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Water Crisis ~ Water Apportionment

Accord 1991 is not followed in True Sense.

Water crisis is a major issue that our provinces are facing ~~since~~ ^{for} a long time. Sometimes, it is stated that this crisis is probably, to some extent, due to unequal distribution among provinces. As the water crisis issue ~~has~~ ^{has} started since the inception of Pakistan, in 1991, a treaty was ~~done~~ ^{signed} between provinces named as "Water Apportionment Accord 1991" under the Indus River System Authority (IRSA). The purpose of this treaty was to distribute water among provinces according to their allocated shares. But it has been ^{seen} that the water is being distributed on historical basis rather than ~~according~~ ^{according} to shares of federating units. Recently, Sindh claimed that the water which has been distributed on historical basis, should be shared according to the shares of each province. Sindh also claimed that unequal distribution of water has caused several problems for them, ~~either~~ ^{whether} environmental flow of water or agricultural productivity. Balochistan also supported this cause of Sindh. As unequal distribution of water causes problems among provinces, which ultimately affects the country as a whole, IRSA needs to revise the Water Apportionment Accord 1991 in order to ensure equal supply to each province according to their share. If this will happen, water crisis issue will be resolved.