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<b>The People</b>	<b>Pg 15</b>	<b>GDC steps up geothermal energy search</b>
		<p>GDC is implementing a new strategy to upscale geothermal power exploration to cushion Kenyans against high energy bills. Two rigs have already been installed at the Menengai exploration site where GDC hopes to find sufficient reserves to feed a 400MW power plant by 2014. The firm estimates that Menengai has the potential of over 1000MW of geothermal power that can be fed to the national grid. Kenya currently has 212MW of installed capacity at geothermal power plants in Olkaria. KenGen, the country's main power producer, operates two sites with the ability to generate a combined 160MW and is scheduled to add another 280MW by 2013.</p>
<b>The People</b>	<b>Pg 22</b>	<b>Consumers turn to solar energy to beat high bills</b>

		<p>The current power surges and escalating costs of electric power has led to numerous technological innovations aimed at creating power management systems to ensure uninterrupted power supply to consumers. A report by International Energy Agency dubbed The Technology Road map predicts by 2050, Concentrating Solar Power could produce 11.3 per cent of global electricity with 9.6 per cent from solar power and 1.7 per cent from fossils fuels and biomass.</p>
<b>Business Daily</b>	<b>Pg 14</b>	<b>Ethiopia plans to build two more dams on Nile</b>
		<p>Ethiopia has announced plans to construct two dams along its share of the Nile, six months after embarking on a 5,250 MW power plants that rankled Egypt over concerns it might affect the flow of the river. We are embarking on building two additional dams in the Nile Basin, and feasibility test are underway with support from Norwegian government said Mihret Debebe. Mihret did not give a time frame for the completion of the project, but added they would generate 2,100MW upon completion in the near future.</p>
<b>Nation</b>	<b>S/C Pg 9</b>	<b>Solar project to help cool EPZ power bills</b>

		<p>The EPZ will set up a solar or biomass power plants at a cost of Sh 8 billion in two years to provide cheaper alternative energy to manufacturers in its zones. The pilot project is expected to provide about 25 MW of power to cover Athi River zone, with a provision of increasing generation to 50 MW in another 3 years. Once we develop Athi River phase 2, demand for power will increase from the current 8 MW to 20 MW. Alternative power will cushion users from unreliable and expensive energy from the national grid.</p>
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