

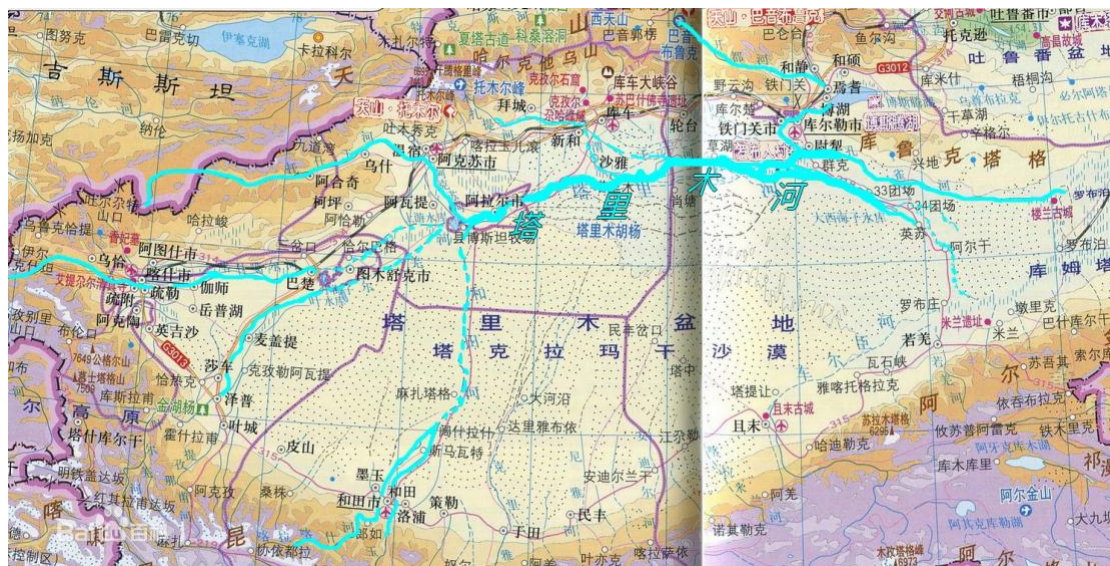
**Spectacular! Lakes appear in the flowing desert.
Yellow sand and clear water reflecting each other**

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Abstract: The combined effects of mountain snowmelt and summer precipitation caused the Tarim River, an inland river in northwest China adjacent to the Taklimakan Desert, to rise rapidly, resulting in a flood process that lasted for 80 days. This factor is also an important reason why the Tarim River overflows into the Taklimakan Desert and forms numerous lakes in the desert. This article elaborates this spectacular scenery, using the result of the third ecological expedition in Lop Nur and its surrounding areas by China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation.

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(Tarim River Basin)



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