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Water Supply Restored

Water supply was back to normal in the capital only by Tuesday evening, even though the Kerala Water Authority (KWA) managed to plug the leaks on the main transmission line from Aruvikkara by 9 pm on Monday.

“We re-started pumping around 9 pm on Monday. Water supply is now back to normal,” a KWA engineer said. In fact, parts of the city had gone without water for nearly four days after the KWA discovered a leak on the 1,200 mm transmission main which brings water from Aruvikkara to the city on Saturday. A second rupture was discovered soon after and the KWA had launched an all-out effort to plug the leak and restore water supply to normal.

High-line areas of the city and major residential areas were hit even though the KWA pressed into service several tanker lorries for supplying water.

The work was to have been completed by Sunday evening,

but the KWA could not meet this deadline. A second deadline set for Monday noon also could not be met. KWA officials had attributed the delay to the depth at which the pipeline was laid. KWA engineers had to re-lay a concrete pipe with MS pipe.