

Dahla dam

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In news: The Taliban have captured Dahla dam after clashes erupted in Helmand province days after the US military formally began withdrawing its remaining troops from Afghanistan.

About Dahla dam-

- The Dahla Dam, **also known as Arghandab Dam**, is located in the Shah Wali Kot District of **Kandahar Province** in Afghanistan.
- It is **Afghanistan's second-biggest dam** (Naghlu dam is the biggest).
- It was originally built between 1950 and 1952 when relations between Afghanistan and the United States were beginning to quickly develop.
- The **purpose of the dam** was to help farmers for **irrigation** in Kandahar Province and provide clean **drinking water** to the city of Kandahar.
- In 2019 the Asian Development Bank approved a grant of nearly \$350 million to be used partly to expand the reservoir-style project.
- It is an embankment structure **made of earth and rock fill**.

