






Weekly Media Monitor

March 23rd, 2026 – March 29th, 2026

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

- Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinder prices rise by 3,900 rupees — to 5,135 rupees — amid supply constraints caused by war in Iran and the consequent global energy price hike.
- The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) approves Pakistan's first wheeling auction, allowing competitive electricity trading of 200 megawatts.
- IQ Air reports Pakistan as the world's most polluted country in 2025. The situation is driven by vehicle emissions, industrial pollution, and crop burning.
- Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announces a ban on high-octane fuel in all government vehicles and raises levy on it by 200 rupees per litre. He says this step will save the government 9 billion rupees every month.

 Coal	 Oil and Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy and Finance	 Climate Change
Two coal miners die in Duki <i>The News, 27 March, 2026</i>	PM Shehbaz bans high-octane fuel in govt vehicles as levy jumps to Rs305 <i>Express Tribune, 23 March, 2026</i>	Renewables in focus over oil crisis <i>Express Tribune, 25 March, 2026</i>	Energy crunch, hard choices <i>Business Recorder, 24 March, 2026</i>	A generation on the frontlines of climate disaster <i>Express Tribune, 23 March, 2026</i>
Thar's forgotten promise <i>Business Recorder, 29 March, 2026</i>	PM raises HOBC levy on luxury vehicles by Rs200 per litre to Rs300 <i>Pakistan Today, 23 March, 2026</i>	EVs face grid, land, trust deficits <i>Express Tribune, 26 March, 2026</i>	K-Electric appoints PSO boss Syed Taha as CEO <i>Business Recorder, 24 March, 2026</i>	Tackling climate change effects: Stress laid on making KP greener <i>The News, 24 March, 2026</i>
Social transformation in Thar wins national recognition <i>The News, 29 March, 2026</i>	PM Shehbaz bans use of high-octane fuel in govt vehicles <i>DAWN, 23 March, 2026</i>	Solcraft, ORKO to deploy 500 EV chargers across Pakistan <i>The News, 26 March, 2026</i>	K-Electric appoints former PSO MD as new CEO <i>Express Tribune, 24 March, 2026</i>	Unsustainable present <i>The News, 24 March, 2026</i>
	Levy on high-octane fuel raised by Rs200 per litre <i>DAWN, 23 March, 2026</i>		Energy security <i>DAWN, 25 March, 2026</i>	War in an age of climate crisis <i>The News, 25 March, 2026</i>
	President Zardari directs ministers to prioritise public relief, curb fuel price burden <i>DAWN, 23 March, 2026</i>		Neptra approves wheeling auction <i>Business Recorder, 25 March, 2026</i>	Most polluted in the world <i>Pakistan Today, 25 March, 2025</i>

	Pakistan govt defends 'calibrated' fuel price hike		Competitive power market era begins	Consequence of climate inaction
	<i>Business Recorder, 24 March, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 25 March, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 26 March, 2026</i>
	March, April fuel cargoes secured as govt reviews supply stability		NEPRA okays competitive bidding for power supply	War and climate resilience
	<i>Business Recorder, 24 March, 2026</i>		<i>Express Tribune, 25 March, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 26 March, 2026</i>
	OGDCL commences oil production from development well in Hyderabad		Pakistan opens power market with first wheeling auction nod	Islamabad to launch weekly plantation drive from March 31
	<i>DAWN, 24 March, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 25 March, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 27 March, 2026</i>
	Sindh weighs targeted lockdown to conserve fuel amid global crisis		Power demand rebound will be expensive and uneven	The weather change challenge
	<i>Pakistan Today, 24 March, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 26 March, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 28 March, 2026</i>
	Sindh 'considers smart lockdown' to cope with fuel crisis amid Mideast war		Power transition	Action plan unveiled to combat drought
	<i>The News, 24 March, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 26 March, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 29 March, 2026</i>
	OMAP flags threat to fuel supply stability		Pakistan, Oman boost energy ties, seek preferential fuel supplies	World Bank to provide \$250m for KP resilience, disaster readiness
	<i>Business Recorder, 25 March, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 27 March, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 29 March, 2026</i>
	Oil stocks: Aurangzeb asks continuing vigilant monitoring		Comment: Energy lessons for Pakistan	Hotter urban future
	<i>Business Recorder, 25 March, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 29 March, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 29 March, 2026</i>
	Govt may have to 'unfreeze' fuel prices amid global surge			
	<i>DAWN, 25 March, 2026</i>			
	Fuel shipments for March-April secured			
	<i>Express Tribune, 25 March, 2026</i>			
	PDC burden may disrupt fuel supply			
	<i>Express Tribune, 25 March, 2026</i>			
	Review of 'flawed' RLNG terminal contracts begins			
	<i>The News, 25 March, 2026</i>			
	Ogra moves towards digital fuel tracking system as ME war disrupts markets			
	<i>The News, 25 March, 2026</i>			
	OGDC strikes first horizontal oil well in Sindh, output hits 460bpd			
	<i>The News, 25 March, 2026</i>			
	War, oil and the constraint			
	<i>Business Recorder, 26 March, 2026</i>			

	OGDCL uncovers major crude oil theft, illegal refinery			
	<i>Business Recorder, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Oil Price Differential Claims: Ogra receives first tranche of Rs27bn			
	<i>Business Recorder, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Centre asks provinces to help shoulder fuel price burden			
	<i>DAWN, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Freight, fuel hikes squeeze consumers			
	<i>DAWN, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Petroleum dealers postpone strike in light of Middle East conflict			
	<i>DAWN, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	PSDP cut by Rs100b for fuel subsidy			
	<i>Express Tribune, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Mobile app-based fuel quota system on cards			
	<i>Express Tribune, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Airlines raise fares as jet fuel prices spike, supplies tighten			
	<i>Express Tribune, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Petrol pump owners threaten countrywide shutdown if concerns go 'unheard'			
	<i>The News, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	OGDC busts massive oil theft ring, illegal refinery unearthed in Sindh			
	<i>The News, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Can fuel prices be kept down?			
	<i>Pakistan Today, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Pakistan's energy reset			
	<i>The News, 26 March, 2026</i>			
	Sharing fuel price burden along with rationing			
	<i>Business Recorder, 27 March, 2026</i>			
	Petroleum prices: High cost of hope			
	<i>Business Recorder, 27 March, 2026</i>			

	Govt satisfied with available stocks of POL products			
	<i>Business Recorder, 27 March, 2026</i>			
	Govt may place RLNG-fired power plants on preservation mode			
	<i>Business Recorder, 27 March, 2026</i>			
	Civil-military leadership calls for consensus amid oil, security challenges			
	<i>DAWN, 27 March, 2026</i>			
	ECC okays Rs100bn for PM fund to subsidise fuel prices			
	<i>DAWN, 27 March, 2026</i>			
	OGDCL announces gas discovery in Khairpur, Sindh			
	<i>DAWN, 27 March, 2026</i>			
	Pakistan stresses coordinated economic, energy response amid regional tensions			
	<i>DAWN, 27 March, 2026</i>			
	Hike in fuel prices: PM again rejects recommendation			
	<i>Business Recorder, 28 March, 2026</i>			
	ST-1 well in Kohat: MOL Pakistan discovers gas, condensate			
	<i>Business Recorder, 28 March, 2026</i>			
	PM turns down fuel hike summary: govt to bear Rs56bn burden this week			
	<i>DAWN, 28 March 2026</i>			
	LPG prices skyrocket			
	<i>DAWN, 28 March 2026</i>			
	Govt raises kerosene oil price to Rs433.40 per litre			
	<i>The News, 28 March, 2026</i>			
	Weekly inflation surges 8.24pc on costly petroleum			
	<i>DAWN, 28 March 2026</i>			
	Digital fuel rationing programme approved			
	<i>Express Tribune, 28 March 2026</i>			
	Iran allows 20 more ships under Pakistani flag through Hormuz in confidence-building step: Dar			
	<i>Business Recorder, 29 March, 2026</i>			

	Iran allows 20 more Pakistani ships through Strait of Hormuz: Dar			
	<i>Pakistan Today, 29 March, 2026</i>			
	[Analysis] Fuel subsidies: the silent deficit trap			
	<i>The News, 29 March, 2026</i>			
	Fuel crisis: govt mulls smart lockdown			
	<i>Express Tribune, 29 March, 2026</i>			
	Govt allocates Rs125b to shield public from rising oil prices			
	<i>Express Tribune, 29 March, 2026</i>			

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

16th March – 22nd March

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23rd March – 29th March

