

PRESS BRIEFS – Saturday 24th-26th May, 2008

PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Daily Nation	1	<p>Major towns in darkness after power failure</p> <p>A major power blackout hit the entire country yesterday. The Energy Minister Kiraitu Murungi said that it had been caused by a mechanical breakdown at Kamburu power station, which is part of the Seven Forks Dam. The bulk power generated at the station is transported on high voltage lines to Dandora and Juja substations from where it is stepped down and distributed countrywide.</p>
East African	4	<p>WB gives Burundi \$50m for water and power</p> <p>The country needs to double its power generation capacity in order to meet demand for all households</p> <p>Burundi is to receive a \$50 million grant from the World Bank for urgent rehabilitation of the country's power and water supply. According to a statement issued on 13th May to announce the grant World Bank says that the electricity project is expected to add 5.5MW capacity to the national grid and also provide funding to procure diesel fuel for eight hours per week for over three years.</p>