



# Weekly Nile Basin Media Radar

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## **DRC, Uganda discuss Albertine security and economic development**

Uganda and neighbors DRC are meeting to resolve trans-boundary conflicts affecting the Albertine region. Focus of the 3-day meeting that started on Monday will be on how citizens in the border region can best use the resources that Lake Albert and Edward provide. [...] Mukumbya said the meeting aims to agree on viable and sustainable solutions to various challenges identified by both countries including illegal fishing, use of illegal fishing methods, over-fishing due to uncoordinated regulation policies, confiscation of fishing gear by both sides, extortionist practices on both sides, attacks on fishermen and law enforcement officials as well as reported incidences of piracy.

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## **Sudan ratifies ban on Egyptian farm and animal product imports**

Sudan's cabinet has approved a ban on importing agricultural and animal products from Egypt, Sudan's state news agency SUNA said on Tuesday, escalating trade tensions between the neighbours. The cabinet urged the private sector to import products directly from countries of origin, bypassing Egypt. The statement did not give a reason for the decisions. Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ahmed Abu Zeid said Cairo was told the decision was due to "a technical procedure".

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## **Ethiopia overtakes Kenya as economic giant of East Africa**

Ethiopia has officially overtaken neighbouring Kenya as East Africa's economic giant. [...] Ethiopia's economy since 2015 has been on an upward trajectory since the government moved to modernise its roads, railway and power plants. They are on cue to have Africa's biggest hydroelectric dam upon the completion of work on the Grand Ethiopia Renaissance Dam (GERD).

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### **Sudan's foreign minister cancels visit to Egypt**

Sudanese Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ghandour on Sunday cancelled a planned trip to Cairo several days after accusations by President Omer al-Bashir that Egypt provided weapons to Darfur rebels used during a recent attack. [...] The [meeting] was supposed to discuss the ban on Egyptian agricultural imports and visa requirements after the Sudanese government decision to re-establish visas for Egyptians.

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### **Sudanese farmers angry at Ethiopian land grab**

Ethiopians are still controlling more than 500,000 acres of land on the Sudanese side of the border in the area of El Gedaref, according to Sudanese farmers angry that an agreement to return the agricultural land has not been honoured. The allegations have been made in a statement issued by farmers from the El Fashaga area in Eastern Sudan who claimed that Ethiopians have not returned sections of agricultural land upon which five residential villages have been partly-constructed.

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### **Egypt, Sudan to hold consultations in Cairo**

Cairo will host political consultations between Egypt and Sudan headed by Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry and his Sudanese counterpart Ibrahim Ghandour on Saturday June 3, Ahmed Abu Zeid, the official spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, told Al-Masry Al-Youm.

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Informed sources said the meeting would be important and would resolve the thorny issues between Cairo and Khartoum.

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### **Ugandan officials in DRC for talks on Lakes Albert, Edward disputes**

A Ugandan government delegation is in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo for talks over transboundary disputes and management of Lakes Albert and Edward in the Albertine region in South Western Uganda. Lake Albert is shared in roughly equal parts by the two countries while DR Congo takes the biggest share of Lake Edward. The frontier area's security is also undermined by the lawless nature of DRC's eastern region where militias roam and Kinshasa's grip is fragile.

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### **EAC to intensify Lake Victoria maritime Safety, curb Nile perch decline**

The East African Community (EAC) is moving in to ensure maritime safety, boost environmental conservation as well as tackle illegal fishing as massive decline of Nile Perch has hit Lake Victoria.

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## 20 million starving to death: inside the worst famine since World War II

(Analysis) [...] First, South Sudan isn't the only country in the region facing mass starvation [but also] Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen. [...] Second, these famines weren't caused by natural disasters like crop failures or droughts. They were man-made — the direct result of the bloody wars and insurgencies.

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## Stepping up efforts of making Ethiopia a hub for investment

(Opinion) [...] So often Ethiopia used to be related with famine and war in the past, but this distorted and negatively painted image of Ethiopia has now been completely changed. At present, Ethiopia is known for being Africa's fast-growing non-oil economy.

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## Why exploring for oil under Lake Kivu carries unique and huge risks

Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo have signed a five-year joint exploration agreement for oil under Lake Kivu. But **Professor Robert Hecky** warns that there are extraordinary risks. The lake has a huge amount of gas in its deep waters and could explode with devastating consequences.

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