



Weekly Nile Basin Media Radar

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FVP receives German Envoy for Nile Basin countries

The First Vice President of the Republic, Lt. Gen. Bakri Hassan Salih received in the Republican Palace the envoy of Germany to the Nile Basin countries, Rolf Welberts. State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Obaidalla Mohamed Obaidalla said in a press statement, that the meeting discussed water issues in the region, developments of situations in Sudan and the national dialogue process, noting that the German envoy appreciated role being played by Sudan in narrowing difference of views between Egypt and Ethiopia over the Renaissance Dam.

<http://bit.ly/2gal5U0>

Sudan, Germany discuss ways to enhance bilateral relations

Sudan's Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ghandour and the German Envoy to Sudan and the Nile Basin countries Rolf Welberts Monday have discussed ways to promote bilateral ties between the two nations in the various fields. [...] According to the statement, Ghandour also pointed to the ongoing efforts to implement water agreements among Nile basin countries. For his part, the German envoy praised Sudan's efforts to achieve

security and stability in the region, hailing the role played by the Sudanese government to converge between Egypt and Ethiopia on Nile waters agreement.

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Assistant of the President meets German Envoy to Sudan and Nile Basin countries

Assistant of President of the Republic and Deputy Chairman of the National Congress for Party's Affairs, Eng. Ibrahim Mahmoud, received in his office Monday the envoy of Germany for Sudan and the Nile Basin countries, Rolf Welberts. [...] He stated that he came to explain the nature of his task and the support that could be provided by Germany to the Nile Basin countries and Sudan.

<http://bit.ly/2qP1jff>

Foreign Minister meets Sudanese diplomats to develop relations with southern neighbour

Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry met on Monday evening with a joint delegation from the Egyptian-Sudanese Foreign Affairs Council to discuss ways to enhance bilateral relations between Egypt and Sudan. [...] the meeting tackled ideas and suggestions to develop bilateral,

such as forming an entity that would gather ambassadors from the Nile [Basin] countries.

<http://bit.ly/2fZ6gas>

Sisi meets with Eritrean leader 'to pressure Addis Ababa'

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi met with his Eritrean counterpart Isaias Afwerki in Cairo in a meeting that was a "deliberate move" against Ethiopia, political sources in Cairo told The New Arab. [...] Ethiopia is building a hydropower dam on the Nile close to its source in the Ethiopian highlands, raising fears in Egypt, which depends on controlling the flow of the Nile's waters for its survival.

<http://bit.ly/2qtxXsF>

GERD gaining fresh impetus for completion

[...] Ethiopians are proud of their capacity of constructing gigantic dam as big as the GERD. According to him [The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) Project General Manager, Simegnaw Bekele], close to 60 percent of the construction has been finalized so far and preparations are well underway to generate 750MW of electricity from two turbines which are part of the construction targeted to be launched soon.

<http://bit.ly/2gNePX0>

Maa professionals, Rift Valley elders criticise Raila over Mau Forest politics

According to political pundits, Mr Odinga's efforts to conserve the Mau Forest cost him the Presidency in 2013. Last month the opposition leader waded into the construction of the Sh38 billion Itare dam in Kuresoi, Nakuru county, claiming that the dam would lead to drying up of seven rivers. Mr Odinga claimed the construction of the dam in the Mau Water Tower complex will turn the



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region into a desert in a few years' time. He said rivers flowing across Kericho, Bomet and Narok counties and into Lake Victoria in Kisumu county will dry up as their waters will be diverted to Baringo and Nakuru counties.

<http://bit.ly/2fSfime>

Sh3.6 billion project set to boost transport, rescue on Lake Victoria

The project is expected to see 80 percent of Lake Victoria covered by communication signals and 22 search and rescue centres established. AfDB is the main financier with the European Union and the governments of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania contributing. AfDB says lack of a comprehensive navigation and safety system makes the lake one of the most dangerous waterways in the world.

<http://bit.ly/2fNmiGb>

Solar irrigation cuts drought risk for Kenya's farmers

[...] Ndauti [the principal secretary for irrigation in Kenya's Ministry of Water] said the government plans to boost agricultural production in Kenya, despite problems with drought, by placing 100,000 additional acres of land under irrigation each year through the year 2030. That would be managed, in part, by boosting spending on irrigation to around 2 percent of the national budget [...].

<http://bit.ly/2fKR5yc>

Raila warns Museveni against humiliating Kenyan fishermen



Cord leader Raila Odinga has warned Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni against humiliating Kenyan fishermen in Lake Victoria. Raila said Kenyan fishermen belong to the East African Community trade bloc and fish in Lake Victoria have no boundaries as “nobody can tell which waters they belong to”.

<http://bit.ly/2gNHCLK>

‘Ambitious, but doable’

(Analysis) [...] The development success gained by the country has enabled to replace the ‘it is impossible to do’ mentality with encouraging work ethics. Especially the mentality that it is impossible to even think about doing any kind of development project on Nile River has been shattered today.

<http://bit.ly/2gGTBY3>

The Nile: Longest River in the World

The Nile River, considered the longest river in the world, is approximately 4,258 miles (6,853 kilometres) long, but its exact length is a matter of debate. Flowing northward through the tropical climate of eastern Africa and into the Mediterranean Sea, the river passes through 11 countries: Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan and Egypt.

<http://bit.ly/2gUnCap>

The emergency is declared because it is necessary!

(Opinion) The owners of the dam are the whole people of Ethiopia, and they are building it through their own resources and money. And the Ethiopian people know that Egypt has had an anti-Ethiopia stance for thousand years, and the country will never leave Ethiopia alone – so they always stand vigilant. What would benefit Egypt was being a friend with Ethiopia.

<http://bit.ly/2gGSNCL>

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