100,000 face drinking water shortages in central China city

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CHANGSHA, Nov. 26 (Xinhua) -- The decline of water level in the Xiangjiang River, a major tributary of the Yangtze River, has affected the drinking water supply for more than 100,000 people in central China's Xiangtan City.

The water level at the Xiangtan section of the river went below 27 meters Wednesday and was approaching the record low of 26.86 meters, which caused serious water shortages in the city proper.

Drinking water supplies to some residential areas in the city have been cut off and were only available in some other parts during lunch and dinner hours. A number of enterprises were forced to suspend or limit production.

The Xiangtan municipal government were distributing water to affected residents with fire engines and water tanks. It was also mending a cofferdam in the river to raise water level.

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