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<b>Standard</b>	<b>8</b>	<p><b>EDITORIAL: Tackle power crisis expeditiously</b></p> <p>On Sunday evening, a large part of the country was plunged into darkness owing to a fault in one of the major hydropower generating plants along the Tana River. The blackout affected not only domestic consumers but also key economic infrastructure such as the Jomo Kenyatta and Moi international airports.</p> <p>Electric power is one of the basic necessities in modern society and it is therefore imperative that the Government, through institutions such as KenGen, visualize, plan and invest ahead if the current economic momentum and the lofty aspirations of the Vision 2030 are to be realized.</p>
<b>Kenya Times</b>	<b>17</b>	<p><b>Survey paints gloomy picture of future of Energy sector</b></p> <p>The entire Kenyan energy sector could be headed for tough times as both the international cost of crude oil and the demand for electricity locally increases to an all-time high.</p> <p>Planned projects by the public power generator, KenGen are yet to be completed and commissioned. While official efforts are geared to diversify out of over reliance on hydrological sources of power, only thermal plants that have been procured are likely to be commissioned before year-end.</p>