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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
The East African	34	EAC foots huge energy bill as thermal plants have a field day
		The publication indicates that East Africa is hooked onto expensive thermal power, procured nearly a decade ago as an emergency measure to address shortfalls in hydropower. However, analysts warn that emergency power generation firms will continue to make profits as governments dither on the region's energy crisis. Thermal power generation firms are the biggest beneficiaries whenever the region is plunged into darkness due to shortfalls in hydro generation and none of these comes bigger than Aggreko. The firm has dominated
	51	EAC pushes for use of clean energy
		According to the publication, the East African Community Secretariat is urging member states to follow Kenya and Uganda's example and ratify the 2006 protocol on environment and natural management, which will help to promote clean energy in the region. The East African Legislative Assembly says the sector lacks the right policy direction to link energy sources, climate change and ecosystem management. EALA wants the trading block to develop a renewable energy master plan and secure funds for its development as well as enhance
	52	Clean energy sources to boost Dar's economy

		The publication indicates that Tanzania plans to invest in a range of alternative sources of energy to supplement the country's falling electricity supply, which is highly dependent on hydro sources. The projects, which include wind, solar energy, mini-hydropower dams and biomass, will ensure a reliable supply of power and
	53	Fears emerge over bias in hydro projects
		According to the publication, Uganda continues to neglect other sources of clean energy, with most government policies and finances channelled towards generating hydroelectricity perhaps buoyed by the 2000MW power potential on the Nile. Uganda has vowed to single-handedly invest \$2.2 billion in the Karuma hydropower project, apart from guaranteeing loans for
	54	Germany to phase out nuclear power
		The publication indicates that Germany plans to phase out nuclear energy by 2022. According to Dr. Guido Westerwell, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, the nuclear power will gradually be replaced with energy from renewable source and low carbon gas power plants as the country aims at achieving the European Union target of lowering carbon dioxide emissions by at least
Business Daily	6	Kenya embraces 'mathenge' weed to ease power crisis

		<p>According to the publication, Kenya is turning to the destructive weed known as 'mathenge' to generate electricity. The move is expected to increase power output from green energy sources and ease dependence on expensive diesel-generated thermal electricity. Tower Power, an electricity generating company associated with Comcraft Group, owned by philanthropist Manu Chandaria has proposed to generate</p>
	18	<p>Zambia mining firms asked to cut power use</p>
		<p>The publication indicates that Zambia, Africa's top copper producer has asked mining companies to reduce electricity use following a fault on a power line. State-owned power company Zesco said its capacity to import power was constrained following a fault on a 400kv line which links</p>