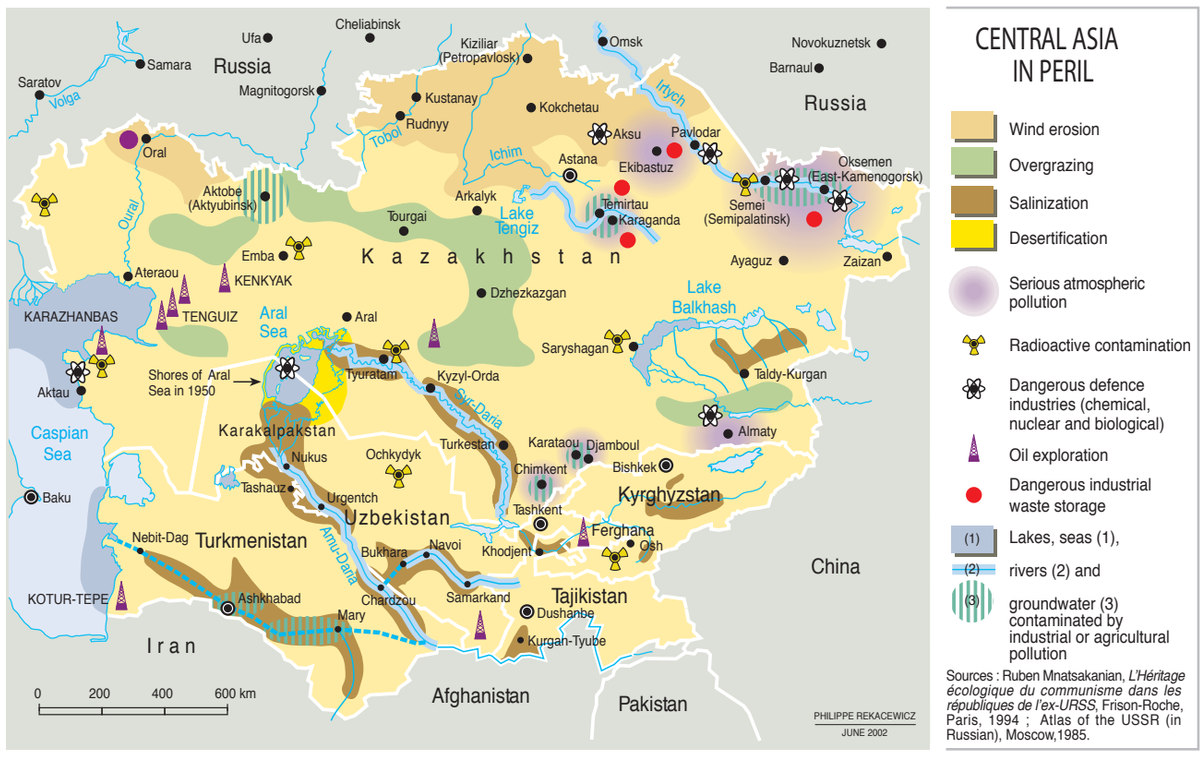
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- Wind erosion
- Overgrazing
- Salinization
- Desertification
- Serious atmospheric pollution
- Radioactive contamination
- Dangerous defence industries (chemical, nuclear and biological)
- Oil exploration
- Dangerous industrial waste storage
- (1) Lakes, seas (1),
- (2) rivers (2) and
- (3) groundwater (3) contaminated by industrial or agricultural pollution

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