

Hiking gas tariff for domestic consumers: ECC does not take up

summary

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Wednesday approved waiving all port dues/charges amounting to Rs194.951 million on 31-1-2020 or till the vessels leave the port accruing against Karkey.

This waiver was required as a consequence of the settlement agreement reached between the government of Pakistan and Karkey.

Top official sources confirmed to The News on Wednesday that the ECC did not take up summary for hiking gas tariff for the domestic consumers, however, it was decided that the increased tariff for gas related summary would be taken up in the upcoming ECC meeting expected to take place by next week.

This issue of seeking increased gas tariff came under discussion and was desired to take up in today's meeting but finally the Adviser to PM on Finance decided to take up summary to this effect in next meeting because input from some relevant ministries were still awaited.

The sources said that some changes were proposed in the summary to protect the domestic consumers. But if this was done, it would also invite criticism.