

Mass Blackout Hits Siberia's Coal-Producing Kemerovo Region

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Nearly 30,000 people were left without power while coal miners were evacuated to the surface following a power station accident in Siberia's Kemerovo region on Friday.

The regional electricity provider Rosseti Sibir [said](#) crews were working to restore power in the Leninsk-Kuznetsky district while investigating the cause of the outage.

At least seven coal mines experienced ventilation failures, and two towns were left without electricity, the regional Emergency Situations Ministry [told](#) the Interfax news agency.

The blackout affected at least 28,000 people, including residents of the town of Polysayevo. One hospital, five schools and 11 kindergartens were also impacted, state-run TASS news agency [reported](#).

More than 500 miners were safely evacuated from three mines through emergency exits, the region's acting emergency minister [told](#) Kemerovo region Governor Ilya Seredyuk in a video

posted on Telegram.

Rosseti Sibir later [said](#) power had been restored to the coal mines and five of the district's towns.

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