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<b>PUBLICATION</b>	<b>PAGE</b>	<b>HEADLINE &amp; BRIEF</b>
<b>Business Daily</b>	<b>Pg 6</b>	<b>Growth in investments spurs high demand for energy</b>
		According to the publication, higher investments in the manufacturing and services sector were responsible for the increase in petroleum and electricity demand last year, the Economic Survey 2011 data shows. Resurgence in Agriculture led to growth in diesel consumption while power generation declined by 19 per cent due to improved water volume in the main dams on the Tana River, displacing the expensive thermal power in August.
	<b>21</b>	<b>State plans double power production in next three years</b>
		The publication states that the government has announced plans to double electricity production over the next three years in a move that could slash power costs by half. The main challenge, however, is raising enough funds to implement the project. Energy PS, Patrick Nyoike said the government had secured financing commitments of Sh160 billion from multi-lateral lenders and Treasury, which covers part of the costs. The multi-billion shilling plan is anchored on exploiting coal, wind and geothermal wells to generate 1,233MW out of the 1,600MW expected to enter the national grid over the three year period.
<b>The People</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>China hit by power crunch amid drought, report says</b>

		<p>According to the publication, Chinese factories are facing curbs on electricity use as coal prices soar and a severe drought hits hydropower plants, with major shortages ahead this summer. the situation has highlighted the difficulties faced by China, the world's largest energy consumer, as global fuel prices climb and the country battles souring inflation. Businesses in coastal areas and some inland provinces have grappled with power cuts and full blackouts since March due to surging demand and a drop in hydroelectric output.</p>
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