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## Media English 媒体英语

### Nile river agreement

### 尼罗河协议

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三个共享尼罗河的国家—埃及，埃塞俄比亚和苏丹，就如何分享尼罗河水资源初步达成一项协议。目前埃塞俄比亚正在建造一个新的水电站，希望以此缓解用水短缺的问题。以下是 Richard Hamilton 为BBC 所做的报道。

This is a major **breakthrough** in a long running **dispute** between Cairo and Addis Ababa over the river and the dam. The **crisis** was at its worst in 2013 when Ethiopia began **diverting** the Blue Nile.

The president of Egypt at the time, Mohamed Morsi, **threatened** to defend each drop of Nile water with Egyptian blood. Addis Ababa has **amended colonial-era** agreements that gave Egypt and Sudan the biggest share of the river's water.

Egypt relies almost **exclusively** on the Nile for farming, industry and drinking water for its **rapidly** growing population. It also has the strongest historical **affinity** with the great river - it is often said "the Nile is Egypt and Egypt is the Nile."

## Questions

1. What did Ethiopia do to upset Egypt and Sudan in 2013?
2. True or false? *The president of Egypt said people might die protecting his country's share of Nile water.*
3. Which country has changed the agreement about sharing the water from the Nile?
4. Why does Egypt need to take water from the Nile?

## Vocabulary and definitions

<b>breakthrough</b>	突破
<b>dispute</b>	争议
<b>crisis</b>	危机
<b>diverting</b>	改道, 分流
<b>threatened</b>	威胁
<b>amended</b>	修改
<b>colonial-era</b>	殖民地时代
<b>exclusively</b>	唯一的
<b>rapidly</b>	迅速的
<b>affinity</b>	亲密关系, 同源关系

## Answers to the questions:

1. What did Ethiopia do to upset Egypt and Sudan in 2013?

**Answer: Ethiopia began diverting the Blue Nile.**

2. True or false? *The president of Egypt said people might die protecting his country's share of Nile water.*

**Answer: True - The president of Egypt at the time, Mohamed Morsi, threatened to defend each drop of Nile water with Egyptian blood.**

3. Which country has changed the agreement about sharing the water from the Nile?

**Answer: Ethiopia - Addis Ababa (the capital city of Ethiopia) has amended colonial-era agreements that gave Egypt and Sudan the biggest share of the river's water.**

4. Why does Egypt need to take water from the Nile?

**Answer: For farming, industry and drinking water.**