

PRABHA IAS IPS COACHING ACADEMY



Lake Chad

At least 23 Chadian soldiers have been killed and 26 injured in a Boko Haram attack on a military post in Chad's Lake Chad region recently.

It is a freshwater lake in the semi-arid Sahel region west-central Africa.

It is located in western Chad, with some of its parts extending into Cameroon, Nigeria, and Niger.

Lake Chad was once the sixth largest lake in the world, but prolonged drought and increased water use have shrunk the lake dramatically. It now spans less than a tenth of the area it covered in the 1960s.

The lake is endorheic (no outlet to the sea).

The 1,400-km-long Chari River is the main river feeding into the lake. It accounts for up to 90% of Lake Chad's water.

The lake is shallow, with depth usually less than 10 meters.

Chad has several small islands, mud banks, and reed beds, which take up half of its area.

Around the lake, sand deserts and water meet in a complex network of meanders, which are sometimes cultivated.