

The trouble and cause of problems from dam, the Lower Sesan 2

Referring to the news, the 2 main groups of authorities which are China Huaneng Group and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen cooperate to build Asia' s widest dams called “the Lower Sesan 2”. It cut off the Mekong river, which is a huge freshwater ecosystem and contains various species of fish.

Moreover, dam construction affects not only the natural resource but also thousands of people, who live in the surrounding area, get an impact from a huge reservoir. For example, they receive less income from fishing because a dam destroys food sources of fish. Land used in farming and harvesting, additionally, has been covered by high water levels, so they will no longer be able to generate income anymore.

On the other hand, they did not get proper compensation from any concerned organization to take care of their loss and income before the dam was created. The cause of this problem is economic growth which is the intention of China to protect their rights by building a huge dam called China's Belt and Road Initiative (BSI). This creates a scarcity of fish in the Mekong river and affects communities that we discussed before. Furthermore, the government intervention is also the cause of this problem due to the fact that Cambodia government cooperated with China to build this construction regardless of how natural resources and people’s lives will be.