THE YELLOW RIVER

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"mother river of China". Its basin was the center of Chinese politics, economy and culture for over 2,000 years. It is the second-longest river in China (after the Yangtze), and sixth longest in the world. called the **Yellow River** because huge amounts of loess sediment turn the water that color.
Due to global warming, decrease in rainfall and increasing water demands for irrigation, industry, etc., the Yellow River has been running dry from time to time. The longest time it went dry lasted 226 days, which was in 1997.
Each year, over 1.6 billion tons of soil flows into the Yellow River, which causes the continual rise and shift of the riverbed. Before damming, it was extremely prone to flooding, and had caused millions of deaths, including the deadliest disaster in human history.
NOT ONLY THAT

- There is massive runoff deriving from the chemical and pharmaceutical factories, from nearby cities and these cities are now known to be one of the most polluting cities in the world.
Since droughts and water shortages from the river are bringing serious water crisis, the government set up three major rules:

- **Controlling overuse of water resources development and utilization**— annual total volume of water use in China will be limited to 700 billion cubic meters by 2030.

- **Improving the efficiency of water use**— new standards will guarantee that the most economic and agricultural value possible is obtained from water use.

- **Controlling pollutants discharged into water function zones**— new regulations will limit the total volume of major pollutants discharged into rivers and lakes.
THANKS FOR WATCHING!