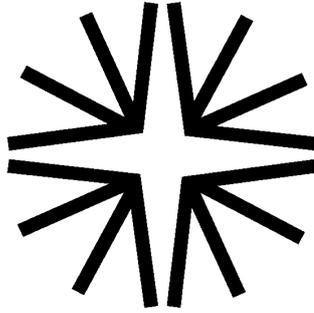


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1. Update on the Situation in Croatia

1.1. In the early hours of 19 May 2002, sudden thunderstorms without rain and strong south-east winds set at the same time the vegetation ablaze in various locations between the cities of Makarska and Baška Voda, north of the Adriatic highway. Due to long-lasting drought, the fires - carried by the strong wind and facilitated by the vegetation and terrain characteristics - spread very fast towards Baška Voda with the risk to merge into one big fire. Most of the fires move towards Baška Voda and the villages located at the foot of the Biokovo Mountain and producing a minor fire front towards Makarska. After six hours, the wind direction changes and a strong north-western wind starts to blow, carrying the fires towards Makarska, the villages on the steep slopes of Biokovo, the Adriatic highway and the sea.

1.2. The villages that are immediately endangered by the fire are Andrijaševici (on the northern side of the Adriatic highway), Promajna (on the coast), "Djecje selo" (a holiday and health resort), Baško Polje (a campsite and holiday resort), as well as a few villages

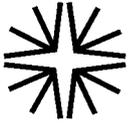
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