



Cuba Outdoor Power Supply Monopoly

How has Cuba regained electricity?

In the last 24 hours, Cuba has made significant strides in restoring electricity: 7:54 a.m.: Felton 1, part of the Lidio Ramón Pérez thermal power plant in Holguín province, was synchronized with the national grid, marking an important step toward stabilizing power after the total system disconnection on October 18.

Why is Cuba's power system deteriorating?

As POWER has reported, Cuba's power system has faced increasing strain since 2021, with blackouts becoming more frequent due to accidents at key generation units and aging thermal power plants. Thermal plants are outdated, with most surpassing their 30-year lifespan.

Why does Cuba have a bad energy system?

Cuba's energy system also suffers from years of reliance on domestic, poor-quality heavy crude oil, which is corrosive because it's high in sulfur. This has accelerated the wear and tear on boilers, turbines, and pipes in Cuba's power plants, shortening their life spans and causing frequent and costly outages.

How is power produced in Cuba?

About 40.6% of Cuba's power generation is produced in thermal power plants, 21.7% with fuel oil engines, and 21.9% with diesel engines. Almost 8% is produced with the accompanying gas from oil production, 5% comes from renewable energy sources (hydro, solar, and wind), and the remaining 3% is produced by floating units (thermal power barges).

What happens if the power grid fails in Cuba?

As the primary power grid fails, Cubans with resources are taking matters into their own hands, often in desperate ways. Businesses, hospitals, and wealthy families are installing gasoline and solar generators; the incessant noise from which has become part of the city's soundscape.

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.

1 day ago· Millions lose power as Cuba hit by fifth blackout in less than a year The island of 10 million's worsening energy and economic crisis has led to a series of "frustrating" grid collapses.

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