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## Overview

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Does Cuba have an energy crisis?

Cuba isn't just in an energy crisis; the country's grid sits on the verge of systemic failure. The National Electric System, most of which was built after 1959, hasn't received the investment and maintenance it needs for 35 years—a consequence of Cuba's complex political and economic history.

Is heavy crude oil a renewable resource in Cuba?

Heavy crude oil isn't Cuba's only resource; it has a wealth of untapped renewable energy options, including solar, wind, and potentially sugarcane biomass. But the transition to renewables has progressed slowly and somewhat haphazardly, despite ambitious goals set by the government.

How much of Cuba's energy is renewable?

The government set a goal of deriving 37 percent of Cuba's energy from renewable sources by 2030; so far they've reached only 3 percent. Cuba is actively looking to partner internationally on energy initiatives. Agreements with Russia primarily focus on modernizing existing thermal facilities and possibly constructing new ones.

Why does Cuba have a bad energy system?

Cuba's energy system also suffers from years of reliance on domestic, poor-quality heavy crude oil, which is corrosive because it's high in sulfur. This has accelerated the wear and tear on boilers, turbines, and pipes in Cuba's power plants, shortening their life spans and causing frequent and costly outages.

How much solar power will Cuba have in 2026?

China already sent Cuba equipment for more than 100 MW of solar capacity through a different program. By January 2026, about 1,100 MW of this new capacity is expected to be operational, according to the Cuban government. As the primary power grid fails, Cubans with resources are taking matters into

their own hands, often in desperate ways.

Why has Cuba's energy grid collapsed four times in the last 6 months?

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