

# Zambia load shedding backup power

Why is the current load shedding happening in Zambia?

The current load shedding in Zambia is due to a huge electricity deficit caused mostly by droughts in the Southern part, which is our major source of hydro power. It is important to note that Zambia depends highly on hydropower.

When will ZESCO load shedding start in Zambia?

In a significant development impacting power supply across Zambia, ZESCO Managing Director Victor Mapani has announced that the company will commence 8-hour daily load shedding effective Monday, March 11, 2024. The decision follows a meticulous assessment of water levels in the Kafue and Zambezi basins.

Does a power shortage cause load shedding in Zambia?

Since early 2015, Zambia experienced a 2,100 gigawatt-hours (GWh) power shortage triggering countrywide load shedding (Samboko et al., 2016). A number of studies have been conducted on the effects of load shedding (see Bose et al., 2006; Sangvhi, 1991; Kaseke, 2012; and Sanghvi, 1991) though they have largely focused on macro level aspects.

Did a drought cause load shedding in Zambia?

Some older residents claimed they did not experience such high levels of power interruptions even during the 1991/1992 drought which they contended was the worst drought in the history of Zambia and thus saw no justification for current load shedding levels.

Will load shedding be extended to 17 hours a day?

Speaking at the Energy Regulation Board Auditorium on Friday, August 16, 2024, the minister confirmed that load shedding hours will be extended to 17 hours daily, starting September 1, 2024, due to a severe power deficit.

Why is load shedding necessary in the Kafue & Zambezi basins?

The decision follows a meticulous assessment of water levels in the Kafue and Zambezi basins. Speaking at a media briefing in Lusaka, Mr. Mapani explained that the implementation of load shedding has become imperative due to the dwindling water levels, which directly affect power generation capacity.

Impact of Load Shedding o The reported loss in turnover as a result of load shedding ranged from K0 to K759,000. On average the reported loss in turnover was K 19,251.16. o In the survey, 22.8% of establishments reported cases of idle labour while 9.8% reported incurring overtime labour costs due to load shedding. Idle labour costs on

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