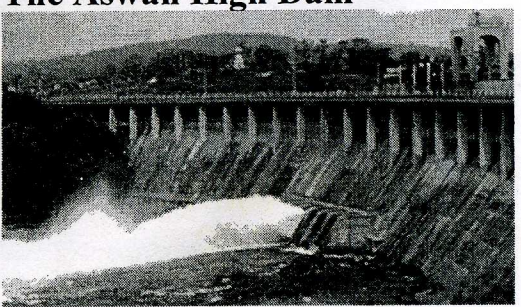



Environmental Concerns

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	Pros	Cons
<p>The Aswan High Dam</p>  <p>Completed in 1970 600 miles south of Cairo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controls Nile's floods • 3 million acres opened to irrigation • Provides 50% of Egypt's power • Created the world's largest artificial lake to boost the fishing industry 	<p>• Trap oil; Egyptian farmers must use expensive fertilizers.</p> <p>• Retaining salt</p> <p>• Diseases & deaths.</p>

<p>The Persian Gulf War</p> 	<p>The United States, along with other international forces, drove out Iraq and ended the dispute in Kuwait.</p>	<p>• black clouds of smoke polluted the area</p> <p>• Iraqi troops dumped 250 million gallons of oil into the Persian Gulf.</p> <p>• killed fish & other marine life 350 miles of coastline</p> <p>• oil pollution affects the Persian Gulf environment.</p> <p>• smoke pollution from oil well fires threaten millions of birds</p> <p>• Iraqi troops set fire to more than 700 oil wells.</p>
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<p>Other negatives in the region:</p>	
<p>Kazakhstan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation leaks lead by weapons testing. (chemical, biological weapons) • heavy industry: air pollution • increase infant mortality directly to industrial pollution. • caused radiation leaks. 	<p>The Caspian Sea: pollution, overfishing threaten fish <<sturgeon>> products imp. exports.</p> <p>The Dead Sea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water level has dropped 262 ft in 40 years. • use for irrigation & to hydroelectric plants (4%) <p>Aral Sea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water diverted from feeder rivers to irrigate cropland. • it separate into smaller lakes • destroyed sea's fishing industries & dust storms have spread disease.