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Das Blaue Gold im Garten Eden [Blue Gold in the Garden of Eden]

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> If today oil is a reason for war in the Middle- and Near East, tomorrow it could be fresh water. Turkey, Syria and Iraq share the two biggest rivers in the region - the Euphrates and the Tigris. For the last three decades, Turkey's South-East-Anatolia-Project (GAP) has produced one of the biggest dam walls in the upstream region of these rivers. Meant to bring development to Southeast Turkey, the GAP focuses on large-scale energy production and irrigation. This documentary highlights the social and ecological consequences of the Project such as displacement, poverty, water and ground pollution which have affected this "Garden of Eden." It also looks at relations between Turkey and its neighboring countries on issues of water distribution and availability. (Source: Adapted from Kern Filmproduktion on YouTube)

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- Drowned Out (Film Profile) https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/drowned-out
- Patagonia Rising (Film Profile) https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/patagonia-rising-frontier-story-water-and-power
- My Mother, Oak (Film Profile) https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/my-mother-oak

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