

Venezuelan Government Denounces New Attack on Electric System

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The Minister of Popular Power For Electric Energy, **Luis Motta Dominguez** stated on Thursday that the electric system of <u>Venezuela</u> was attacked again on Thursday afternoon.

Several states of the South American country were left without electricity, Minister Motta stated that authorities are working to put the system back up and bring service back to normality.

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According to Motta Dominguez, Venezuela "has been, once again, the target of an attack in an Electric War (...) But here we have a strong government, they will not demoralize or defeat us. (...) they have failed in past attempts and they will fail again."

Venezuela's Ministry of Energy reports of a deliberate sabotage of the country's electric system. pic.twitter.com/8okDmG6iul

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The minister also reported that the work on the restoration of electrical services could take up to three hours. teleSUR correspondent Leonel Retamal reported that 18 states of <u>Venezuela</u> have reported electricity cuts and that the Caracas Metro service was delayed until the electricity was back was up.

The Venezuelan Minister of Popular Power for Communications and Information, Jorge Rodriguez, offered a statement to inform about the attack against Venezuela's electrical system. Rodriguez said that the electric system in Venezuela is back up in 60 percent of the country, and it will only take a couple of hours to go back to 100 percent normality.

Rodriguez also stated that the Venezuelan right-wing opposition intended to sabotage the

system for days, but have failed. Calls the recuperation "a heroic act". He highlighted the irony of United States **Senator Marco Rubio** tweeted about the energy loss, only minutes after it happened,

"One byproduct of nationwide power outage in #Venezuela is that much of the country is currently offline with no access to cell phone service or internet coverage," Rubio tweeted on Thursday afternoon.

"Marco Rubio has failed again," said Rodriguez, after the electrical system was repaired.

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