

Eiffel Tower goes dark in symbolic move for Earth Hour

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In this two photo combination picture, the Eiffel Tower with its usual lighting at left, and after the lighting was switched off at right, at the occasion of the Earth Hour, in Paris, France, Saturday March 28, 2015. This Saturday, 28 March 8:30 p.m. local time, individuals, businesses, cities and landmarks around the world are switching off their lights for one hour to focus attention on climate change. (AP Photo/Remy de la Mauviniere)

The Eiffel Tower has gone dark briefly to mark Earth Hour, the campaign to raise awareness about climate change.

The five-minute dark-out on Saturday night was a symbolic gesture in the City of Light. Cities around the world also marked the event, with other landmarks like the Kremlin and the Empire State Building going dark.

France has been preparing for months to host an international climate conference in Paris at the end of the year, pressing nations to set attainable goals for reducing greenhouse gases and mobilizing international finances to fight climate change.

Earth Hour was launched in 2007 by the World Wildlife Fund to encourage awareness of environmental issues. The idea is to turn off lights for an hour—not possible for safety reasons for the Eiffel Tower.



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Filipinos, wearing luminous shirts and bracelets, dance the Zumba during the symbolic switching off of the lights known as Earth Hour Saturday, March 28, 2015 in Quezon city northeast of Manila, Philippines. Earth Hour, participated in by more than 7,000 cities and townships worldwide, urges households and citizens to switch off their electricity for one hour to help reduce Carbon emissions to help save planet Earth. (AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)



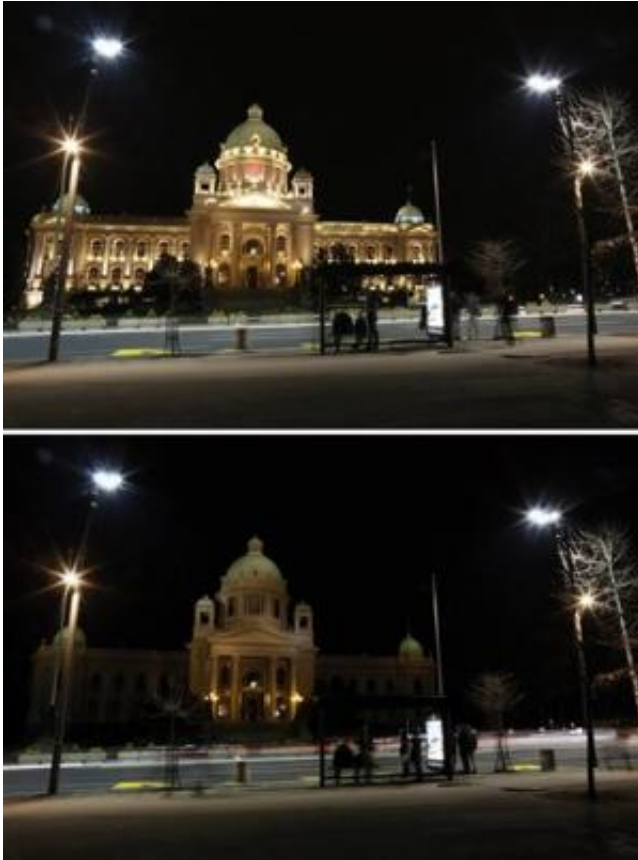
The lights are turned off at the Kremlin during the worldwide Earth Hour in Moscow, Russia, on Saturday, March 28, 2015. Earth Hour is marked around the world, with millions expected turn out the lights to raise awareness about climate change. (AP Photo/Ivan Sekretarev)



In this two photo combination picture, the Indian Presidential Palace is seen lit, top, and then the same location in darkness when the lights are turned out for one hour to mark Earth Hour, in New Delhi, India, Saturday, March 28, 2015. Earth Hour was marked worldwide at 8.30 p.m. local time and is a global call to turn off lights for 60 minutes in a bid to highlight the global climate change. (AP Photo/Altaf Qadri)



A boy with his face decorated with luminous ink poses for a photograph with others during the symbolic switching off of the lights known as Earth Hour, Saturday, March 28, 2015, in Lisbon, Portugal. At 8:30 p.m. local time, individuals, businesses, cities and landmarks around the world switched off their lights for one hour to focus attention on climate change. (AP Photo/Francisco Seco)



In this two photo combination picture, the illuminated Serbian Parliament building, top, and then the same location in darkness when the lights are turned out for one hour to mark Earth Hour, in Belgrade, Serbia, Saturday, March 28, 2015. Organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature, earth hour is observed every year to create awareness about conservation of energy and climate change. Around the world, people and organizations will be turning their lights off from 8:30 to 9:30pm local time. (AP Photo/Darko Vojinovic)



In this combination photo composed of two photographs, a general view of the city of Athens with the Acropolis hill before and after turning the lights on Saturday, March 28, 2015. The Acropolis of Athens has gone dark as Greece's capital joins thousands of cities around the world in celebrating Earth Hour, an annual international event designed to raise awareness of the humans' impact on climate and the need to take action (AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

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