

# Nile dam negotiations reach deadlock

Talks between three key Nile basin countries over a giant hydroelectric dam in Ethiopia have been halted weeks before its expected start-up, with a proposal for prime ministers to try to resolve the standoff

▲ Major dams



Mediterranean Sea

Cairo

River Nile

Aswan High Dam

LIBYA

CHAD

Merowe

Khashm el-Girba

Khartoum

Jabal Aulia

White Nile

Sennar

Roseires

500km

310 miles

SOUTH SUDAN

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

UGANDA

**Egypt:** Concerned that filling of vast reservoir behind Ethiopian dam will reduce flow from Nile, which provides 90% of Egypt's irrigation and drinking water

**Sudan:** Stands to benefit from dam, including having access to cheap electricity and reduced flooding, but has raised fears over its operation and safety

Red Sea

ERITREA

YEMEN

Tekezé  
Lake Tana

Addis  
Ababa

SOMALIA

**Blue Nile:** Contributes up to 85% of water that flows into main Nile

**Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD):** Set to become largest hydropower dam in Africa, with capacity of 6,450MW

**Ethiopia:** Wants to become major power exporter and pull millions out of poverty. Says it will start filling GERD reservoir in July