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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Business Daily	Pg 8	Power rationing blamed on breakdown of plants and drought
		<p>According to the publication, breakdown of power generating plants and drought have forced Kenya Power to ration supply which could dent its future profitability through reduced sales after the regulator froze tariff reviews. Routine or forced maintenance has affected plants managed by KenGen and private power producers IberAfrica, Tsavo Power, Or PowerIV and Mumias, cutting off 90MW of supply. The rationing programme will affect the bulk of industrial and retail consumers at the main consumption points in Nairobi, Western Kenya and Mt. Kenya while those in Coast have been spared the interruptions, helped by normal operations at the Rabai power plant near Mombasa.</p>
	9	Wind energy firm Gitson to sign deal with Kenya Power
		<p>The publication states that Gitson Energy is to sign a power purchase agreement with Kenya Power after receiving community support to put up wind turbines in Bubisa, Marsabit, bringing the 300MW project closer to reality. The pact will enable the company to raise Sh72 billion for the project meant to ease Kenya's dependence on hydro-generated electricity that is dependent on weather changes.</p>
Nation	40	Power firm 'caught offguard'

	<p>According to the publication, the Parliamentary Committee on Energy Chairman, James Rege said Kenya Power was caught unprepared to meet growing demand. The company had planned to install three new plants but the project did not take off in good time due to delayed funding. Mr. Rege said the power generating plants that are current down have to be rehabilitated in good time to ensure tha the crisis does not get out of hand. He said power consumption in th country has increased by more than 8.2 per cent.</p>
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