



Statement

Acting Prime Minister, Hon. Lennox Andrews on Early Morning Fire at GRENLEC Generation Station on the Island of Carriacou

The public is informed of a major fire early this morning, 28th April 2023, at the GRENLEC generation station on the island of Carriacou. The fire destroyed two engines, and partly damaged a third. As a result, there was a total loss of electricity on the island, save for those using personal generators.

In response, a team was dispatched comprising personnel from GRENLEC, NaDMA, the Ministry of Health, the Police and other utility companies to carry out an initial assessment of the damage and to determine the shortest possible time within which electricity will be restored on the island.

Considering this incident, the public is hereby advised that:

1. The Princess Royal Hospital, the Police Station, major financial institutions, and supermarkets continue to operate, powered by standby generators.
2. All schools on the island will be closed for today, Friday 28th April 2023. Parents are asked to do all in their power to ensure the safety of their children.
3. All are encouraged to exercise due care and caution as they cope with this situation given that we are still in the dry season.
4. The preliminary assessment suggests that power may be restored within twenty-four (24) hours.

Government is closely monitoring the situation and will be providing the nation with updates as further information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding.

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