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Preparation for penstock and generator installation underway at Nancho hydropower station

The New Light of Myanmar, 30/06/12

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Manipur State Power could supply electricity to Tamu town

Kanga Online, 28/06/12

<http://kanglaonline.com/2012/06/state-to-supply-power-to-tamu/>

Breakneck reform pace overloads Myanmar

President estimates US\$20 billion needed for national electrification

Jason Szep, Reuters, 26/06/12

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/06/26/myanmar-idINDEE85P02O20120626>

Villagers register concerns about proposed Hatgyi dam

KHRG News Bulletin, 26/06/12

<http://www.khrg.org/khrg2012/khrg12b60.pdf>

This report includes a set of 28 photos taken from five villages in the Salween valley area of Karen State that would be affected if the Hatgyi hydropower dam goes ahead as planned. Villagers fear forced relocation when construction work begins. Some photos show markers placed in the river bed by surveyors who indicated levels where the dam is to be constructed after the KNU agreed not to interfere late in 2011.

Pyuchaung hydropower station now scheduled for opening in 2013

The New Light of Myanmar, 24/06/12

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs13/NLM2012-06-24.pdf>

Myanmar's real power struggle? Keeping the lights on

Patrick Winn, *Global Post*, 23/06/12

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/asia-pacific/120622/myanmar-burma-electricity-power-struggle-black-outs>

**Six US-made 1.8 MVA-generators arrive at Myanmar Industrial Port
Will be installed at Mandalay, Monywa, Pyay and Yangon**

The New Light of Myanmar, 23/06/12

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More careful planning needed on Dawei Project: ADB

Consideration of other options for sourcing electric power recommended

Mizzima, 22/06/12

<http://www.mizzima.com/business/7380-more-careful-planning-needed-on-dawei-project-adb.html>

Thailand to supply gas and generators to assist with high energy demand in Myanmar

Pattaya Mail, 22/06/12

<http://www.pattayamail.com/business/thailand-to-supply-more-gas-to-meet-high-demand-in-myanmar-13889>

President focuses on need for outside help to develop electric power sector in policy address

The New Light of Myanmar, 20/06/12.

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Excerpt from a nationally televised policy statement on economic policy by President Thein Sein on 19 June, 2012.

I would like to elaborate on planning for urgent need and short-term and long-term requirements for development of electric power sector. The former government had established Ministry of Electric Power No (1) and Ministry of Electric Power No (2) to focus on the requirements for development of electric power sector. From 1988 to 2010-2011, it had spent K 2,802,897 million from State's fund inclusive of general expenditure and capital expenditure and over 6.7 billion USD for four hydropower projects implemented with foreign loans. Thanks to those efforts, power generation had increased from 2,226 million KWh in 1988 to 9,711 million KWh in 2011-2012. However, the increased production still cannot meet the demand due to growing population and increase in power use. Recently, people have expressed their demand for electricity.

Thus, the government has sought outside help at home and abroad and launched emergency power supply programmes urgently. Nonetheless, we will need to manage a systematic link between energy and electricity to meet the requirements of people in the short- and long-run and for national development as well. So, we will establish National Energy Management Committee at Planning Commission for overall matters for energy sector of the State and implement National Energy Plan for short- and long-term objectives in compliance with National Energy Policy.

We will have to implement such energy projects as oil, natural gas and coal after drafting national electricity plan. We have to carry out reforms to trading of the country's natural resources in raw as the main priority in order that we can manufacture such public goods as fertilizer and petrochemical products apart from electricity to meet domestic demand in the long run in line with the concept of people-centred development. The National Energy Management Committee, in putting short- and long-term plans into action, will have to manage the electricity production and supply of the government, regional governments and private investors in accordance with internationally practiced procedures. In the time of the former government, only hydroelectricity was produced based mainly on calculating low production and distribution cost but now in response to the electricity demand of the people, we will have to make efforts to generate electricity as much as we possibly can from natural gas, diesel, coal, solar and wind power and other bio and waste fuels depending on the geographical features, climate and natural resources of the regions and affordability of the people.

In moving forward to the goal of industrialization and industrial development, we need to adopt energy plan and industrial development plan systematically as energy development and industrial development have interdependent relation. Only then, we can improve commodities and services and job creation which is the requirement of the State and people. Here, we need to adopt a pricing policy setting the reasonable price both for investors and end users depending on the value of natural resources used as fuel, production cost and distribution cost calculated on varying distances in line with international market prices. In addition, the government will have to introduce long-term practicable initiatives for annual increased production, going partnership with private companies and switching over to different forms of private investments like the other nations. I would like to ask National Energy Management Committee, Privatization Commission and Myanma Investment Commission to coordinate plans for resetting the ratio of State ownership to private ownership with Union ministries concerned and region/state governments.

New transformer installed at Pakhangyi sub-power station

The New Light of Myanmar, 19/06/12

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs13/NLM2012-06-19.pdf>

Villagers contribute over K 7 million to launch generator in Ywahtaung Village

The New Light of Myanmar, 18/06/12

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs13/NLM2012-06-18.pdf>

Japan will donate 16 diesel generators to ease Myanmar power shortage

Agence France Press, 15/06/12.

<http://www.japantoday.com/category/politics/view/japan-to-give-20-million-to-help-myanmar-tackle-power-shortages>

China intensifies pressure on Myanmar to restart work on Myitsone dam

China Bystander, Word Press, 13/06/12

<http://chinabystander.wordpress.com/2012/06/13/pressure-to-restart-work-on-myitsone-dam-intensifies/>

Twenty-four 500-KV and 300-KV transformers supplied to Mandalay

The New Light of Myanmar, 13-06-12

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs13/NLM2012-06-13.pdf>

EGAT resetting long-term rates for proposed Tasang and Hutgyi hydropower dams

Watcharapong Thongrung, *The Nation* (Bangkok), 11-06-12

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/business/Egat-expects-deal-soon-on-Myanmar-power-rates-30183897.html>

Zichaung hydropower dam reservoir dredged in Kalay township

The New Light of Myanmar, 11/06/12

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Uncertainties surround deal for 500-MW power plant for Yangon

Stuart Deed, *Myanmar Times*, 11/06/12 (Issue 630)

<http://www.mmtimes.com/2012/business/630/biz63005.html>

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William Boot, *The Irrawaddy*, 09/06/12.

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Karpower of Turkey in discussions over supplying electric power in Myanmar

The New Light of Myanmar, 08/06/12.

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Dai Chins accused of interfering in construction activities at Laymyo hydropower dam site

Chinland Guardian, 07/06/12

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Maungdaw residents reduced to three hours of electricity per week

Kaladan Press, 05/06/12

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Navigat Group of Indonesia in discussions with EPM-2 regarding 280-MW combined cycle power plant

The New Light of Myanmar, 05/06/12

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs13/NLM2012-06-05.pdf>

Discussions held with Korean consortium on construction of combined-cycle power plant

The New Light of Myanmar, 04/06/12.

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs13/NLM2012-06-04.pdf>

BOT agreement signed with Korean consortium to set up 500-MW gas-fired power plant in Thakayta township Could be operational within a year

Mizzima, 04/06/12.

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EPM-2 checks on installation of imported transformer at Hlawga power station

The New Light of Myanmar, 03/06/12

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Repair of damaged transmission towers on 230-KVA Shweli-Mansan line completed

Electric power supply from Shweli-1 to national grid restored

The New Light of Myanmar, 02/06/12

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs13/NLM2012-06-02.pdf>

Government invites private sector assistance with production and distribution of electricity

Associated Press, 02/06/12

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