

Zimbabwe cuts water supplies to capital

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Zimbabwe has cut water supplies to the nation's capital Harare, state media reported Monday, leaving most of the city dry as authorities struggle to contain a cholera epidemic.

Since the Zimbabwe National Water Authority (Zinwa) had failed to find chemicals to treat the water supply, the state-run utility on Sunday stopped pumping water in the capital, the government mouthpiece Herald newspaper said.

"Most parts of Harare -- including the city centre -- did not get water yesterday amid claims by Zinwa staff that the authority had stopped pumping after it ran out of one of the essential chemicals," the Herald reported.