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Nation	Pg 9	MPs to probe why State is paying Kenya Power loans
		Two House teams have been ordered to investigate how the government guaranteed and continues to pay loans for Kenya Power. Finance assistant minister Dr. Oburu Oginga said Kenya Power is yet to pay back Sh1.4 billion, whose interest has now grown to Sh1.1 billion. It appears that privately, Kenya Power has been privatised. The Public Investment Committee should investigate this matter since it seems the taxpayer is burdened by Kenya Power's debts yet is has been privatised.
Business Daily	Pg 21	Pre-qualified firms to tender for coal power projects
		Eleven firms have been pre-qualified for a concession to manage Mui Basin coal deposits in Kitui and construct coal-fired power plants as the government steps up efforts to reduce the country's reliance on hydro electricity. The concession covers exploration, evaluation, extraction, development, production, processing, storage and distribution of coal and coal bed methane in the country.