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1. Outage

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A period when power supply or other services are not available

- **Sentence:**

- [Govt says power to be fully restored by 10pm as major outage hits Pakistan](#)

2. Breakdown

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A failure in system

- **Sentence:**

- Minister for Energy Khurram Dastgir said on Monday that electricity across the country would be fully restored by 10pm after a major power breakdown

3. Utmost

Noun, adjective

- **Meaning:**

Of the greatest or highest extreme

- **Sentence:**

- “We are trying our utmost to achieve restoration before that.”

4. Fluctuation

Noun

- **Meaning:**

An irregular rise and fall

- **Sentence:**

- “Today at 7:34am, there was unusual voltage and frequency fluctuation in the North-South transmission corridor because of which the national grid’s system frequency was affected and a widespread breakdown was caused.”

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5. Oversee

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To supervise a person or work

- **Sentence:**

- He assured the nation that he was personally overseeing the matter

6. Sought

Verb

- **Meaning:**

Attempt to find something

- **Sentence:**

- The premier sought an urgent report from the energy minister on the matter.

7. Pinpoint

verb

- **Meaning:**

To identify with great accuracy

- **Sentence:**

- He stressed on uncovering the reason behind the power breakdown and pinpointing those responsible.

8. Swift

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Fast and quick

- **Sentence:**

- He ordered the authorities concerned to take swift measures to restore power, saying that inconveniencing the public would not be tolerated.

9. Apprise

verb

- **Meaning:**

To tell or inform

- **Sentence:**

- Nepra also apprised that it had previously imposed fines on similar trippings

10. Directive

Noun

- **Meaning:**

An official instruction

- **Sentence:**

- and has consistently issued directives and recommendations on mitigating such events as well.

11. Degradation

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Something becoming worse and weaker

- **Sentence:**

- The Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL), however, warned customers that they may face degradation in services due to the power outage.

12. Crook

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A person who is dishonest or criminal

- **Sentence:**

- PTI leader and former human rights minister Shireen Mazari criticised the government, saying that the “incompetent cabal of crooks” was bringing the country down.

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