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Industries not to use gas on Sunday

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KARACHI, Dec 16: All industries in Sindh have voluntarily decided to discontinue gas usage for 24 hours, beginning at 7am on Sunday, according to a SSGC spokesman.

A unanimous decision was taken on Thursday at a meeting chaired by the Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ibad and attended by SSGC management and office-bearers of a majority of trade bodies and associations representing major industrial areas.

After the closure of CNG stations in the province from Friday morning, now it would be turn of industries to remain without gas supply for 24 hours from 7am on Sunday until Monday morning, sources said.

The voluntarily closure would help ease gas shortages in the wake of an extraordinarily acute situation, and it would help ensure normal gas pressure and bring back line pack situation to normal levels for the next six days.

Industries may either use other fuel or remain closed for this period, said the SSGC, adding under the agreement, when gas company was not getting the required gas quantity, gas supply can be reduced or stopped to maintain pressure in the system.

Low pressure was causing serious power crisis in the city as the KESC was compelled to resort to 12-hour industrial and extended domestic load-shedding.

According to the SSGC spokesman, current line pack is 750mmcf as against the normal line pack of 900mmcf. Gas saving from one day closure of CNG stations is 300mmcf.

He said that KESC's off-take today was 80mmcf. He said that the gas saved from stoppage of supply to industries would be used to maintain SSGC's own system. It was not meant for diverting it to the KESC.

Meanwhile, industries representatives on Friday continued their protest against the KESC against load-shedding and disconnections.

Many workers protested against closure of industries as it was affecting their livelihood and demanded of the government to take notice of the prevailing situation.

