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Water crisis grips Barisal

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Apr 15: Residents in the town have been facing acute water crisis for the last one or two months.

Town dwellers face water crisis throughout the year, but in the summer their woes multiply.

The authorities supply not more than 35 to 40 lakh gallon water per day in the divisional headquarters with a population of about four lakh against the demand of approximately 80 lakh gallons a day.

Municipality authorities said the crisis turns acute as 15 pumps out of 24 pumps in the municipality area have remained inoperative for a long time. Of them, 10 pumps went totally out of order due to mechanical faults.

The pumps in Sittakhola, Bogra Road, Kaunia, Swa Road, Police Line, Kazipura, Line Road (old), Nazir Mahalla, Women's College and Kaunia (north) areas remained out of order.

A water supply project, which was implemented in 1991, could not solve the problem. Tk 20 crore project was financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB). The works of the 5-district Water Supply Development Project included installation of 80 kilometres new water supply pipelines, construction of 8 overhead water tanks, and sinking of 12 deep tubewells.

Sources in the municipality said defective water pipelines and deep tubewells have failed to solve the problem. Besides, the demand for water is increasing day by day, the sources added.

In some parts of the town, the residents said they often find filth and garbage in water supplied by the municipality authorities. The authorities have attributed it to 'rare' damage in underground pipelines. Officials, however, said damaged pipelines are repaired immediately.

About three years ago, a proposal to set up a water treatment plant in the town was placed to the higher authority. But nothing has been done so far in this regard.



Scarcity of water

This overhead water tank was constructed in Barisal town under Five District Water Supply Development Project in 1990 with the financial assistance of ADB. But the tank is unable to cope with the demand of the people of the divisional town. At present an acute scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing here. — Star photo

As the authorities have failed to supply water, more than 60 deep tubewells were installed in different parts in the town under the initiatives of local people.

Water crisis is acute in the densely populated areas like Habilkhal, Bara Road, Kau- Barisal municipality au-

Ashura programme in Manikganj

By Staff Correspondent

Garpara Imambara, Manikganj has chalked out an elaborate programme on the occasion of the 10th Muhamarras or Ashura, commemorating the supreme sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussein (RA).

The Imambara Darbar Sharif will bring out a mourning procession today (Sunday) in Manikganj town. Later a religious rally will be held at local Debendra University College ground. The organisers have requested all to attend the programme.

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PDB chairman asks officials

Resume power generation in Raojan Thermal Power Plant

CHITTAGONG, Apr 15: Chairman of the Power Development Board (PDB) Quamrul Islam Siddiqui on Wednesday asked the PDB officials to resume power generation in Raojan Thermal Power Plant (unit-2) immediately, reports BSS.

Siddiqui gave the directive while he visited the closed thermal power unit at Raojan, some 25 km off here on Wednesday.

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Visa service at British HC in Dhaka improves

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 15: With the improvement of visa service in the British High Commission in Dhaka, the number of visa recipients have gone up, said John Geddes, Second Secretary (Press), British High Commission in Bangladesh.

He said this while exchanging views with the newsmen at Sylhet Press Club on Tuesday morning.

He said, about 75 to 80 per cent applicants are being provided with visas in Dhaka office. Even a good number of them are being given visa within 24 hours.

Geddes said the matter of setting up of a Regional Visa Centre in Sylhet is still under consideration of the British government. Referring to the recent Bangladesh visit of Britain's State Minister for Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Keith Vaz, he said there is every logic for setting up of the regional centre. But, many factors, especially the financial one must have to be assessed seriously, he added saying, the British Government is conducting a feasibility study in this regard. It will be completed within a few months and then a there will be a final decision, Geddes said.

When asked the British High Commission official further said the demand for setting up of a centre of British Council in

Sylhet is fully justified. But, a full fledged and well equipped centre needs adequate funding. That is why it is yet to be decided.

He discussed about regional issues like the crisis at Shahjalal University and announcement of Sylhet as a city corporation. Political stability is very much important for ensuring a democratic society, he added, hoping Bangladesh is in the process of having a good base of a democratic country.

Britain is a major partner of Bangladesh's development process, he said, there is a long and historic relationship between the two countries. It will be strengthened further in the coming days, Geddes hoped.

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