

## AIDE MEMOIRE

Democratic India had used the “water weapon” (being upper riparian) in 1948 against accepted norms of civilized behavior and international laws governing sharing of waters by neighboring states. The first nation that sensed the gravity of the situation was the USA and they had acted quickly. Several initiatives were also taken directly by PAK officials to convince the Indians not to put into practice their threat “**to starve Sindh & Punjab..... (and)..... would have to beg for every drop of water**”. As Mr. Bashir A. Malik writes in his book (Indus Waters Treaty in Retrospect) the East Punjab government had made it clear that: “**(It) would not restore the flow of water to the canals unless West Punjab acknowledged that it had no right to the water**”. President Truman dispatched to the sub-continent Mr. David Lilienthal America’s greatest Irrigation Specialist & a founding father of TVA. He spent six months in India & Pakistan. The two passages of David Lilienthal’s article of August 1951 as delivered by President World Bank (IBRD) with his letter of 06 Sep 1951 to P.M. Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan duly reproduced:

Quote:

“Why the flow of the Punjab’s lifeblood was so carelessly handled in the partition no one seems to know. Pakistan includes some of the most productive food-growing lands in the world in western Punjab (the Kipling country) and the Sind. But without **water for irrigation** this would be desert. 20,000,000 acres would dry up in a week, tens of millions would starve. No army, with bombs and shellfire, could devastate a land as thoroughly as Pakistan could be devastated by the simple expedient of India’s permanently shutting off the sources of water that keep the fields and the people of Pakistan alive”.....

The report also stated,

“The partition gave the major part of the irrigated lands of the Punjab and Sind to Pakistan; but the headwaters of some of the largest irrigation canals that feed Pakistan were left with India or Kashmir. All the rivers upon which Pakistan depends for life originate in India or Kashmir. **Two thirds of the entire water supply originates in Kashmir where the snow-fed Indus rises**”.  
Unquote

On 19 Sep 1960 India manoeuvred to take forever waters of the three Eastern rivers (Ravi, Sutlej & Beas). From their flow she had around 6MAF historical share under British rule but now she secured to take the full flow averaging 33MAF. Pakistan was under the false hope that having sacrificed three rivers the other three were now exclusively for her use. The flows of all three western rivers have reduced but Chenab’s flow has fallen sharply in the last 20 years. Four graphical charts are self-explanatory.

Indian statements that she only uses occupied Kashmir waters for “run of the river” power generation is false. **Is she willing to let neutral experts of World Bank & other agencies to monitor the inflows into all her infrastructure projects in Held Kashmir?** Why is it that she needs storages for these “run of the river” projects? Even one day’s storage for power is enough. We only know what comes downstream (outflows). The withdrawals are her state secret. She has by 2008 built or was building 61 Infrastructure projects in Occupied Kashmir. There are strong reports of tunneling as well. India admits that Kashmir projects will generate 28,000MW. The Federation of Indian Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in its mission statement of 2009 declares amongst other provocations that “**Leveraging Water Issue: Indus Valley Treaty is highly tilted in favor of Pakistan. India is sparing water even beyond its treaty obligations. Water is a very serious issue for Pakistan and India channelizing water for irrigation and power can seriously pressurize Pakistan**”. This is a recipe for the genocide of the Pakistani people and possibly lead to the disintegration of the Federation through serious provincial conflict, de-industrialization, famine and poverty. The region could become a nuclear flashpoint due to this Indian policy. International players must become aware of this crucial reality as well. Territory of Jammu & Kashmir is being used in a deadly game against Pakistan’s existence. Certainly we were born from the same womb, and as such owe great ties to one another. Based on this Pakistan can offer India vast partnerships in economy and culture. This surreptitious undeclared war by India is leading to history’s greatest genocide. How many millions have already perished due to famine & disease can only be imagined. Let men & women of goodwill all over the world including India rise and be heard.

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Appendix: Essay of John Briscoe + 4 charts of Chenab Flow.  
(Please go to [www.wrdc.com.pk](http://www.wrdc.com.pk) for the charts)