

Why is Panama facing a blackout?

The blackout has intensified scrutiny on Panama's energy vulnerabilities, placing pressure on authorities to deliver lasting solutions and prevent future disruptions. Panama's 2025 blackout, sparked by a power plant explosion, cuts electricity and water nationwide.

What caused the PanAm power outage?

President Jos#233; Ra#250;l Mulino confirmed that the outage, which began just before midnight, was triggered by a "technical fault" in a private generator operated by PanAm Generating Ltd. This failure activated the protective mechanisms of the national grid, overseen by the state-owned Empresa de Transmisi#243;n El#233;ctrica (Etesa).

How much hydropower does Panama have?

Last year it provided 71 per cent of the country's electricity generation. According to the 2022 Hydropower Status Report from the International Hydropower Association, Panama is ranked fifth out of 18 countries across North and Central America for its total installed hydropower capacity of 1754MW.

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