

New time zone for South America

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In an unusual move, a new time zone will take effect in South America from the 1st of May. As part of a measure to battle an energy crisis in Venezuela, the president also gave the public sector every Friday off until at least June 6th - to save electricity.

In addition, the entire country will change timezone from UTC -4h30 to UTC-4 from 01MAY, to ensure more daylight in the evening when energy consumption peaks.

At SVMI/Simon Bolivar, Primary radar has been off the air since 04APR - and remains out of service until the end of May - it's unclear if this is electricity related.

If operating to Venezuela after 01MAY, local time will therefore be **4 hours behind UTC**.