






Weekly Media Monitor

May 18th, 2026 – May 24th, 2026

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

- ➔ The federal government seeks National Electric Power Regulatory Authority's (NEPRA) approval for the 53 billion dollars Integrated System Plan 2025–35, as concerns rise that new power projects could raise electricity prices by about 4 rupees per unit.
- ➔ The federal government signs production sharing agreements and exploration licences for 23 offshore blocks in the Indus and Makran basins, reopening offshore energy exploration after nearly two decades.
- ➔ The Pakistan Electricity Review 2026 reports an 11 percent decline in grid electricity sales over the past three years as consumers shift to distributed solar power and off-grid generation.
- ➔ The Global Energy Monitor says Pakistan continues supporting coal-fired power despite rapid solar expansion, warning that long-term coal reliance could deepen financial stress and slow the shift to cheaper renewable energy.
- ➔ The federal government says emergency interventions prevented a 5–6 per unit increase in electricity tariffs amid the Iran-US conflict, while consumers received up to 20 paise per unit in relief through tariff adjustments.

 Coal	 Oil and Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy and Finance	 Climate Change
Trucks carrying coal from Harnai torched on highway <small>DAWN, 23 May, 2026</small>	IMF raises concerns over Pakistan's Rs3.4 trillion gas circular debt plan <small>Pakistan Today, 18 May, 2026</small>	Pakistan's solar boom and the state that can't keep up <small>Pakistan Today, 18 May, 2026</small>	Balochistan to get additional 100MW electricity from Iran <small>The News, 18 May, 2026</small>	NDMA hosts 2nd Pak-China disaster warning symposium <small>The News, 19 May, 2026</small>
Govt sticks to coal despite solar growth <small>Express Tribune, 24 May, 2026</small>	As war disrupts Middle Eastern LNG supplies, OGDC steps up domestic gas production <small>Pakistan Today, 18 May, 2026</small>	Looking towards EVs <small>DAWN, 18 May, 2026</small>	The IMF and the elephant in the energy sector <small>DAWN, 18 May, 2026</small>	Three climate-resilient uplift projects: Govt allocates 35pc of proceeds from Green Sukuk so far <small>Business Recorder, 20 May, 2026</small>

	The cost of oil	Sindh to procure 500 electric buses for Karachi, Sharjeel tells PA	Govt seeks Chinese IPPs consent for revised deals to unlock Rs1.225trn facility	‘Super El Niño’ fuels fears of global climate, food crises
	<i>Business Recorder, 18 May, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 19 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 18 May, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 20 May, 2026</i>
	Jamaat-i-Islami assails petroleum levy in FCC	EV buses to replace biogas fleet: Sharjeel	April 2026: Govt to pass on Rs1.73/unit positive FCA	Climate Inequality
	<i>DAWN, 19 May, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 20 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 19 May, 2026</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 20 May, 2026</i>
	Current account slips back into deficit	PA resolution asks govt to promote industries making solar panels	Wapda hydel output crosses 6,100MW	‘Vulnerable’ Pakistan faces climate losses
	<i>DAWN, 19 May, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 20 May, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 19 May, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 21 May, 2026</i>
	Pakistan’s petroleum revenue machine gears up	Situationer: New Energy Vehicle policy plagued by contradictions	Rs6-per-unit tariff shock averted	Climate-proofing CPEC 2.0
	<i>Business Recorder, 20 May, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 21 May, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 19 May, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 21 May, 2026</i>
	Pakistan can buy Russian oil	Pakistan witnessing bottom-up solar revolution, says report	Govt averts Rs6 per unit power tariff shock amid Iran-US war	Speakers call for joint efforts to allay effects of climate change
	<i>DAWN, 20 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 23 May, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 19 May, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 22 May, 2026</i>
	OMCs fall short of fuel uplift targets	NEV policy dispute intensifies	Electricity prices may drop by Rs1.93 per unit	Climate justice at home
	<i>The News, 20 May, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 23 May, 2026</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, 19 May, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 23 May, 2026</i>
	Pakistan reopens offshore exploration frontier after two decades	Solar boom challenges coal reliance: report	Fesco, Gepco, Iesco: PC invites Eols for sell-off	Climate expert urges Pakistan to treat water quality as national emergency
	<i>Express Tribune, 20 May, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 24 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 20 May, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 24 May, 2026</i>
	Govt reopens offshore oil frontier		China’s consent to revise IPP deals	ABAD chairperson says judicial reforms key to investment climate
	<i>DAWN, 21 May, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 20 May, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 24 May, 2026</i>
	Oil ministry seeks Rs1tr levy cap		Govt invites Eols for three key Discos	
	<i>Express Tribune, 21 May, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 20 May, 2026</i>	
	Hub fixes Iranian petrol price at Rs250 per litre		Govt invites bids for privatisation of three Discos	
	<i>DAWN, 21 May, 2026</i>		<i>Express Tribune, 20 May, 2026</i>	
	Pakistan reopens offshore oil hunt after 18-year pause		Power consumers to get Rs63.9bn relief in 3 months	
	<i>The News, 21 May, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 20 May, 2026</i>	
	Pakistan secures \$1.2bn oil facility from KSA		Govt launches international outreach for Discos sale	
	<i>The News, 21 May, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 20 May, 2026</i>	
	Refineries sound alarm as diesel smuggling eats 23pc of national demand		Power generation stutters	
	<i>The News, 21 May, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 21 May, 2026</i>	
	LNG supply disruptions: PGPC extends support to govt		‘No third-party validation’: Nepra’s nod sought for USD53bn ISP 35-2025	
	<i>Business Recorder, 22 May, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 21 May, 2026</i>	

	Pakistan plans strategic oil reserves		AIB eyes road, power projects	
	<i>Express Tribune, 22 May, 2026</i>		<i>Express Tribune, 21 May, 2026</i>	
	Petrol, diesel prices cut by Rs-6 7 per litre		Pakistan seeks AIB backing for power grid expansion	
	<i>DAWN, 23 May, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 21 May, 2026</i>	
	Govt cuts petrol, diesel prices again		Power generation falls 9.6pc in April	
	<i>Express Tribune, 23 May, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 21 May, 2026</i>	
	Petroleum levy rates adjusted without altering revenue target		Grid electricity sales fall 11pc over three years: report	
	<i>Business Recorder, 24 May, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 21 May, 2026</i>	
	Petrol pump owners demand revision of pricing policy		Fake electricity subsidy links spread online	
	<i>Business Recorder, 24 May, 2026</i>		<i>Express Tribune, 23 May, 2026</i>	
	THE OIL EXIT		FPCCI rejects govt's power plan	
	<i>Express Tribune, 24 May, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 24 May, 2026</i>	
	Federal govt, OGRA put on notice in fuel price hike petition			
	<i>The News, 24 May, 2026</i>			

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

11th May – 17th May

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18th May – 24th May

