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People in Tokyo asked to turn off lights in heat wave – 30th June, 2022

Level 0

The temperature near Tokyo went over 40°C for the first time in June. People are using air conditioners more. It is difficult for power companies to produce electricity. Japan has asked people to use less electricity, especially in the evening. It wants people to turn off lights from 3 pm to 6 pm.

The heat will continue. The rainy season was the shortest since records began. This means the summer will be long and hot. The government said: "Please cooperate and save as much power as possible." There could be power shortages. There is also a risk of heatstroke. The government asked people to drink lots of water.

Level 1

Last week, the temperature near Tokyo went over 40°C for the first time in June. It was a record 40.2°C in a city north of Tokyo. People are using air conditioners more. This is making it difficult for power companies to produce electricity. Japan's government has asked people to use less electricity. It said: "We ask the public to reduce energy consumption during the early evening hours." It wants people to turn off lights from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Japan's heat wave will continue. The rainy season just finished. It's the earliest since records began in 1851. This means there'll be a long, hot summer. The government said: "Please cooperate and save as much power as possible." A power company warned there could be power shortages. There is also a risk of people getting heatstroke. More than 250 people were taken to hospital in Tokyo over the weekend with heatstroke.

Level 2

Japan is having record heat. Last week, the temperature near Tokyo went over 40°C for the first time in June. It was 40.2 degrees Celsius in a city north of Tokyo. The hotter weather means people are using air conditioners more. This is making it difficult for power companies to produce enough electricity. Japan's government has asked people to use less electricity. A spokesman said: "We ask the public to reduce energy consumption during the early evening hours." He wants people to turn off lights from 3 pm to 6 pm and use air conditioners less.

Japan's heat wave will continue. The country's rainy season finished the earliest since records began in 1851. This means there'll be a long, hot summer. The government said: "We have unusual heat for the season. Please cooperate and save as much power as possible." Tokyo's power company warned there was a risk of power shortages and blackouts. There is also a risk of people getting heatstroke. More than 250 people were taken to hospital in Tokyo over the weekend with heatstroke. The government is advising people to drink water and not exercise outside.

Level 3

Japan is experiencing record heat. Last week, the temperature in eastern Japan reached 40°C for the first time in June. Isesaki City in Gunma prefecture, north of Tokyo, recorded a temperature of 40.2 degrees Celsius on Saturday. The hotter than usual weather means people are using their air conditioners more. This is making it difficult for power companies to keep up with demand. To help these companies, Japan's government has asked people to use less electricity. Spokesman Yoshihiko Isozaki said: "We ask the public to reduce energy consumption during the early evening hours." He wants people to turn off unnecessary lights from 3 pm to 6 pm and use air conditioners less.

Japan's heat wave is set to continue. The weather agency said that the country's rainy season finished at its earliest since records began in 1851. This means a longer and hotter summer. The government said: "We are struck by unusual heat for the season. Please cooperate and save as much power as possible." The Tokyo Electric Power Company warned there was a risk of power shortages and blackouts if people did not use less energy. There is also a risk of people getting heatstroke. More than 250 people were taken to hospital in Tokyo over the weekend after suffering from heatstroke. The government is advising people to drink more water and not to exercise outside in the heat.