



# Weekly Nile Basin Media Radar

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## **Water resources 'a reason for cooperation, not conflict,' Ban tells Security Council**

Noting that three quarters of UN Member States share rivers or lake basins with their neighbours, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today. [...] In the Nile Basin, last year's signing of a Declaration of Principles by the Governments of Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan, followed more recently by various formal and informal dialogues, has been a vital confidence-building measure.

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## **Secretary-General, in Security Council, Stresses Promotion of Water-resource Management as Tool to Foster Cooperation, Prevent Conflict**

[...] Amr Abdellatif Aboulatta (Egypt) said that all studies on water resources had stressed that scarcity of water led to competition and could cause conflicts between States [...]. His country had contributed to establishing the Nile Basin Initiative and was cooperating with it so that relevant nations benefited from water resources. [...] Leulseged Tadesse (Ethiopia) affirmed that water cooperation was critical for peace and sustainable development and stressed that such cooperation had been historically successful. It was in that

context that his country had been participating in the Nile River Basin Initiative and related agreements.

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## **Egypt's Nubians protest for right to return to their lands**

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"The revolution might gush out of the south, just like the Nile does." With this slogan, Nubians raised their voices once again in protest of the Egyptian administration's putting part of their lands up for sale to investors. This prompted them to demand their right of return and repatriation to their homeland from which they were displaced when the Aswan High Dam was built in the 1960s.

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## **Egypt irrigation ministry has removed 12,000 illegal structures along Nile since 2015**

Egypt's Ministry of Irrigation has removed 12,061 structures illegally erected on the banks of the River Nile since January 2015, when the National Campaign to Save the Nile was launched by then-PM Ibrahim Mahlab, the ministry announced on Monday.

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### **18 million Kenyans still have no access to water, sanitation services - CS Wamalwa**

Some 18 million Kenyans have no access to water and sanitation services with fears emerging that trans-boundary waters are becoming a source of conflict as water demand exceeds supply. [...] He [Water CS Eugene Wamalwa] also said that policies developed to facilitate effective management of trans-boundary waters has been finalized and approved to mitigate the potential risks associated with water conflicts. [...] "The sub-sector has initiated bilateral agreements through MoUs with neighbouring countries to promote cooperative frameworks for sustainable management and equitable utilisation of shared water resources," he said.

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### **Itare Dam will ruin Masai Mara - Raila**

The Sh33 billion Itare Dam project could destroy the Masai Mara and dip tourism revenues, Cord leader Raila Odinga has insisted. He said the project will make 12 rivers in eight counties - including the Mara River - dry up because water will be diverted from the Mau Forest. Raila spoke on Saturday. The Italy funded project will provide water to Nakuru town, Naivasha and Njoro at the expense of the Narok, Bomet, Kericho, Kisii, Nyamira, Migori, Kisumu and Homa Bay counties, Raila said.

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### **GERD - Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' Landmark**

(Opinion) The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) is the landmark of Nations, Nationalities and Peoples of Ethiopia. GERD is our identity through which we have showed our commitment, decisiveness and unity to the world.

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### **Tanzanian authorities order ban on illegal fishing in Lake Victoria**

Tanzanian Vice-President Samia Suluhu on Wednesday ordered the country's northern Mwanza region authorities to strengthen security patrols against illegal fishing in Lake Victoria, the largest in Africa. "Illegal fishing has hugely contributed to depletion of fish in the lake," said Suluhu on the second day of her one-week official visit to the east African nation's Lake Zone regions.

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### **Plan for EAC's Lake Victoria agency Sh700m head offices takes shape**

The plan to build a Sh700 million Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) headquarters in Kisumu is set to take off after the East African Council of Ministers endorsed its funding mobilization plan, ending a 10-year wait. [...] "We are also in talks with our development partners, including German, who put up the EAC headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania, to construct the offices," [said LVBC Executive Director Dr Matano].

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### **Asia's Scientific Trailblazers: Han Seung Soo**

(Interview) Han Seung Soo, the UN special envoy for disaster risk reduction and water, seeks to create greater awareness water-related disasters. "[...] There are 286 transboundary river basins in the world spanning 151 countries. For these countries, transboundary regulations hold great importance. For example, the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, which is upstream of the Nile river, almost led to

a war between Ethiopia and Egypt. But close transboundary water cooperation is possible, as in the case of the Mekong River."

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### **Keeping Momentum to Finalize GERD**

(Opinion) The Grand Renaissance Dam is our Grand National project which has the participation, collaboration and contribution of all Ethiopians and the diaspora. For those who are not participating in this national project intentionally or naively, it is not too late to come to their senses and do the right thing. They have to contribute their share for this historic project.

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### **Egypt's Menacing Policy and Reactions of the Horn**

(Opinion) [...] The calculation was meant to secure full control of the resources of the Nile River. To achieve these two policies, Egyptian leaders applied various successful and unsuccessful tactics. For example, they waged futile direct invasion and proxy against Ethiopia. [...] They have also been trying to wage proxy war on Ethiopia via Eritrea, Somalia and South Sudan.

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