

Nearly Half of Novorossiisk Left Without Power

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Emergency workers trying to restore power in Novorossiisk.

Nearly half of the residents of the Black Sea port of Novorossiisk were left without electricity for five hours after high winds led to a power outage.

The lights went out for 112,000 residents around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and was restored at 2:30 a.m., although emergency workers had promised that the power would return by 11 p.m., "Itar-Tass reported.

Winds caused a cable crossover on a power line, disrupting power supplies to the 1,227 residential buildings, the Emergency Situations Ministry said in a [statement](#).

The ministry published several photos of the pitch-black city on its website, including one of emergency workers standing in a darkened room.

Such power outages are uncommon in a city as large as Novorossiisk, which has a population

of 241,952 and is the country's main port for trading grain.

Another outage occurred Tuesday evening in the Karelia republic near the border with Finland, cutting electricity to two settlements with a combined 700 residents, the Emergency Situations Ministry said. The power was to be restored Wednesday.

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