

Acute water shortage still persists in Site

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KARACHI: The Site industrial area, home to over 3,000 factories, has been facing acute water shortage since Monday last.

Site Association of Industry's Chairman, M. Jawed Bilwani on Friday demanded of Sindh governor, chief minister and local government minister to immediately intervene into the matter to help save industries from being collapsed.

He feared that thousands of labourers would be rendered jobless and a law and situated might be created if the KWSB officials failed to rectify the fault responsible for lingering water supply issue of the Site area.

He also apprehended that if water shortage continued to persist, most of industrialists would not be able to achieve their export targets and such a situation would tarnish the image of the country in international markets.

Expressing his dismay over non-supply of water to the industries of the city, in general and the Site area, in particular, he deplored that although a committee was formed under the chairmanship of Commissioner Karachi for streamlining the water supply of Site industrial area, the KWSB has failed to implement the committee's deci-

sions.

Similarly, Sindh Minister for Local Government Sharjeel Inaam Memon's directives, concerning the Site industrial area's water supply, have also remain unheeded, he deplored.

According to the industrialists, persistent water shortage has forced them to either slow down their production or keep their units shut. "We have already suffered a lot due to shortage of water," they lamented. Claiming that the SITE industrial area was being supplied less than one million gallons of water since Monday last, they said that the situation was further aggravated on Friday, leaving no choice for most of the industrialists to shut down their industries. They regretted that although Site area has been receiving water with a very low pressure since long, the officials of Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB) despite repeatedly giving us assurances that the situation would improve soon have, so far, failed, to resolve the lingering issue. Rejecting the KWSB's claim that the Site industrial areas water supply was being affected due to electricity breakdowns, they said that it was just a lame excuse on the part of KWSB official as the water shortage in the Site had been persisting for the last several months.

