

'If Nasrallah wants to take down Israel's power grid, he only needs to make a call,' Noga CEO says

The Energy Ministry said in response that the state of Israel's energy is "robust and ready to deal with all possible scenarios."

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CEO of Noga - Israel Independent System Operator Ltd., Shaul Goldstein, said there is no guarantee that there will be electricity in Israel in the event of a future war with Hezbollah on Thursday at the **Institute for National Security Studies conference in Sderot**.

"After 72 hours without electricity in Israel, living here will be impossible. We are not in a good state and unprepared for a real war," Goldstein said. He added that Hezbollah could easily take down Israel's power grid.

"If Nasrallah wants to take down Israel's power grid, he only needs to make a phone call to the person in charge of Beirut's power system, which looks exactly like Israel's. He doesn't even need a drone; he can call a second-year electrical engineering student and ask where the most critical points in Israel are – everything is on the internet. I won't say it here, but anyone who goes on the internet can find it," Goldstein said.

"Israel is an energy island, and we need to supply ourselves – this is also our advantage; we are trained to work in isolation. When I took the position and began researching what the real threat to the electricity sector is, I asked – let's say a missile hits the electricity sector, and there's a power outage for one hour, three hours, 24 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours, and beyond. What happens to Israel in such a situation? The bottom line is that after 72 hours – it is impossible to live in Israel," Goldstein warned at the beginning of his remarks.

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