

Mysterious Statue Of Liberty Blackout Before Women's Day March

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The Statue of Liberty went completely dark Tuesday night, barring the torch and the crown, an earthcam live stream showed.

People reacted on Twitter to the sudden power outage and cited several reasons for the incident. Some went on to say that it might be the President's fault and he must be fired, while some said the liberty lady had gone on strike early for the "A Day Without A Woman" protest that is scheduled to take place Wednesday. Some Twitter users also felt that this incident could act as a symbol for mourning the anti-immigrant mood in the country.

The organizers of the "A Day Without A Woman" march posted a thank you note on their Twitter page saying that "Lady Liberty got the memo. On 3/8, we strike!"

However, the lights came back after about an hour, as the National Park Service confirmed to ABC news that the power outage at the Statue of Liberty occurred due to a temporary problem in the lighting system and it was "unplanned."

Even after the lights came back on, people took to Twitter and reacted to the incident citing several reasons.

"A Day Without A Woman" will take place on the International Women's Day on March 8. Women all across the country have been asked to participate in the protest as it will raise awareness over several issues concerning the economic bias faced by women. Some of the issues would be reproductive rights, civil liberties, ending violence against women and economic inequality.

"But what exactly will be its focus? In our view, it is not enough to oppose [President Donald] Trump and his aggressively misogynistic, homophobic, transphobic and racist policies. We also need to target the ongoing neoliberal attack on social provision and labour rights," the organizers told Al Jazeera.

Organizers requested women to take the day off from work, some schools will also remain closed after women employees requested for leave on Wednesday.

