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SAO PAULO (AP) -- Around 1.4 million households in Sao Paulo, Brazil, were without power on Saturday almost 24 hours after a brief but powerful storm swept through South America's largest metropolis. At least seven people were killed.

Officials in Sao Paulo state said that record wind gusts Friday night of up to 67 mph (108 kph) knocked down transmission lines and uprooted trees, causing severe damage in some parts. The storm also shut down several airports and interrupted water service in several areas, according to the state government.

One person died when a tree fell on an outdoor stall, authorities said. At least six other people in surrounding Sao Paulo state also died.

Authorities originally expected to restore power within a few hours. But several neighborhoods in the metropolitan area, which is home to 21 million people, were still in the dark on Saturday, and authorities were urging residents to limit their consumption of water.

Most of the disruptions were in the service area of a single utility, Enel-Sao Paulo.

Regulators ordered an inspection of the utility, warning that if it doesn't resolve the outages in a satisfactory and swift manner it will move to terminate the private concession.

For its part, Enel said that 17 high voltage transmission lines were affected by the storm. It did not provide a time frame for re-establishing service.

The 2023 Brazil blackout was a power outage that occurred across Brazil on 15 August 2023 at 8:30 Bras?lia Time (UTC-03:00). It interrupted approximately 19 gigawatts of electric load, which was approximately 27% of the total load at that moment.[1]

According to the National Electric System Operator [pt] (Brazilian Portuguese: Operador Nacional do Sistema El?trico, ONS), the blackout occurred due to the opening of the wide area synchronous grid between the North and Southeast regions of Brazil,[2] in a 500 kilovolt circuit near Imperatriz, Maranh?o.[3] The exact cause of the blackout is currently unknown and under investigation.

The Minister of Mines and Energy, Alexandre Silveira, created a crisis chamber for investigating the cause of the blackout.[4]

Silveira asked the Federal Police (PF) and the Brazilian Intelligence Agency (ABIN) to investigate whether the blackout was caused by human action.[5]



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The blackout affected the Federal District and all states of Brazil, except Roraima which as of 2023 is not yet connected to the National Interconnected System.

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