

Ethiopia fills controversial Nile dam

Egypt has voiced anger after Ethiopia announced it had filled the reservoir at a disputed hydroelectric dam on the Blue Nile river



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Construction

Work on \$4.2 billion project started in 2011

Scale: Dam is Africa's largest, measuring 1.8km long and 145m high

Power generation

Began in Feb 2022. Plan is to generate more than 6,000MW

Ethiopia: Wants dam to produce electricity for 60% of its population who currently have no supply

Egypt and Sudan

Downstream countries fear dam will cut their share of water. Nile provides 97% of Egypt's freshwater needs

Filling of reservoir behind dam began in 2020 – its surface area is now roughly similar to Greater London

