

## 'Not a drop of water' in town 28 -01- 1987

*A Water Shortage*  
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The 24,000 residents of Umm al-Fahm in Wadi Ara last night remained without water after the Mekorot company reportedly shut down their water lines a few days ago.

The municipality owes Mekorot some NIS 90,000.

Since last Thursday afternoon, the town has been without water, and residents have had to bring supplies from neighbouring villages or rely on water stored from recent rains, according to Jabrin Hassan, treasurer of the local council.

"There is not a drop of water in all of the town. All day and all night there is no water. They leave people without water and they don't even care if people die," Hassan said.

He said that factories had stopped working and that sick children were not receiving adequate care because of the water cuts.

But Yehezkiel Zakai, Mekorot's director-general, said last night that the water supply had not been cut off completely but merely restricted to certain hours of the day.

The water restrictions have been in effect for only two days, and Umm al-Fahm is receiving treatment no different from other towns.