

Potential reprieve this Easter weekend as Eskom on track to lift load shedding

Eskom says it remains cautiously optimistic that Stage 2 load shedding will be lifted on Friday morning, 15 April, ahead of the Easter weekend.



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"The power system remains fragile and while that holds, Eskom will continue with the current instance of load shedding as previously communicated, which will be suspended at 5am on Friday. The planned suspension of load shedding is due, in part, to the lower demand expected over the weekend.

"However, there remains a possibility that load shedding will need to be implemented during next week as the demand returns," Eskom said.

Eskom plans to undertake opportunity maintenance during the low-demand weekend to address any further risk on running units. It will also be releasing some water into the river system from the Ingula Pumped Storage Scheme in order to relieve the capacity constraints that have been created by the heavy rains.