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- Green Tokenism

The impacts of climate change is getting worse on the Pakistan day by day. Whether it is rising temperature, glacier melting or floods it has effected every class of Pakistani society. Recent incident of Swat on 27th of June, 2025 is the latest reminder ~~that~~ ^{which} almost killed 18 tourists, that climate volatility is not some distant worry but it is our present reality. The economy budget For year 25-26 labelled as first-ever climate budget and it should have marked a turning point. Instead, it has revealed the government's shallow engagement with the climate challenge. A Rs 2.5 per litre carbon-levy on petroleum products and 10% tax on imported solar panels are presented as climate friendly yet they disproportionately burden the poor and discourage renewable adoptions. Meanwhile, coal based projects are still unchecked and fossil fuels consumption

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remains central to energy policy. This is not climate leadership whether a green tokenism in the form of revenue collection dressed in green.

This current budget (FY 25-26) fails where it matters most; in building resilience.

Pakistan is among the world's most climate vulnerable countries. Yet, instead of helping communities prepare for and survive climate shocks, the budget continues to pour money into mitigation heavy projects like dams and infrastructure.

Such investments might be helpful in the long term but currently millions of people in Pakistan are already homeless, losing livelihoods and lives to today's climate disasters. According to the analysis, only 87 pc of climate budget is allocated for mitigation while only 10 pc is allocated to adaptation.

Government of Pakistan should take war footing steps to counter this climate crisis which includes backing up local

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Solutions that actually works and to stop copying foreign models. Real climate action needs serious reforms. The government should stop dragging its feet and ~~should~~ set up the promised climate authority ^{move} ↑ Budget should also be allocated in key sectors like forest and farming ~~and and polluters~~. Additionally, polluters and officials must be held accountable for their doings. Climate Justice demands laws that work, budgets that deliver and a government that leads from the front. Moreover, Most of all, it requires collective resolves from citizens and those who are in power.

