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Chennai, São Paulo, Mexico City, Tehran, Cape Town - these cities have all faced the threat of a 'Zero Day', or, having no fresh water left in their taps.

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The UN says we're entering a 'water bankruptcy' era, meaning our water 'current accounts' are running empty, while our 'savings accounts' - the long term stores of water deep underground - have been depleted, with some beyond repair.

So how did we get here?

From clearing forests for cattle grazing, to thirsty AI data centres, Rajan Datar examines the pressures on our global water supply and looks for solutions.

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