

Stage 2 load shedding from tonight, Eskom cautiously optimistic about next week

Eskom said it would reduce load shedding to Stage 2 at 10pm on Thursday, 21 April, until Friday. It said three generation units had returned to service since Wednesday night with two more units set to return in the next 24 hours.



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CEO Andre de Ruyter is cautiously optimistic about a low forecast for load shedding next week. “At the moment... we don’t anticipate load shedding for next week. However, that is dependent on the stability of our generating units. We are all aware that there are risks in the system that are difficult to forecast and predict.



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“Depending on how we perform over the weekend and depending on rain that is forecast for the Mpumalanga area... where the majority of our coal plants are located, we may potentially see further impacts and that may have an impact on availability of generating capacity particularly for Monday next week.

“But after that, if we can bring those units back that are currently planned to return to service and if we can get additional reduction in partial load losses, we should be okay. So we don’t plan for load shedding next week but we must emphasise that there is always a residual risk,” he said.

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