

**Egyptians,  
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patriots than our forefathers**

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The truth is the Blue Nile River is ours. Enough is enough!

On you media noise, you Egyptians are always judging Ethiopia and Ethiopians by picking up the story from the end part. You are snatching out our cry here. We Ethiopians have been advocating for a fair share and common use of the Nile water for a long time now. But you are lying about this fact here and there. You and your government are too greedy and arrogant to accept upper stream countries' rightful share and common use of the water. You have no shame at all!

The ever growing rate of unemployment in Ethiopia, lack of clean water and basic health services, energy and food security problems, lack of proper shelter for the Ethiopian masses and the increasing degradation of our environment all made it a necessity to take very quick remedial measures. Like it or not one big, urgent and most reliable solution at our hand is the GERD!! On top of that, the coming to power of a reformist government in our country made us open our eyes and explore and exploit all our potential to get out of the age-old bottle neck. You better understand that our deep rooted socio-economic problems, a much stronger government and our heroic and victorious history are the reasons and driving forces for our too-firm stand here. Not only the dam, but also the Blue Nile is ours. But still we (Ethiopians) have no intention of denying you equitable and fair use of the water. Let's use it together!

What you guys and your foolish government are doing is really annoying every one of us ETHIOPIANS. Please, back-off! You and the whole world know very well that ETHIOPIANS have never, never compromised our sovereignty and independence. Go and check history-101 of the battles Ethiopians carried out against provocateurs, invaders and messengers of colonialists like you. Certainly you will find out victory after victory that our forefathers registered against your forefathers. Do you ever have any single history of victory to be proud of? Not at all! Don't ever try attack and invasion!

Ethiopia has every reason on earth (if not on heaven, may be) to win a possible war against your Egypt. These include the following, among others: truth and Justice are on our side. Surely these give us morale upper hand over your greed. We are the source of the river and contributing 86% of the water. The GERD is located inside our land. And still we are ready to share the water with you and the Sudan.

Plus, here you will have to be told that we Ethiopians have unprecedented anti-colonial mentality and a battle winning history and psychology. And of course, the war will take place (if ever) mainly on our territory and landscape. Save a proxy war, but literally you are coming to our land and not us coming to you. I'm sure you know what this could really mean. Please do me a favor and show me if you ever have a single history of winning a battle or war against any opponent like Israelis, Ethiopians, Ottoman Turkish, the Roman Empire or your recent lords - the British! You are no better than your forefathers and we are not less patriots and heroic than ours. Our victory over Italian colonialists at Adwa (the Adwa victory), which is the pride of all black people across the world, took place just Yesterday. This is no chauvinism. Hey, you come to your senses. Be reasonable and fair. Let's use the Nile water together. Face the truth before it is too late folks. May I remind you what our forefathers used to do when your forefathers misbehave millennia and centuries ago? It had to do with holding or diverting the river Nile. Again go and check your history-101. If the worst has to come, we may not need to keep launching missiles after missiles to stop your proxy war and defend possible invasion. Following the well recorded example of our forefathers, we can just hold the water of the Nile but release only what is enough for the Sudan. As simple as that! Do you think this was possible only millennia and centuries ago and not possible today? When things go very, very wrong in war time, conventions, rules and standards may not matter at all, particularly for victims of unjust and un lawful invasion. After all their misbehavior, your forefathers used to beg our forefathers not to divert or hold the water when the latter tended to take a last resort action. But like our forefathers, we are a moral and responsible people and country to consider the interest and well being of fellow human beings. Please, please don't push us to the edge.