



# Weekly Nile Basin Media Radar

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## **Museveni wants end to River Nile deal deadlock**

President Museveni yesterday, in the company of Ethiopian premier Hailemariam Desalegn, capitalised on the opportunity to express displeasure with the impasse over the new framework that seeks to replace colonial agreements on sharing and usage of the River Nile. Although careful and measured not to upset Egypt, which is very sensitive over the use of the Nile waters, Mr Museveni took an indirect swipe at Egypt for its refusal to put signature to the new agreement, saying now is the time to wrap up discussions over the matter. “The Nile issue is very important and hence the need to have equitable use and ensure cooperation,” Mr Museveni said, adding that “the ongoing issues that never come to an end are because of disinformation or misinformation.”

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## **Museveni: There is no reason for conflict over River Nile**

President Yoweri Museveni has said Uganda has not yet ratified the “Nile

Agreement” on the use of the River Nile, as it is pursuing a maximum consensus on the issue. He said the disagreement between Egypt and other nations on the River Nile is either due to misinformation or not enough discussion. “The problem of Africa is not water. The problem of Africa is confusion, under-development and ideological disorientation. Instead of quarrelling, we should agree on the Nile, develop the population so that we do not waste the water,” Museveni said.

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## **Ethiopian Prime Minister in Uganda on three day state visit**

Ethiopian PM Hailemariam Desalegn arrived in Uganda for three-day state visit and held bilateral talks with President Yoweri Museveni, according to FBC. During the talks, the two leaders agreed on several issues, including to further discuss on the use of the River Nile waters under the auspices of the Nile Basin summit.

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## President Museveni, Ethiopia's Desalegn seek to protect Nile waters

President Yoweri Museveni has agreed with visiting Ethiopian Prime Minister to call an urgent summit of a section of African leaders on usage of the Nile waters. This was disclosed by president Museveni at a joint news conference held this afternoon at State house Entebbe as one of the resolutions from a closed-door meeting with Hailemariam Desalegn. He says they agreed that a summit of the Nile Basin Heads of state be called to take concrete resolutions over usage of River Nile.

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## Ethiopian Premier begins three day State visit

The Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Hailemariam Desalegn has begun a 3-day state visit to Uganda at the invitation of President Yoweri Museveni. The two heads of state discussed trade and agreed to explore areas in which Uganda and Ethiopia can trade with each other especially now that there is a route (by road) connecting Kenya and Ethiopia at Moyale. They also looked discussed the opportunity of opening a route connecting Uganda to Southern Ethiopia. They also discussed matters concerning the use of the Nile and agreed to discuss further regarding its utilisation under the auspices of the Nile Basin Summit.

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## Six years on, Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam is 56 percent complete



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Addis Ababa has completed 56 percent of the construction of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, announced Ethiopian Minister of Communications and Information Technology Debretsion Gebremichael. The dam will soon be able to generate 750 megawatts, Ezega news website quoted the minister as saying at a press conference on Saturday that coincided with the sixth anniversary of commencing construction work on the dam.

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## Ethiopia and Eritrea trade accusations over Grand Dam 'attack'

Eritrea has denied any involvement in an alleged plan to attack an under-construction Ethiopian dam, which is set to become the biggest hydropower dam in Africa. Ethiopia's deputy government spokesman, Zadig Abrha, told the state-run Fana Broadcasting Corporation that 20 members of an Eritrean rebel movement—known as the Benishangul Gumuz People's Liberation Movement—had been apprehended while attempting to attack the site of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD).

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## GERD increases generation capacity

The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) power generation capacity has

been upgraded to 6,450 MW. The Dam was first designed to generate 5,250 MW. However, due to the upgrading made on the power plant, its generation capacity uplifted to 6,000 MW from 5,250 MW. But six years later, the design has been made to add another 450 MW due to the improvements made on generators with local capacity, Communication and Information Technology Minister Dr. Debretsion Gebremichael told journalists over the weekend. The Minister added that activities are being undertaken to enable the dam generate 750 MW in the near future.

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