

Power Outage Hits Pakistan's Major Cities | Forex, Pakistan

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Pakistani officials are blaming the breakdown of a major power plant for causing a nationwide blackout late Sunday. {loadposition content_adsense300} Authorities with the country's Water and Power Ministry say the power outages affecting Pakistan's major cities - including Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi - began when a power plant generating 1,200 megawatts a day of electricity developed a technical fault.

While nationwide outages like Sunday's are not common, frequent power cuts lasting for hours at a time have hit homes throughout the country for years. The outages have fueled public outrage, crippled industry and triggered violent protests.

Analysts blame the electricity shortages on chronic under-investment in infrastructure, while Pakistani leaders partially blame electric companies' lack of funds.

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