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The state-run power utility company, Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (ESCOM), has been unable to supply power to its 20 million citizens since early Wednesday.

Energy Minister Ibrahim Matola told Anadolu that the government, through ESCOM, is working to address the problem which he said has "thrown the country into total darkness."

John Kapito, the head Consumers Association of Malawi (CAMA), a consumer rights body, told Anadolu that the blackout has affected the delivery of health services in public hospitals.

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Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (Escom) which distributes power has confirmed that it has experienced a system shutdown at 1:45PM on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

"We are yet to establish the cause of the system shutdown. We will inform the nation once all facts have been established," the corporation has said.

Last year, Escom also experienced several incidents of system shutdowns which caused power outages across the country but today's incident is the first the year.

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ESCOM, Malawi's electricity utility, is returning power to the grid following a nationwide power outage, Dec. 5. The shutdown began at 14:04, with power progressively returning to the grid from 14:35. ESCOM has warned that the system remains unstable and is currently working on restoring power to the grid. The reason for this total system shutdown is unclear at the time of writing.

Charge mobile and communication devices when possible and ensure backup batteries are available. Plan for road travel delays due to possible malfunctioning or nonfunctional traffic lights in affected areas. Exercise caution when driving in recently impacted areas. Confirm business appointments. Verify that security systems are working. Park vehicles in secure areas, and complete ground movements before nightfall. Ensure that generators are functional and refuel devices where necessary.



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