Algerian Sahara

This aerial image from central Algeria shows that some parts of Africa’s Sahara Desert contain more than dunes of wind-blown sand. Flattened ridges and triangular mountains (lower right) border a vast expanse of arid plains embedded with a complex system of dry streambeds. The streambeds contain some of the world's oldest, lowest rivers, intense rains that often cause flash floods.

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