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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**NEPRA TOOK SERIOUS NOTICE OF POWER BREAKDOWN IN KARACHI ON 02-10-2018**

NEPRA has taken serious notice of another major blackout in the city of Karachi occurred on 02.10.2018 and directed K-Electric to provide immediately a detailed report in this regard.

According to media reports, the city of Karachi witnessed another major blackout in the early hours of Tuesday i.e. 02-10-2018 which K-Electric attributed to tripping of the extra high tension network. The hours-long power breakdown caused inconvenience and people of Karachi suffered from long duration power outages. Further, it was reported that most affected areas were Defence, Clifton, Gadap, Saddar, Uthal, Korangi as well as pockets in Johar, Landhi, Nazimabad, Garden, Layari and other areas. A number of consumers reported that the KE's call centre 118's officials were not entertaining their complaints despite several attempts.

The Authority has raised serious concern on the prevailing situation in respect of poor performance of KE's distribution network. Further, the Authority is of the view that KE is not investing to improve its transmission and distribution network as tripping are taking place frequently. In view of foregoing, KE has been directed to provide the detailed report regarding aforementioned power breakdown along with preventive and corrective steps taken by it.

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