loan for Pakistan's power transmission overhaul, with co-financing of 92.5 million US dollars from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and 92.7 million dollars from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).
- ⇒ Pakistan needs 565.7 billion US dollars by 2035 to meet its latest Nationally Determined Contributions targets, including 17 percent unconditional and 33 percent conditional carbon emission cuts, speakers noted at a business forum.

Coal	Oil and Gas	Renewable Energy	Energy and Finance	Climate Change
Powering progress	Demo held in Quetta against low gas pressure, loadshedding	BR RESEARCH: Solar adoption: An import lull, not a reversal	LESSCO to increase authorised capital by 300% to Rs200bn	Climate-proof revival of girls' schools in Swat urged
<i>The News, 26 January, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 29 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 27 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 26 January, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 26 January, 2026</i>
China and India cut power emissions as renewables expand	Petrol tax hike on cards to offset diesel price rise	BYD launches two electric SUVs	KP CM seeks immediate release of Net Hydel Profit payments	Zardari: Pakistan committed to low-carbon growth
<i>Express Tribune, 27 January, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 30 January, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 27 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 26 January, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 26 January, 2026</i>
	Gas leakage claims four lives in Quetta	KE to supply dedicated power for BYD's NEV manufacturing operations	Energy circular debt continues to swell: BMP	'Youth, education and media key to climate resilience'
	<i>DAWN, 31 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 29 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 26 January, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 26 January, 2026</i>

	Govt hikes high-speed diesel by Rs11.30, maintains petrol price	Net metering consumers: Leghari takes notice of non-crediting of units	Transition to clean energy govt's top priority: president	What Islamabad's tree felling reveals about climate governance
	<i>The News, 31 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 29 January, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 26 January, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 28 January, 2026</i>
	HSD price jumps Rs11.30 as govt keeps petrol rates unchanged	Minister overturns order depriving solar users of net metering credits	Pakistan power sector debt jumps by Rs223bn despite bank deals	Climate finance
	<i>Pakistan Today, 1 February, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 29 January, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 26 January, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 28 January, 2026</i>
	Ogra increases LPG prices by Rs 6.37 per kg	Net metering credit issue fixed	Power sector: Circular debt flow declines to Rs75bn in 1H	Greenwashed development in Islamabad
	<i>Business Recorder, 1 February, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 29 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 27 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 29 January, 2026</i>
	Diesel hiked by Rs11.30, petrol stays unchanged	Solar adoption: govt seeks to boost daytime power consumption	EDITORIAL: Nepra's autonomy is essential	Integration of science diplomacy in climate action discussed
	<i>DAWN, 1 February, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 30 January, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 27 January, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 29 January, 2026</i>
		Cuts in solar power benefits on the cards	Circular debt rises again	
		<i>DAWN, 31 January, 2026</i>	<i>Dawn, 27 January, 2026</i>	
		'Electricity prices promoting clean energy transition without public financing'	Govt shelves proposal to revoke APL agreement	
		<i>The News, 1 February, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 27 January, 2026</i>	
		Energy transition	DG Audit (Power), PPMC lock horns over audit matters	
		<i>Express Tribune, 1 February, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 28 January, 2026</i>	
		Proposed regulations could undermine solar energy boom: experts	PAC takes petroleum ministry to task	
		<i>DAWN, 1 February, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 28 January, 2026</i>	
			K-Electric payables to government surge over 50pc amid tariff dispute	
			<i>The News, 28 January, 2026</i>	
			'Textile exporters being squeezed by regulatory burdens, energy costs': APTMA	
			<i>Business Recorder, 29 January, 2026</i>	
			FPCCI disputes power circular debt report	
			<i>DAWN, 29 January, 2026</i>	
			KP accelerates energy drive targeting 1,000MW cheap electricity in 5 years	
			<i>Pakistan Today, 29 January, 2026</i>	
			'Power circular debt crisis: industries on the brink'	
			<i>The News, 29 January, 2026</i>	

			<u>Power bills to bite harder</u>	
			DAWN, 30 January, 2026	
			<u>High electricity tariffs push Multan powerloom industry to brink</u>	
			<i>The News, 30 January, 2026</i>	
			<u>Power use jumps 22pc in December</u>	
			<i>The News, 30 January, 2026</i>	
			<u>Minister lauds PM's power tariff reduction for industries</u>	
			<i>Business Recorder, 31 January, 2026</i>	
			<u>Body briefed on performance of Hesco, Sepco</u>	
			<i>Business Recorder, 31 January, 2026</i>	
			<u>World Bank to lend \$379m for power transmission overhaul</u>	
			<i>DAWN, 1 February, 2026</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

19th January - 25th January

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26th January - 1st February

