

## **Himalayan Water Source are Drying out//Aminul Islam Mithu/Editor-Saiful Islam--- This is translated script of visual report-03**

### **In Vision/Presenter Link Part:**

Drying out of Himalayan water source will put Himalayan region in water crisis. 13 cities of 4 countries depend most on the rivers those originated from Himalaya are going to face this crisis. Chittagong, Shylet, Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh are among these cities. An international research institute came up with this information in their report. Unplanned urbanization and unsustainable water management of the countries in Himalayan Hindukush region are held responsible for this by the research institution. If this situation is not improvised, there would be possibilities of famine.

### **Reporter Voice Over:**

The Himalayan region covers an area of 4.3 million square kilometers. There are eight countries in South Asia including Bangladesh, India and Nepal in this region. The Hindu Kush region of the Himalayas is the source of 10 major rivers. In the last few decades, the population has been increasing in the countries of the Hindu Kush region. As a result, the demand for safe water has increased. But due to climate change, unplanned urbanization and poor water management, the countries of the region are struggling to meet this demand.

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According to a research report by the International Research Organization for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), 13 cities in the Hindu Kush region will face a water crisis in the future. These include Chittagong and the three hill districts of Bangladesh and the Sylhet region.

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Also the demand of water in this region would be doubled by 2050. This is according to the report of ECMOD published in Water Policy Journal.

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Researchers have called for safe and sustainable water management in hilly areas.

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The dependency on underground water and the pollution of main rivers around the mega cities should be brought under control.

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Water conservation system should be more sustainable to ensure safe water supply in cities of Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan.

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