






Weekly Media Monitor

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This week's major news updates in Pakistan's energy sector:

- National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) approves K-Electric's Power Acquisition Program for years 2024-28, focusing on renewable energy integration, local fuel, and power offtake from the national grid.
- The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) reduces gas prices by 10 percent citing surplus revenue generation.
- Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Federal Minister for Energy, says solar net-metering policy will be retained for existing consumers but it will be revised after thorough stakeholder consultations.
- Jiang Zaidong, the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, announces that China has so far invested 25.4 billion US dollars in Pakistan under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The money has been used for building roads, producing electricity, and setting up electricity transmission networks.
- Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif orders the appointment of officers from the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and intelligence agencies as deputy directors in power distribution companies (Discos) to curb corruption.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Power generation costs surge 15.4pc on expensive coal import <i>The News, May 26</i>	Pakistan Petroleum Ltd, Degan Exploration Works sign pact <i>Dawn, May 26</i>	Chinese EVs and battle against transport emissions <i>Express Tribune, May 25</i>	Neelum-Jhelum breakdown, again <i>Business Recorder, May 26</i>	Experts back soilless crop growing technique <i>Express Tribune, May 26</i>
Coal miners face expansion issue as China stops funding <i>The News, May 24</i>	Ministry denies report on withdrawal of gas subsidy <i>The News, May 26</i>	The solar net metering debate <i>Business Recorder, May 25</i>	Ghani accuses KE of following collective punishment regime of colonial era <i>The News, May 26</i>	Climate change <i>Pakistan Today, May 26</i>
One dead, three missing after attack on coal trucks in Duki <i>Dawn, May 23</i>	OPEC+ to hold June 2 policy meeting online <i>Express Tribune, May 25</i>	Electric buses to ply on two routes in capital <i>The News, May 24</i>	4-member committee notified to finalise process for restructuring NTDC <i>The News, May 26</i>	Hot spells <i>Dawn, May 26</i>
	Crackdown launched against illegal petrol pumps <i>Express Tribune, May 25</i>	‘Sindh to resist tax on solar panels’ <i>Express Tribune, May 23</i>	Lights out <i>The News, May 26</i>	Karachi to witness 'hottest week of 2024' next week, weather expert predicts. <i>Pakistan Today, May 26</i>

Crackdown on illegal petrol pumps begins in Peshawar	Transition to solar	Pakistan's energy sector: Growing burden of circular debt	The times they are a-sizzlin'
<i>Pakistan Today, May 25</i>	<i>Dawn, May 23</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 26</i>	<i>The News, May 26</i>
Infrastructure constraints at key ports choke oil industry: OCAC	No plan to tax solar power equipment, Nasir tells PA	Balochistan lawmakers condemn massive load-shedding	NASA launches ground-breaking climate change satellite
<i>The News, May 25</i>	<i>The News, May 23</i>	<i>Dawn, May 25</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 26</i>
OGRA raises RLNG prices up to 6.5pc for SSGC, SNGPL consumers	'Additional EV charging stations to be installed in Islamabad'	Pesco claims reduction in net loss by Rs21 billion	Unbearable heat
<i>The News, May 25</i>	<i>The News, May 23</i>	<i>The News, May 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 24</i>
IMF wants Ogra to notify gas sale prices twice a year	Clean energy: US envoy inaugurates investment roadshow	Crackdown on electricity thieves	When will the ongoing heatwave end? Climate change ministry announces date
<i>The News, May 25</i>	<i>The News, May 23</i>	<i>The News, May 25</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, May 24</i>
Govt to end subsidy on gas for fertiliser industry Govt to end subsidy on gas for fertiliser industry	OICCI, Shell hold symposium on energy: Pakistan can produce green energy on large scale: minister	KE agrees to restore power supply to defaulters using up to 200 units	Rivers swell from glacier melting
<i>The News, May 25</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 23</i>	<i>The News, May 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 23</i>
Cnergycio Pk Ltd. announces resumption of refinery operations	Cost of reversal	KE seeks Rs10.69 per unit tariff hike for multi-year period	Mango production plunge
<i>Pakistan Today, May 24</i>	<i>The News, May 22</i>	<i>The News, May 25</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, May 23</i>
Crackdown on illegal petrol pumps begins	IMF told about likely solar policy changes	KE base tariff may rise by Rs10 per unit	Flooding threats
<i>The News, May 24</i>	<i>The News, May 22</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 25</i>	<i>Dawn, May 23</i>
Crackdown against gas thieves intensified	Minister seeks Chinese investment in solar energy sector	A crisis of power	Climate action as equity
<i>The News, May 24</i>	<i>The News, May 22</i>	<i>Dawn, May 25</i>	<i>Dawn, May 23</i>
Oil falls for fourth straight session	Embracing Solar Power	PM rejects FBR's carbon tax on petrol, sales tax hike proposals	'Climate Change ministry to initiate GLOF III project'
<i>The News, May 24</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, May 22</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, May 25</i>	<i>The News, May 23</i>
Ticking time bombs	KE allowed to add more power through renewables	ADB explores increased financing for WAPDA	Climate awakening
<i>The News, May 24</i>	<i>Dawn, May 21</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 24</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, May 22</i>
TAPI pipeline project will be funded bilaterally	Hungary metamorphosing into an EV powerhouse	PM for dam's inclusion in CPEC	Small island states win key climate case in UN court
<i>Express Tribune, May 23</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 21</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 24</i>	<i>Dawn, May 22</i>
TAPI pipeline to be funded bilaterally amid lack of int'l support	Net metering: Watt's the fuss all about?	Budget: FCCI expects power tariff relief	Margalla Hills wildfire
<i>Pakistan Today, May 23</i>	<i>The News, May 21</i>	<i>Business Recorder, May 24</i>	<i>Express Tribune, May 21</i>

Chinese companies keen to invest in Pakistan Refinery Ltd's upgrade, expansion	Experts call cap on solar energy 'insane'	At JCC meeting, Pakistan seeks Chinese assistance in key energy projects	Antarctic sea ice level reached 'exceptional record lows' in 2023: Study
Dawn, May 23	Express Tribune, May 21	Business Recorder, May 24	Express Tribune, May 21
Energy inflation	Controversy over net metering financial rules	Lesco detects 465 power theft cases in 24 hours	Climate resilience
Dawn, May 23	Express Tribune, May 20	The News, May 24	Dawn, May 21
Govt to boost production of petroleum products	Laghari rejects reports of scraping net metering policy	Uninterrupted power supply demanded in ICT schools	Children come first
The News, May 23	Express Tribune, May 20	The News, May 24	The News, May 21
Three business owners arrested over gas theft	U-turn on net metering	lesco recovers Rs106.68m from electricity defaulters	Climate change key driver of record-low Antarctic sea ice: study
The News, May 23	Business Recorder, May 20	The News, May 24	The News, May 21
OGRA cuts SNGPL gas prices by 10pc, SSGC by 4pc, effective July 1	Barriers to green transformation	NTDC privatisation after restructuring	Climate change disrupts education for millions
The News, May 22	Dawn, May 20	The News, May 24	Express Tribune, May 20
Low on gas	Govt 'plans replacing solar net metering with gross metering'	The right to power	Vanishing crocodiles
The News, May 22	The News, May 20	The News, May 24	Express Tribune, May 20
SSGC removes 2,840 illegal gas connections in fresh raids	No change in net metering policy for old users: minister	Nepra hearing: IPPs capacity payments projected to rise by 33pc to Rs2.8tr in next fiscal	Mingora water supply scheme to mitigate climate change impacts: official
The News, May 22	The News, May 20	The News, May 24	The News, May 20
CCP grants petroleum agreement exemption	Green loans	Power shortfall rises further by 778MW in a day	Education faces climate challenges
Express Tribune, May 22	The News, May 20	Express Tribune, May 24	The News, May 20
Gas prices slashed up to 10% for FY 2024-25	Government to continue with solar net-metering policy of 2017: Energy Minister	Capacity payments to haunt power users	
Express Tribune, May 22	Pakistan Today, May 20	Express Tribune, May 24	
Chinese firms show interest in partnering with Pakistan Refinery Limited	Govt to revisit solar net metering policy, says minister	Govt mulls incentives to boost industrial power demand	
Pakistan Today, May 22	Pakistan Today, May 20	Dawn, May 24	
Chinese companies keen in expansion project, says PRL		K-Electric seeks Rs10.69/unit tariff hike to offset rising costs	
Business Recorder, May 22		Pakistan Today, May 24	
Energy-starved Pakistan is seeking sanction-free Iranian gas, says Musadik Malik		Govt diverts Rs70.5b to hydel projects	
Business Recorder, May 22		Express Tribune, May 24	
Ogra orders 10pc cut in gas rates from July 1		Power sector: The rut, the rot, the riot	
Dawn, May 22		Business Recorder, May 23	

	SSGC's apathy		Body formed to recover outstanding power dues	
	<i>Dawn, May 22</i>		<i>The News, May 23</i>	
	OGRA hikes LNG prices by 6.49% for May		NA-30 loadshedding, outstanding dues issue: PHC directs commissioner to facilitate Pesco, MPs meeting	
	<i>Pakistan Today, May 22</i>		<i>The News, May 23</i>	
	Gulberg residents decry Sui gas low pressure		12,000 electricity thieves held	
	<i>The News, May 21</i>		<i>The News, May 23</i>	
	Fuel oil exports jump record 122 percent in 10 months		Over Rs7.81m recovered from 81 Lesco defaulters	
	<i>The News, May 21</i>		<i>The News, May 23</i>	
	OGRA cuts gas prices by 10% for SNGPL, 4% for SSGC for FY2024-25		Technical fault causes power suspension to 17 feeders	
	<i>Pakistan Today, May 21</i>		<i>The News, May 23</i>	
	Mari Gas Field: Fertilizer industry enjoys govt support		Consumers foot the bill of grid constraints, violation of power plants merit order	
	<i>Business Recorder, May 21</i>		<i>The News, May 23</i>	
	Sui companies: Ogra determines estimated revenue requirements for FY2024-25		Dasu Hydropower project: ECC set to approve \$2.58m for Chinese killed in terror attack	
	<i>Business Recorder, May 21</i>		<i>The News, May 23</i>	
	Oil steadies after death of Iran's president, Saudi king's ill health		Power Outages: Hafiz Naeem calls for reviewing IPP agreements	
	<i>Business Recorder, May 20</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, May 23</i>	
	35pc gas sale to private sector: SIFC to take up delay in CCI decision implementation		Three-year-old booked in case of electricity theft in Dera Ismail Khan	
	<i>The News, May 20</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, May 22</i>	
			Countrywide power outages intensify Summer heat as shortfall nears 6,000 megawatts	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 22</i>	
			ECC likely to approve Rs 2.217bn grant for Jiwani-Gwadar power project	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 22</i>	
			PRL in talks with Chinese contractors, banks for \$1.5bn refinery upgrade project	
			<i>The News, May 22</i>	

			Electricity generation drops 13.87 percent to 8,639 GWh in April	
			<i>The News, May 22</i>	
			Power sector debt surges 14pc to Rs2.635tr in 7 months	
			<i>The News, May 22</i>	
			Govt to replace independent directors in Discos	
			<i>The News, May 22</i>	
			IMF may raise concern over AJK subsidised power tariff	
			<i>The News, May 22</i>	
			PA slams KE, Hesco, Sepco over 'highly inefficient' service	
			<i>The News, May 22</i>	
			End to prolonged power cuts sought	
			<i>The News, May 22</i>	
			Net or gross-metering	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 22</i>	
			Power production drops by 14%	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 22</i>	
			'Continuous increase in power price creating frustration'	
			<i>Business Recorder, May 22</i>	
			Power shortfall reaches over 5,800MW as country sizzles	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 22</i>	
			CPEC brought US\$25.4 billion in direct investment, 236000 jobs, says Amb Jiang	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 21</i>	
			Power tariffs: Up the roof!	
			<i>Business Recorder, May 21</i>	
			Govt urged to revisit agreements with IPPs	
			<i>Business Recorder, May 21</i>	
			Power generation in Pakistan falls nearly 14% YoY in April	
			<i>Business Recorder, May 21</i>	

			Independent directors for Discos approved	
			<i>Dawn, May 21</i>	
			Govt seeks to extract Rs29bn more from electricity consumers for April	
			<i>Dawn, May 21</i>	
			SHC fixes pending energy cases on AGP's request	
			<i>Dawn, May 21</i>	
			Low-cost energy	
			<i>Dawn, May 21</i>	
			Women and children protest load-shedding	
			<i>The News, May 21</i>	
			Teams formed to recover outstanding electricity dues	
			<i>The News, May 21</i>	
			Govt urged to simplify electricity bills	
			<i>The News, May 21</i>	
			'Delay in relocating gas lines along Malir Expressway can't be linked to SSGC'	
			<i>The News, May 21</i>	
			NEPRA approves KE's 2024-2028 power acquisition plan	
			<i>The News, May 21</i>	
			Lights out	
			<i>The News, May 21</i>	
			FPCCI alarmed at CPPA plea for tariff hike	
			<i>The News, May 21</i>	
			Discos seek extra Rs3.488/unit FCA in June bills	
			<i>The News, May 21</i>	
			Govt to appoint intelligence, FIA officials in Discos	
			<i>The News, May 21</i>	
			K-Electric strongly condemns office attack	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 21</i>	

			PM sacks 8 DISCO boards over losses	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 21</i>	
			Circular debt woes	
			<i>Dawn, May 21</i>	
			Another power tariff hike in offing	
			<i>Express Tribune, May 21</i>	
			FIA mandated to eradicate corruption in Discos, combat power theft	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 20</i>	
			Power sector circular debt soars to Rs2.63tr	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 20</i>	
			KE receives NEPRA's approval for power acquisition programme	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 20</i>	
			Power consumers to face Rs 3.49/unit hike under FCA of April	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 20</i>	
			Developing a competent energy market	
			<i>Dawn, May 20</i>	
			Trump's deal — rebirth of the fossil fuel industry	
			<i>Dawn, May 20</i>	
			Circular debt over Rs2.6tr, surpassing govt commitments	
			<i>Dawn, May 20</i>	
			Parts of Lahore plunge into darkness as grid station catches fire	
			<i>The News, May 20</i>	
			Pakistan's power sector puzzle	
			<i>The News, May 20</i>	
			Power loadshedding in Mardan protested	
			<i>The News, May 20</i>	
			Govt urged to consult with IEP on power sector sell-off	
			<i>The News, May 20</i>	

			Govt asked to waive off fuel adjustment surcharge	
			<i>The News, May 20</i>	
			Pakistan seeks Chinese funding for major energy, infrastructure projects	
			<i>Pakistan Today, May 20</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

