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Nearly 100 Communities in Dagestan Left Without Power After Storm

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A village in Dagestan. **Sergei Chuprin / unsplash**

Nearly one hundred communities across the North Caucasus republic of Dagestan were left without power on Monday after inclement weather caused a local electrical grid failure, emergency officials said.

A total of 89 villages and towns faced blackouts, according to a statement from the Emergency Situations Ministry cited by Interfax. The outages followed two days of heavy rain, snowfall and high winds.

It was not immediately clear how many people were impacted or where the blackout was concentrated.

Emergency officials said repair crews were working to restore power. They expect repair work to finish around 8 p.m. Moscow time on Monday.

Power outages and other utility failures are common in Dagestan, one of Russia's poorest

regions. In 2024, the republic's housing ministry said an estimated 70% of its municipal infrastructure was critically worn out.

Public outrage over infrastructure failures during deadly floods earlier this year is believed to have been a factor in President Vladimir Putin's decision to sack the former head of Dagestan, Sergei Melikov, in May.

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