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Popular GERD defying Egypt's jingoism, vice and malice

Ethiopian and Sudanese delegates had held a meeting in Addis Ababa, on 28 October, 2016 intended to strengthen the bilateral relation of the two countries, assess ways to further enhance their relation and enhance opportunities used to create regional integration through the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD). Water and irrigation ministry's consultant, Tefera Beyene, said that Ethiopia and Sudan have over 20 years of relation and the current meeting has eyed at excelling their relation and exploring ways to jointly benefit from the GERD. He confirmed that Sudan has long understood the benefit of the GERD and it has been supporting the project since its commencement.

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Ethio-Sudan keen to strengthen relations

(Opinion) - The Eastern African countries have never cooperated for mutual benefit in the old days. It was in the 19902 that Ethiopia took the initiative to bring all the countries in the region particularly those member states of the Nile Basin. One typical example is the Ethio-Sudanese relations. The political, social and

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economic bilateral relations between Ethiopia and the Sudan have become more and more acute that ever. [...] The economic cooperation and integration between Ethiopia and the Sudan is a typical example and that is part and parcel of the aim of Ethiopia to integrate the region economically.

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New weapons for water management

In many countries, climatic variability and change is experienced of more frequent, severe and less predictable flood and drought events. This situation complicates the lives of those who need to plan for and manage water as part of their job, such as agricultural and industrial producers, local authorities, water utilities, power companies and river management organisations.

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Water conflict: Egypt and the Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam

(Analysis) [...] All the while Cairo must face up to a grim geopolitical reality: it is at the mercy of Addis Ababa's decisions on the Renaissance Dam's initial fill rate (currently 5-7 years; the longer it is, the more staggered the impact), and any future decision concerning reservoir levels. A lack of technical details is further clouding

matters. No one knows just how much of an impact the Renaissance Dam will have, and reports assessing the hydrological and social impacts of the dam are expected to be published after construction is complete.

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Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam treaty signed

A tri-partite treaty agreement between Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt has been signed in Khartoum for the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, sparking the launch of a water resources modelling study and a hydropower simulation assessment. The 11-month study, which will start in November and cost Eur 4.45 million, will assess the Dam's trans-boundary environmental and socioeconomic impact, and will also assess how long the dam's reservoir will take to fill.

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Time to let go of obsolete outlooks regarding the Nile River

(Opinion) [...] Egypt might use three paths as alternatives to stop the renaissance dam. The first is putting pressure to stop our country from getting financial and loan aid that would be used for the dam from international institutions and second is trying to threaten us through military attack. The third is trying to hinder the construction of the dam by using our country's terrorists and anti-peace forces as proxies, manipulating our internal vulnerabilities.

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Government to cancel land titles around Lake Victoria

In a bid to save Lake Victoria and improving water quality, government is considering the cancellation of land titles



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which were issued to various investors and individuals around the lake. This, according to the state minister for environment, Mary Goreti Kitutu is aimed at saving the lake which continues to be degraded and polluted by industries and other business people.

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Sudan's irrigation minister in Cairo for Ethiopia's dam talks

Sudan's irrigation minister Mutaz Musa arrived in Cairo late on Tuesday for talks on the mega dam Ethiopia is building on the Nile River, Egypt's state news agency MENA said. During his two-day stay, Musa will hold talks with top Egyptian government officials on ways to "boost Egyptian-Sudanese cooperation on the renaissance dam project." They will also discuss cooperation between both countries on a joint technical authority regulating the Nile waters.

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Reviving Lake Victoria by restoration of livelihoods

[...] The upper basin supports a dense rural population, particularly in Burundi, Rwanda and the Kenya highlands. Several large towns have mushroomed in the region of the lakeshore due to their access to lake transport and fisheries. In total, the basin houses around a third of the total population of East Africa, and a similar proportion of those living on less than \$1.25/day. Environmental degradation is posing a threat to not just livelihoods but to the very existence of the inhabitants of the Basin whose lives are inextricably linked to the lake.

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