

## Patel Dam in Kenya

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Private dam, reportedly built 15-20 years ago....  
Killing at least 44 and leaving 40 or more missing.  
Over 500 families homeless and affected around 2,500 residents.



BBC



Farm dam in Solai, located in Kenya's fertile Rift Valley, some 190 kilometers (120 miles) northwest of the capital Nairobi.

"I hereby direct that investigations be conducted and a file of the investigation report forwarded to the [Director of Public Prosecution's] office in 14 days, for perusal and appropriate action," Noordin Haji, the director of public prosecutions, said in a statement, according to Kenyan newspaper *Daily Nation*.

Source: <http://www.dw.com/en/kenyan-dam-bursts-causing-huge-destruction-and-deaths/a-43727277>



The dam burst, which took place on a commercial farm in the town of Solai, followed weeks of heavy rain that have also unleashed deadly mudslides and flooding across much of East Africa.

## What went wrong in Solai dam tragedy?

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Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igYNgVXy2OQ&sns=em>

It is emerging that the water resources authority had asked the owners of the Patel dam in Solai, Nakuru County to shut it down for failing to meet safety standards. A representative from the authority informed Citizen TV this evening that the order was disregarded, indicating that the tragedy could have been avoided. Waihiga Mwaura has just returned from Nakuru and he filed this report.

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## Solai: KDF emptying Tindres dam, one of 7 remaining Patel dams

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Nakuru County Water Minister Festus Ng'eno has announced the decommissioning of the Tindres dam in Solai, declaring it unsafe. Process to take 60 days. Citizen TV is Kenya's leading television station commanding an audience reach of over 60% and in its over 12 years of existence as a pioneer brand for the Royal Media Services (RMS), it has set footprints across the country leaving no region uncovered. This is your ideal channel for the latest and breaking news, top stories, politics, business, sports, lifestyle and entertainment from Kenya and around the world.

## Visiting Solai Dam Strategy

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At around 9pm 5TH MAY 2018 Patel dam in Solai, Subukia Sub-County burst its banks. The water caused huge destruction of both life and property. The extent of the damage is yet to be ascertained.

The County Government of Nakuru, Kenya Red Cross and the local leadership are coordinating rescue operations. The county dispatched ambulances to the scene to aid in evacuation of victims.



## Kenya will investigate dam disaster that killed at least 50

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= HtI347sucw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtI347sucw)

Kenya's public prosecutor is launching an investigation into what caused a dam to burst killing at least 50 people. Officials say it did not have the required permission to operate. But the interior ministry has told Al Jazeera the dam's operation was entirely legal. All this, as rescuers search for survivors. Al Jazeera's Andrew Simmons reports.



## **Government embarks on draining two dams adjacent to Patel dam**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-JZ2CGEpws>

Owners of the ill-fated Patel dam say they are not to blame for the death of more than 40 people and destruction of property. The Patel Coffee Estate insists its dams are strong despite orders by the government to drain two of them today. The estate blames the heavy rains for the damage of the dam that caused death and destruction. Our team visited the farm and our reporter Sharon Barang'a can confirm there are cracks on another dam.

## **'All other dams are safe,' Solai Dam boss claims**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6f3oNoqPVo&t=130s>

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## Gov't orders all Patel dams to be emptied

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkSkvSFXu6M>

The killer Patel Dam in Solai was an illegal project. This is according to the water cabinet secretary Simon Chelugui who has now directed the draining of all dams at the farm. Chelugui says the owners did not follow laid down procedures in putting up the water storage facilities. Meanwhile the Patel farm has defended the facilities as being sound and only falling victim of the heavy rains that have affected the country. And as Sam Gituku reports the director of public prosecutions Noordin Haji has ordered police to investigate the killer dam and report in a fortnight.

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## Bird's eye view of the trail of destruction at Solai

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## Second dam poses risk to residents in Solai, Nakuru

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# Kenya government launches investigation on the deadly dam tragedy

Source: <http://www.africanews.com/2018/05/12/kenya-government-launches-investigation-on-the-deadly-dam-tragedy/>

Kenya's government has launched an investigation into the cause of the dam burst on Wednesday night, killing 48 people in a western county, an official said on Friday.

..... “As we speak now, the inter-ministerial team and the investigative agencies are on the ground. And as a ministry, WARMA (Water Resources Management Authority) is under clear instructions to cooperate with the investigative agencies. So that we know they are able to get to the root of the cause of this problem,” said Simon Chelegui, local commissioner for water and health safety.

Video: <http://www.africanews.com/2018/05/12/kenya-government-launches-investigation-on-the-deadly-dam-tragedy/>

## Burst Patel dam was “built illegally” – Kenyan authorities

The BBC on Friday reported that the Patel dam was one of many on a sprawling farm near Solai approximately 190km from the capital Nairobi.

Elizabeth Luvonga spokeswoman from the Water Resources Management Authority (Warma) told the Reuters news agency the farm’s dams lack the necessary permissions. “None of them have permits. That is why they are illegal,” she said. But the general manager of the farm, Vinoj Kumar, denied the accusation.

“All these dams were built about 15 to 20 years before. There’s no [nothing] illegal,” he said. The dam, which burst on Wednesday last week, sent 70 million litres of water rushing towards the homes below destroying everything in its path. According to Kenya’s Daily Nation newspaper, the wall of water was about 1.5m high and 500m wide.

Source: <http://www.infrastructure.ws/2018/05/14/burst-patel-dam-was-built-illegally-kenyan-authorities/>



Photo in Left: Kenyan emergency workers have found three more bodies after a dam burst last week, police said Monday, bringing the toll from the tragedy to 48, while authorities confirmed no one else was missing

