






Weekly Media Monitor

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

- ➔ The federal government increases petroleum levy, raising petrol price to 393.35 rupees per litre and diesel price to 380.19 rupees per litre.
- ➔ Power Minister Awais Leghari requests the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to remove fees and licensing requirements for solar systems up to 25 kilowatts to support faster solar adoption.
- ➔ Pakistan LNG Limited issues urgent liquefied natural gas (LNG) tenders, securing three spot cargoes at around 18 US dollars per million British thermal units for delivery between April 27 and May 8.
- ➔ Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif directs the immediate restoration of coal supply to Sahiwal power plant after its reduced coal stocks threaten power generation.

 Coal	 Oil and Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy and Finance	 Climate Change
Landslide at coal mine claims one life in Harnaj <small>DAWN, 22 April, 2026</small>	Fuel prices: Malik explains approach to challenge <small>Business Recorder, 20 April, 2026</small>	The bike that could save billions <small>DAWN, 20 April, 2026</small>	Energy sector infrastructure: Russia offers cyber protection <small>Business Recorder, 20 April, 2026</small>	Punjab cattle markets could generate climate finance through waste-to-energy <small>Pakistan Today, 20 April, 2026</small>
PM steps in for restoration of coal supply to Sahiwal power plant <small>DAWN, 22 April, 2026</small>	Surplus today, pressure tomorrow <small>Business Recorder, 20 April, 2026</small>	Checkmate by energy markets <small>The News, 20 April, 2026</small>	JI chief says party will mobilise people against IPP, LNG agreements <small>Pakistan Today, 20 April, 2026</small>	Farmers struggle with climate shifts <small>Express Tribune, 20 April, 2026</small>
	Strait of Hormuz closure: Pakistan faces LNG crunch as three cargoes stuck in Persian Gulf <small>Business Recorder, 20 April, 2026</small>	EV retrofits to help cut fuel imports, PM informed <small>Business Recorder, 23 April, 2026</small>	Pakistan engages IFC for investors in installation of 10m smart meters across all Discos <small>DAWN, 20 April, 2026</small>	Super El Nino <small>Express Tribune, 20 April, 2026</small>
	Pakistan, Qatar close in on four LNG cargoes <small>DAWN, 20 April, 2026</small>	PM orders faster EV adoption <small>DAWN, 23 April, 2026</small>	Nepra tightens power sector oversight in 4Q 2025 <small>Business Recorder, 21 April, 2026</small>	UNDP, Japan partner to boost climate resilience <small>DAWN, 21 April, 2026</small>

	Subsidy burden, oil surge will weigh on economic growth	Govt employees up to BS-16 to get electric bikes on instalments	IFC engaged for smart meter rollout	AJK's largest forest-covered area vulnerable to climate change
	<i>DAWN, 21 April, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 23 March, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 21 April, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 23 April, 2026</i>
	Directorate General of Petroleum Concessions flags FHL document misuse	Nepra licensing for net metering not federal condition: power division	Power generation: Recovery builds, constraints bind	Climate & livelihoods
	<i>DAWN, 21 April, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 23 April, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 21 April, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 23 April, 2026</i>
	Fuel subsidy drive: 3,976 vehicles processed, Rs146.77m disbursed, 5,000 claims under review	Civil society groups call for shift to renewables	lesco ensures UPS for visiting delegations	Environmental protection a shared responsibility: Sharjeel
	<i>The News, 21 April, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 23 March, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 21 April, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 23 March, 2026</i>
	Diesel imports hit 1.1m tonnes as Hormuz disruption rattles supply	Govt denies solar licensing claims	Power generation from hydropower project resumes	Drying river, rising crisis: Climate change threatens livelihoods in Battagram
	<i>The News, 21 April, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 23 April, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 21 April, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 23 April, 2026</i>
	Azeris ready to supply LNG to Pakistan amid crunch	Govt targets %30 electric vehicle shift	A war in the Persian Gulf is plunging Pakistan into darkness	Steps discussed to tackle Balochistan's Chagai climate risks
	<i>DAWN, 22 April, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 23 April, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 21 April, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 25 April, 2026</i>
	Azerbaijan says ready to supply LNG as Pakistan faces shortages	Solarisation project inaugurated at AWKUM	IMF loads \$7 billion package with 11 new conditions for govt	
	<i>The News, 22 April, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 24 April, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 21 April, 2026</i>	
	A case for fuel reforms	EVs alone won't fix the problem	Smart metering	
	<i>The News, 22 April, 2026</i>	<i>The News, 24 April, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 21 April, 2026</i>	
	Oil could stay heated for much longer	Pakistan imported 50 gigawatt solar panels worth \$18bn in five years: study	Govt signs IFC deal to roll out smart metres for 10 million power consumers	
	<i>Business Recorder, 23 April, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 25 April, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 21 April, 2026</i>	
	Pakistan seeks three LNG cargoes for April, May	Solar net metering not taxed: NEPRA	Daducha Dam expands into multi-utility project	
	<i>Business Recorder, 23 April, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 25 April, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 21 April, 2026</i>	
	OGDCL revives gas production in Attock	Power Division urges Nepra to scrap fee for solar users below 25kW	System greatly relieved: PD says hydel power generation surges to 5,000MW	
	<i>Business Recorder, 23 March, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 26 April, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 22 April, 2026</i>	
	Sitara Petroleum launches Rs4.8bn IPO	Power Division urges NEPRA to reverse fees, licensing for small solar consumers	APTMA urges govt to rationalize captive power levy	
	<i>The News, 23 April, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 26 April, 2026</i>	<i>Business Recorder, 22 April, 2026</i>	
	OCAC flags slump in fuel demand despite harvest season	Sun to subsoil: nations ditch fossil fuels	Supply gaps prolong electricity cuts	
	<i>The News, 23 April, 2026</i>	<i>DAWN, 26 April, 2026</i>	<i>Express Tribune, 22 April, 2026</i>	
	Electricity shortfall spurs LNG spot buying		Transition from fossil fuels now an imperative	
	<i>DAWN, 24 April, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 23 April, 2026</i>	
	Attock Refinery resumes fuel transport		National Grid Company submits addendum to 10-year TSEP	
	<i>DAWN, 24 April, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 23 April, 2026</i>	

	Pakistan seeks three LNG spot cargoes in first tender since December 2023		Govt orders probe into costly off-grid power purchases by Discos	
	<i>The News, 24 April, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 23 April, 2026</i>	
	OGDC revives gas production at Jand-1 well		At least 62,000MW more needed by 2035 to support economic growth	
	<i>Express Tribune, 24 April, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 23 April, 2026</i>	
	Petrol, diesel prices hiked		Pakistan's electricity deficit surpasses 11,000 MW amid supply strain	
	<i>Business Recorder, 25 April, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 24 April, 2026</i>	
	Surprise fuel hike adds to burden on consumers		Private sector confidence drops in Q1 amid rising energy costs, regional tensions	
	<i>DAWN, 25 April, 2026</i>		<i>Business Recorder, 24 April, 2026</i>	
	Pakistan secures three bids for spot LNG cargoes		'Country needs over 70,000MW more by 2035'	
	<i>DAWN, 25 April, 2026</i>		<i>DAWN, 24 April, 2026</i>	
	Pakistan secures 3 bids for spot LNG cargoes		The energy trap we keep choosing	
	<i>Express Tribune, 25 April, 2026</i>		<i>The News, 24 April, 2026</i>	
	Fuel price hike triggers surge in transport fares		Retailers' losses climb to Rs200b in two weeks	
	<i>Express Tribune, 26 April, 2026</i>		<i>Express Tribune, 24 April, 2026</i>	
	When fuel prices rise, everything else follows suit		Soaring heat drives up power demand	
	<i>Express Tribune, 26 April, 2026</i>		<i>Express Tribune, 25 April, 2026</i>	
	50k litres petrol seized in crackdown on oil theft		Hydel boost eases load shedding	
	<i>Express Tribune, 26 April, 2026</i>		<i>Express Tribune, 26 April, 2026</i>	
	Gulf war: PLL approves costly LNG purchase			
	<i>Express Tribune, 26 April, 2026</i>			
	Govt bypasses POL pricing formulas			
	<i>Express Tribune, 26 April, 2026</i>			
	Petroleum minister warns IMF compliance vital, links fuel stability to global peace			
	<i>Pakistan Today, 26 April, 2026</i>			

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

