

Iraq dam collapse risk

Iraq's largest dam is in danger of an imminent collapse that could unleash a 20-metre wave of water, flooding the cities of Mosul and Baghdad and potentially killing as many as half a million people

River Tigris



\$27m U.S. reconstruction project to shore up dam – built in 1980s on water-soluble gypsum – has made little progress

Collapse could drown Mosul

under 20m of water and parts of Baghdad under 4.5m

10km
6 miles

Mosul

Pop: 1.7m