






Weekly Media Monitor

March 16th, 2026 – March 22nd, 2026

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

- ➔ Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) seeks to recover 12.2 billion rupees from consumers through a 1.64 rupees per unit fuel cost increase in April 2026 bills for the electricity consumed in February this year.
- ➔ Power Division says the federal government has saved over 80 billion rupees by renegotiating tariffs and contracts with wind and solar power producers.
- ➔ The federal government raises levy on high-octane fuel to 300 rupees per litre, claiming that it will impact luxury vehicles and save 9 billion rupees per month for the public exchequer.

|  Coal |  Oil and Gas |  Renewable Energy |  Energy and Finance |  Climate Change |
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| Asia pivots to coal as Middle East conflict chokes LNG supply <i>DAWN, 17 March, 2026</i> | Pakistan's oil shock: an economy with no buffers <i>Business Recorder, 16 March, 2026</i> | The case of structural energy security <i>DAWN, 16 March, 2026</i> | Global energy shocks: Country has potential to reduce vulnerability: PDP <i>Business Recorder, 16 March, 2026</i> | UNDP hands over 118 homes to flood-hit families <i>DAWN, 17 March, 2026</i> |
| Asia pivots to coal as ME conflict chokes LNG <i>Express Tribune, 18 March, 2026</i> | Rising global oil prices pose serious risks to economic recovery: BMP <i>Business Recorder, 16 March, 2026</i> | Solar boom shielding country from Hormuz disruptions: study <i>DAWN, 18 March, 2026</i> | Power self-reliance <i>DAWN, 16 March, 2026</i> | Engaging citizens for the environment <i>The News, 17 March, 2026</i> |
| | A smart response to oil shocks <i>DAWN, 16 March, 2026</i> | Rs80b saved via revised wind, solar deals <i>Express Tribune, 18 March, 2026</i> | Power firms seek to extract Rs12.2bn more for Feb usage <i>DAWN, 19 March, 2026</i> | Carbon emissions and climate disaster <i>Pakistan Today, 19 March, 2026</i> |
| | Oil shock and the import trap <i>Express Tribune, 16 March, 2026</i> | Govt to review tax relief for hybrid EVs <i>Express Tribune, 18 March, 2026</i> | Power bills to rise Rs1.64/unit in April <i>The News, 19 March, 2026</i> | Unrecognised environmental costs of conflict <i>Express Tribune, 20 March, 2026</i> |
| | Govt raises kerosene, LDO prices by upto Rs68 <i>Express Tribune, 16 March, 2026</i> | Surprise solar uptake in Pakistan cushions Mideast energy shock <i>The News, 18 March, 2026</i> | Iesco ensures uninterrupted power supply during Ramazan <i>The News, 19 March, 2026</i> | |

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| | Gas price hike worsens pain | Costly oil sparks shift to plug-in Evs | Power generation rises 11pc in February | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 17 March, 2026</i> | <i>Express Tribune, 20 March, 2026</i> | <i>The News, 19 March, 2026</i> | |
| | Petroleum pricing: It can bite sooner than you think | | FESCO initiates austerity and cost-reduction measures | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 17 March, 2026</i> | | <i>Business Recorder, 20 March, 2026</i> | |
| | Subsidised fuel scheme on the cards for bikes, rickshaws | | Pakistan becomes highly vulnerable to global energy shocks: PIDE | |
| | <i>DAWN, 17 March, 2026</i> | | <i>Business Recorder, 20 March, 2026</i> | |
| | Fuel crunch feared amid Mideast crisis | | Energy prices drive SPI to %7.04 YoY | |
| | <i>The News, 17 March, 2026</i> | | <i>Express Tribune, 20 March, 2026</i> | |
| | PM directs improvement of petroleum supply chain amid Middle East crisis | | | |
| | <i>Express Tribune, 17 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Pakistan has oil reserves for days, not months | | | |
| | <i>Express Tribune, 17 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | PM orders proactive steps to strengthen petroleum import supply chain | | | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 18 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Hormuz closure could triple Pakistan's oil bill, push inflation to 15pc-17pc | | | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 18 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Moscow ready to supply discounted oil to Pakistan: envoy | | | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 18 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Interest rate hike likely as oil drives inflation up | | | |
| | <i>DAWN, 18 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | First Pakistani vessel carrying oil shipment arrives via Strait of Hormuz | | | |
| | <i>Express Tribune, 18 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Refiners to benefit from wider oil price spreads | | | |
| | <i>The News, 18 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Govt body reviews energy situation: Diesel stocks provide about 24-day cover | | | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 19 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Oil has a cruel way of disciplining fantasy | | | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 19 March, 2026</i> | | | |

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| | PNSC ensures uninterrupted energy supplies amid tensions | | | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 19 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Mari Energies discovers gas in Sindh | | | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 19 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Oil gets costlier, forex crunch looms | | | |
| | <i>DAWN, 19 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | LNG supply concerns grow after strikes hit key gas sites | | | |
| | <i>Pakistan Today, 19 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | People suffer as Mansehra CNG stations supply faces suspension | | | |
| | <i>The News, 19 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Govt seeks to allay fear about fuel supply | | | |
| | <i>Express Tribune, 19 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Govt urges conservation amid risks to fuel supply | | | |
| | <i>DAWN, 20 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | PM Shehbaz rejects recommendations for further hike in petrol, diesel prices | | | |
| | <i>DAWN, 20 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | PM Shehbaz rejects advice to raise petrol, diesel rates further | | | |
| | <i>The News, 20 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Govt to absorb Rs49/litre oil price surge | | | |
| | <i>Express Tribune, 20 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Govt urges public to adopt further austerity measures, cooperate to conserve energy amid Mideast fuel crisis | | | |
| | <i>Express Tribune, 21 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Kerosene climbs further to Rs428.74 as cumulative March gains swell to %127 | | | |
| | <i>The News, 21 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Centre to pay around Rs48bn to OMCs as part of fuel price differential | | | |
| | <i>The News, 21 March, 2026</i> | | | |

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| | Fuel conservation vital as global oil prices may rise further: Tarar | | | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 21 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Govt ensuring supply of petroleum products nationwide: Aurangzeb | | | |
| | <i>Business Recorder, 22 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Aurangzeb says govt to move towards providing targeted relief amid global fuel supply concerns | | | |
| | <i>DAWN, 22 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Govt increases levy on high-octane fuel used in luxury vehicles by Rs200 per litre | | | |
| | <i>DAWN, 22 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Govt to provide targeted relief amid spike in global fuel prices: FinMin Aurangzeb | | | |
| | <i>The News, 22 March, 2026</i> | | | |
| | Govt increases Rs200 levy on high-octane fuel for luxury cars to ease crisis | | | |
| | <i>Express Tribune, 22 March, 2026</i> | | | |

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

9th March – 15th March

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16th March – 22nd March

