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Overview

What happened to Cuba's power grid?

In what has turned into a regular occurrence, Cuba's power grid collapsed on Wednesday morning, another in a series of electricity outages in the past year across the entire island.

Will Hurricane Oscar damage Cuba's energy distribution infrastructure?

There are fears that a significant storm would damage Cuba's creaking energy distribution infrastructure. President Miguel Diaz-Canel said on Saturday that authorities in the east of the island were "working hard to protect the people and economic resources, given the imminent arrival of Hurricane Oscar".

What happened to Cuba's power plant?

The situation came to a head on Friday, when Cuba's largest power plant malfunctioned, joining several smaller plants already offline. Foul weather had also stalled the arrival of fuel from tanker ships offshore, starving the island's power plants. The combination prompted the entire grid to collapse.

Will Cuba's power be restored gradually?

Prime Minister Manuel Marrero made an appearance at Cuba's state-run power company and asked Cubans for their trust as he said on state TV that electricity would be restored gradually. Some Cubans, like 65-year-old Mayté García, believed they would be without power for a couple of days.

Why does Cuba have a power crisis?

Since last year, the electricity company has been able to meet only about half the daily demand because of oil shortages and power plants going offline, authorities have said. The crisis has taken a toll on the Cuban population and sparked protests, crippled the economy and affected tourism.

Who is at risk of a power outage in Cuba?

Those who rely on electricity for critical medical equipment, people with disabilities, and others with certain health conditions are particularly vulnerable. Hurricane Oscar contributed to Cuba's most recent power outages, but other factors put the country at risk of losing power.

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