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Cuba's ongoing energy crisis is highlighted by the increasing frequency of scheduled blackouts in Havana. Residents of the capital, who once enjoyed relative immunity compared to other provinces, are now experiencing outages firsthand. Despite shorter durations compared to other regions, Havana's citizens are starting to feel the strain that has long plagued the rest of the country.

Meanwhile, the Electric Union (UNE) reported on Tuesday that eight thermoelectric units remain offline, four due to breakdowns and another four for maintenance. Considering these circumstances and the chronic fuel shortages, the estimated impact for today will be 950 MW during daytime hours, rising to 1,450 MW at peak demand.

A day after a massive nationwide blackout left millions of Cubans without electricity, authorities were trying to reconnect the island's integrated energy system Saturday with gradual and limited success. (AP Video/Ariel Fernandez and Milexys Duran)

Residents prepare a soup over an open fire during a blackout following the failure of a major power plant in Havana, Cuba, Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

A resident sits while passing time during a blackout following the failure of a major power plant in Havana, Cuba, Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

Residents walk down a street using a phone flashlight during a power outage following the failure of a major power plant in Havana, Cuba, Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

Residents eat outside their homes to avoid the indoor heat during a massive blackout after a major power plant failed in Havana, Cuba, Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

Residents stand outside their homes to avoid the heat indoors during a massive blackout after a major power plant failed in Havana, Cuba, Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

A resident prepares a soup over an open fire during a massive blackout following the failure of a major power plant in Havana, Cuba, Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

A woman prepares to catch a tossed frisbee during a massive blackout after a major power plant failed in Havana, Cuba, Friday, Oct. 18, 2024. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

HAVANA (AP) -- Some electricity was restored in Cuba, the government said Saturday, after the island nation's worst blackout in at least two years left millions without electricity for two days.

Energy Minister Vicente de la O Levy said the country had 500 megawatts in its electrical grid early Saturday, compared to the 3 gigawatts that are normally generated. He posted on the social media platform X that "several substations in the west now have electricity."

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