



U216 Environment - Lake Baikal

A country in transition

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The legislation also made it illegal to raft logs across the lake.

The Trans Siberian railway became the major route to the mill, bringing raw materials from forests that might be many hundreds of miles away. Then, in 1991, the Soviet era came to a sudden end. The Soviet Union broke up into separate republics. Boris Yeltsin took power in Moscow and declared Russia a separate state.

Masha

It's obvious that this period was not a transition. It just happened in one day. So there was no consistency from either politics or from the plans which were done on the Soviet Union and to the new established country, Russia.