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## LETTER

### It's time to stop polluting rivers

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*Rivers are a source of water for many and people take them for granted. But it pains me to see them containing a lot of rubbish. People still rely on rivers to provide them with water. By polluting water, we are denying these people a valuable resource.*

*The rubbish found in the rivers is mainly nappies, plastic bags, tins broken glass and bottles. Some even take dirty water and throw it in the river for their beliefs. This is wrong and is putting so much strain on the environment and other water users.*

*Rivers contain fish, so people who rely on fish to eat are also at risk of being poisoned. They are also being exposed to risk of disease such as cholera, typhoid and diarrhea resulting from dirty water.*

*Let us take care of our water and the environment. If we do so we are giving those who rely on the rivers a chance during this time of drought*

*Stop all water pollution.*

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