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- **The Unraveling of the regional order**, is it a trend? A cycle?
- According to The Famous Lebanese historian Jawad Boulos, in his Famous book:” The Major Turning Points in the Near East” it isn’t.
- In this short video I will show you this
- Please do focus on the **Fertile Crescent Region**



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1914–18	<u>Mount Lebanon famine</u> during <u>World War I</u> which was caused by <u>an Entente powers and Ottoman Turk</u> blockade of food and to a swarm of locusts which killed up to 200,000 people, estimated to be half of the Mount Lebanon population	<u>Lebanon</u>	200,000
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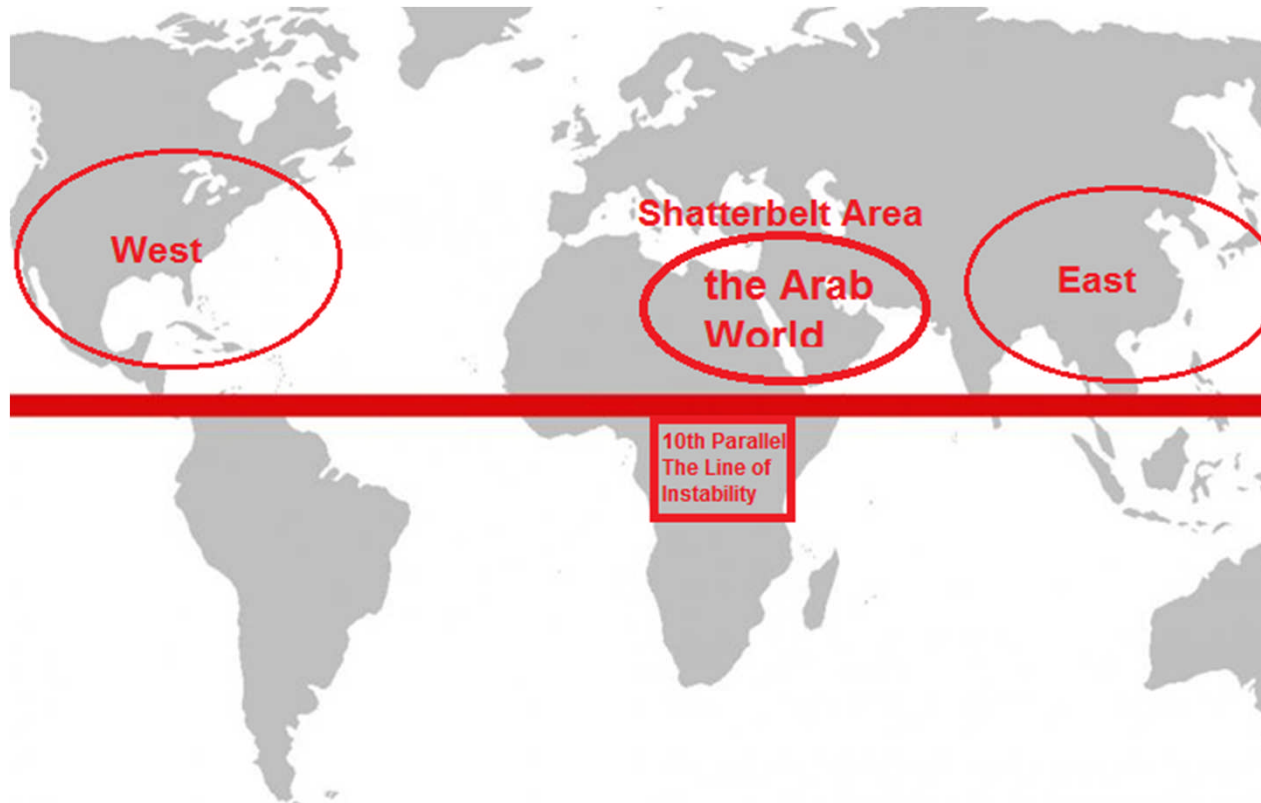
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1917–19	<u>Persian famine of 1917-1918</u> . As much as 1/4 of the population living in the north of Iran died in the famine	<u>Iran</u>	As high as 8–10 million
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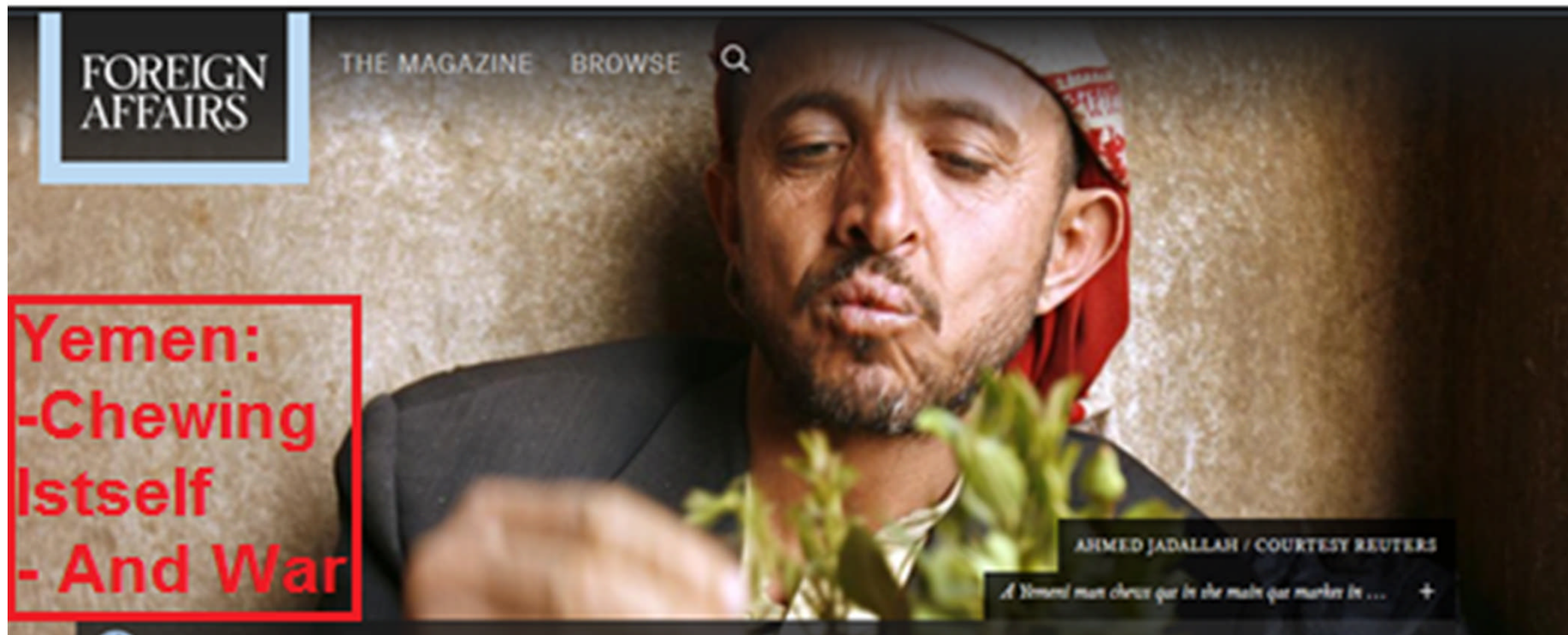
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2017	<u>Famine in South Sudan</u>	<u>South Sudan, Unity State</u>
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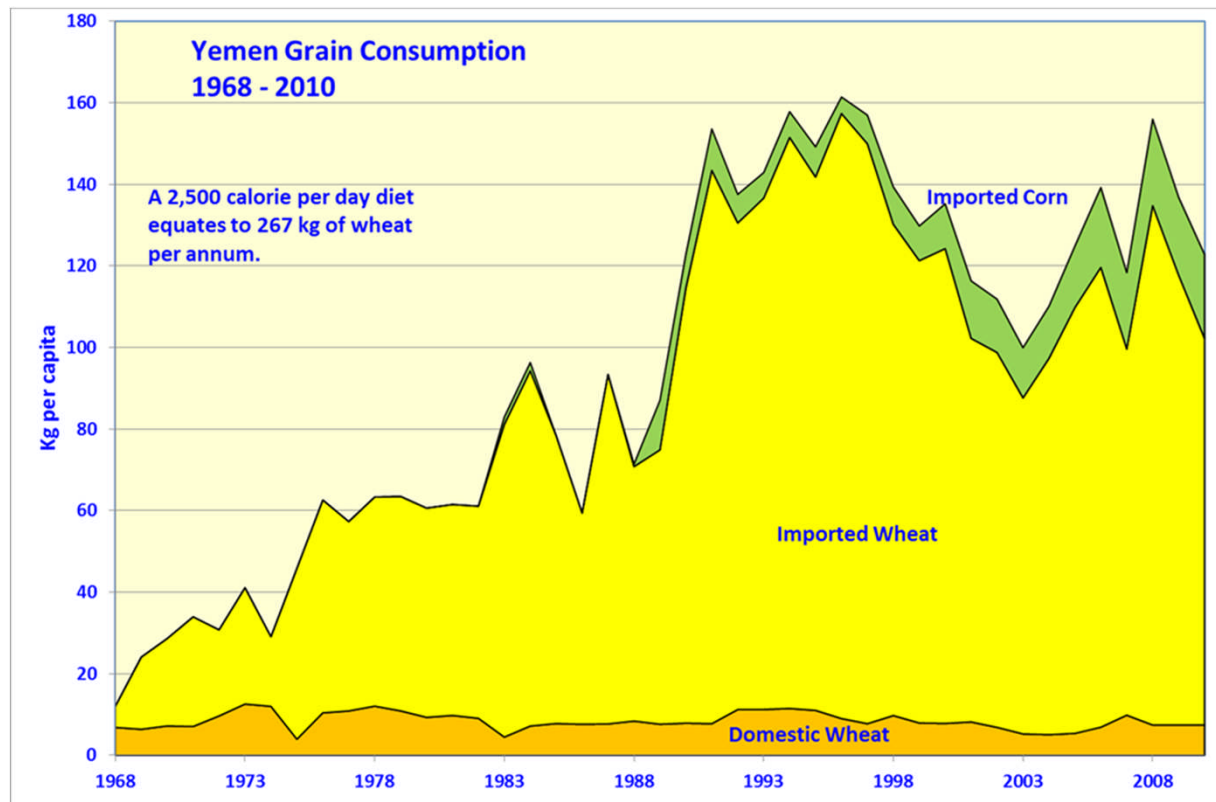
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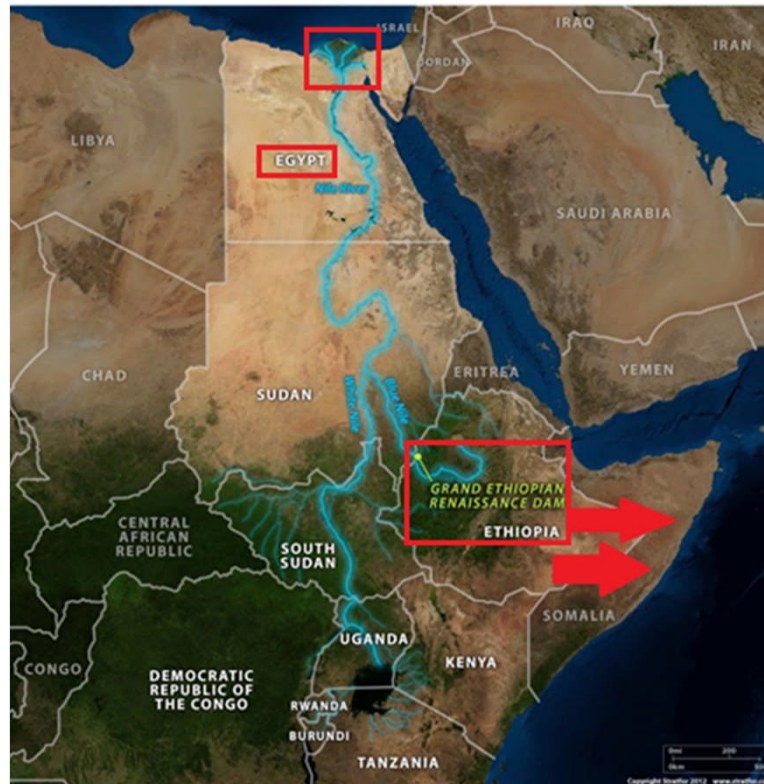
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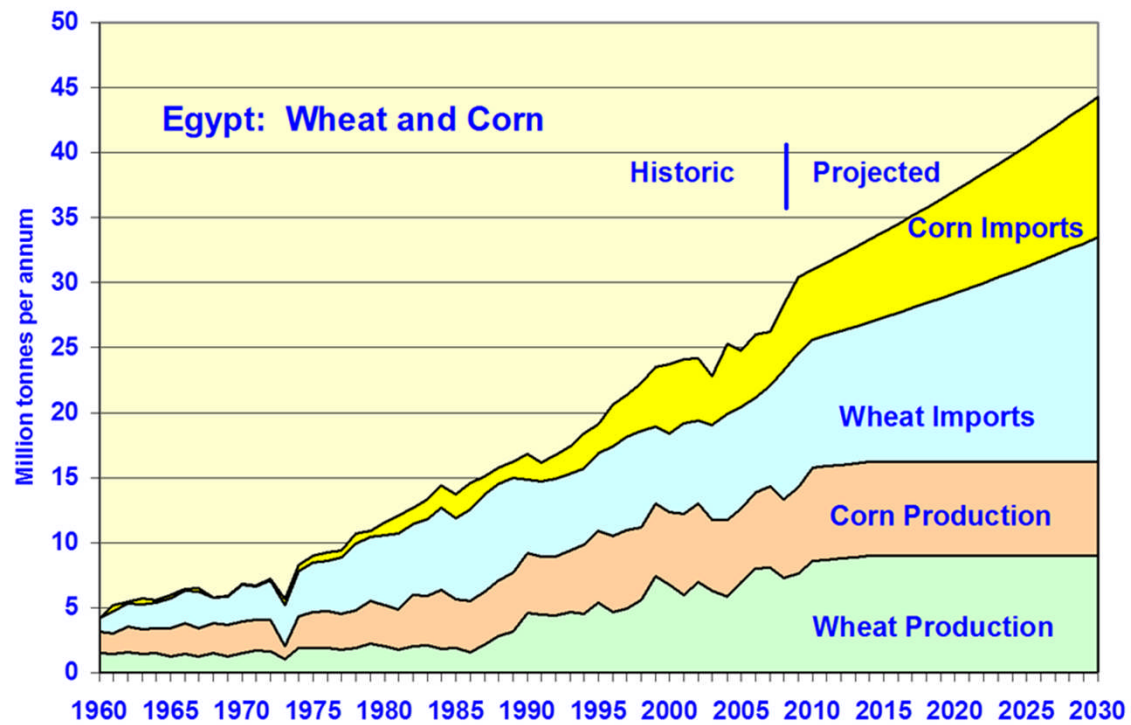
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- Blue Nile accounts for nearly 60% of the Nile's water in Egypt
- Egypt is overwhelmingly a desert climate,
- the country (especially populations near the Nile) depends heavily on the river for water and agriculture.
- Currently, there is much concern over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (expected to be operational this year)
- regarding how filling its reservoir could deplete water flowing into Egypt.

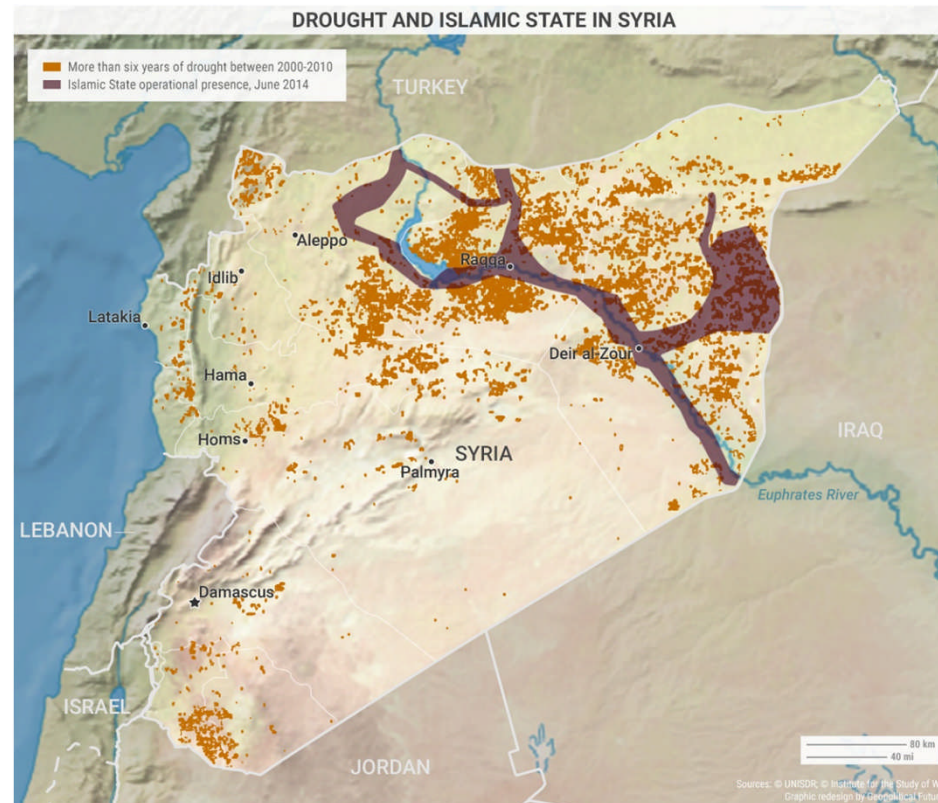
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- in the mid-1870s,
- Egypt invaded Ethiopia via Eritrea and waged war for two years in an attempt to gain control of the Nile River.
- Even in Ethiopia there's correlation between drought and political instability

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- The United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction published a 2011 study
- implying that social and economic devastation caused by drought contributed to the rise of **IS**
- **Syria post ISIS???**
 - Internally displaced people
 - Total destruction of the infrastructure
 - Redrawing the Ethnic and Sectarian map
 - Effects on neighboring countries

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