

# Niger Decries Dam Delays

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NIAMEY, Niger — Niger's President Mahamadou Issoufou criticized Zarubezhvodstroi for delaying construction of a hydropower dam in the West African country.

Construction of the Kandadji Dam on the Niger River has been delayed by as long as four months, Issoufou said Friday on state-owned broadcaster Tele Sahel. "I hope that by the end of September 2015 the construction of the dam will be completed," he said. Zarubezhvodstroi won an 84.7 billion CFA franc (\$170 million) contract for the project last year, Issoufou said.

"There is no delay," Yevgeny Goudzentchuk, chief executive and main shareholder of Zarubezhvodstroi, said from Moscow. "In fact, we started closing the Niger River for dam construction one month ahead of schedule."

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