






Weekly Media Monitor

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

- ➔ The federal government collects over 1.2 trillion rupees in petroleum levy in the first nine months of FY2025-26, while electricity consumers pay more than 1.9 trillion rupees in taxes through distribution companies over the past three years.
- ➔ Power Minister Awais Leghari says Pakistan will not set up new imported fuel-based Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and plans to shift 10 million consumers to advanced metering infrastructure within the current year.
- ➔ The Cabinet Committee on Privatisation approves the privatisation plan for Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO), Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO), and Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) through the sale of 51 to 100 percent of shares.
- ➔ Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik says the government is reviving the long-delayed oil refining policy to support refinery upgrades and reduce dependence on imported fuel amid disruptions linked to the Strait of Hormuz crisis.
- ➔ A joint study by Agora Energiewende and the Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED) finds that industrial electrification can cut Pakistan's industrial energy costs by over 36 percent and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50 percent by 2050.

 Coal	 Oil and Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy and Finance	 Climate Change
	Global energy markets: implications for Pakistan are unforgiving. <i>Business Recorder, 11 May, 2026</i>	China's Dongjin Power to setup \$15mn dry battery plant in Puniab. <i>Business Recorder, 12 May, 2026</i>	Tariff subsidies, surcharges: PD to sign PSO-Discos deals <i>Business Recorder, 11 May, 2026</i>	PM tasks climate change minister to plan ahead for monsoon season <i>Express Tribune, 13 May, 2026</i>
	Petroleum pricing: IMF's RSF inflows come with a cost <i>Business Recorder, 11 May, 2026</i>	From tractors to e-bikes <i>Pakistan Today, 13 May, 2026</i>	Economic gains derailed by ME war <i>Express Tribune, 11 May, 2026</i>	War, climate, hunger <i>Business Recorder, 15 May, 2026</i>

Pakistan returns to spot LNG market amid ME tensions	Customs values of solar panels increased	Nepra to hold public hearing today: KCCI opposes KE's Rs59bn EOTA claims for FY23-2017	ADB, AIB back Pakistan's first Panda bond for green infrastructure project
<i>The News, 11 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 13 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 12 May, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 15 May, 2026</i>
Pakistan dangerously dependent on imported oil	Treet launches lithium-ion battery products amid solar rush in Pakistan	Pakistan reducing dependence on imported fuel for power generation: Leghari	
<i>Express Tribune, 11 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 13 May, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 13 May, 2026</i>	
Govt dusts off oil refining policy as Hormuz disruptions bite	No net metering applicant is poor	Tariff woes force closure of industries	
<i>Dawn, 12 May, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 14 May, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 13 May, 2026</i>	
Petroleum levy crosses Rs1.2tr in nine months	Pakistan sees sharp shift in power mix as solar capacity climbs: analysis	No new imported fuel-based IPPs	
<i>Express Tribune, 12 May, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 14 May, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 13 May, 2026</i>	
Pakistan eyes greater Russian oil imports amid ongoing Hormuz tensions	PM forms task force to develop national waste-to-energy policy	Various regulatory services: Nepra allows payment of fees through digital means	
<i>The News, 12 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 15 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 14 May, 2026</i>	
Kuwait, Pakistan eye strategic fuel storage	Renewable sector seeks tax cut	Load management enforced in Lahore after damage to NGC circuits	
<i>Dawn, 13 May, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 16 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 14 May, 2026</i>	
Fuel levy yields lowest fiscal deficit in nearly three decades		Nepra rejects NGC's review plea against CPPA-G	
<i>DAWN, 13 May, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 14 May, 2026</i>	
Pakistan offers Kuwait strategic oil reserves		Power tariffs: Industrial consumption revival brings respite	
<i>Express Tribune, 13 May, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 15 May, 2026</i>	
Petroleum levy jumps %45 to Rs1.2tr		Govt approves transaction structure for privatisation of IESCO, GEPCO, and FESCO	
<i>Express Tribune, 13 May, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 15 May, 2026</i>	
Port Qasim handles country's largest LNG cargo		NEPRA clears extra Iran power imports	
<i>The News, 14 May, 2026</i>		<i>Express Tribune, 16 May, 2026</i>	
Govt reduces petrol, diesel prices for next week		Lesco detects meter security breaches	
<i>The News, 15 May, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 17 May, 2026</i>	
Pakistan govt cuts petrol, diesel prices by Rs5 per litre each		Industrial electrification to reduce energy expense by 36pc, halve emissions	
<i>Business Recorder, 15 May, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 17 May, 2026</i>	
Petrol, diesel prices cut by Rs5 each		Industrial electrification could slash energy costs by 36pc, emissions by 50pc	
<i>Business Recorder, 16 May, 2026</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, 17 May, 2026</i>	

	Fuel, food drive 14.52pc inflation surge			
	<i>DAWN, 16 May, 2026</i>			
	Petroleum demand seen rising to 20.9m tonnes by FY30			
	<i>The News, 17 May, 2026</i>			

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

