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Summary:

Excerpt from Hungarian report on the DPRK's efforts to relieve their growing energy problems.

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[...]

Although by now they have built a great number of hydroelectric power plants [...], the DPRK is struggling with considerable energy problems. For the sake of conserving energy, workers in the production plants take their day off on a staggered schedule rather than on the same day of the week [...].

Taking into consideration that the construction of thermal power stations necessitates less investment than the building of hydroelectric power plants, recently they made plans for constructing thermal power stations in order to solve their energy problems. Thermal power plants use anthracite for heating, of which they [the North Koreans] have huge reserves. True, it is more expensive to generate electric power this way, but - due to the scarcity of investment resources - at present they cannot do anything else [if they want] to find a quick solution to the serious power shortage.

[...]

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