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LUSAKA, Nov 24 (Reuters)—Zambia suffered a nationwide power outage on Sunday following a power system disturbance, the southern Africa nation's state utility Zesco said. The utility said the incident occurred at 1815 GMT, leading to loss of power supply that affected the whole country. It said it was working to resolve the unplanned outage, and [...]

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Reports indicated that major public hospitals, including the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) in Lusaka and Kitwe Teaching Hospital, were left in complete darkness due to the outage, disrupting healthcare services.

While the situation is still unfolding, ZESCO has emphasized its dedication to restoring normal service and ensuring that the power supply is fully restored to all affected areas as soon as possible.

"During this period, backup systems functioned as intended. Specifically, the emergency generators at the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) activated immediately, ensuring uninterrupted power supply to life support systems and other essential medical equipment.

"Further, government wishes to inform the nation that no deaths or critical incidents were recorded during this period. ZESCO restored power to UTH after 30 minutes, resuming normal operations," he said.

Kawana noted that the technical teams were currently investigating the cause of the outage and working to prevent similar incidents in the future, adding that "government assures the public of its commitment to maintaining reliable power supply."

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