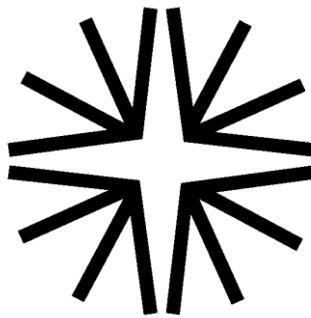


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EADRCC Situation Report #3
Forest and wild fires in Georgia
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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC received on 22 August 2017, a request for assistance from Georgia. The following information was provided:

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : Forest and wild fires
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : August 20th 14:00 pm and ongoing
Location of the Disaster : Georgia

3. **Assessment**

As of August 24 10:00 AM (local time), the fire in some sectors in Borjomi district is localized, but major parts of the forest are still on fire due to high temperatures and strong wind. To ensure continuity of fire-fighting operations in Borjomi forest, first responders are rotated and replaced.

A major forest fire started near Daba village, Borjomi Municipality- Georgia on 20 August at 14:00. The mountainous terrain and strong winds make it extremely difficult to bring the fire under control. The affected area covers about 35 hectares of forest. Situation remains critical.

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Georgian authorities involved the following resources in the firefighting operations: 2 helicopters, 400 Firefighters-rescuers, 26 fire trucks, 100 forest guards, 500 Special Tasks Department representatives, 28 units of heavy-duty vehicles are involved in road construction works to create access to the disaster area and to contain the fire.

On-Site Operations Coordination Centre (OSOCC) and Local Emergency Management Agency (LEMA) centers are established close to the disaster area. LEMA consists of almost all intergovernmental representatives. According to the action plan the disaster zone is split in sectors. Due to the high winds fires that were already extinguished became newly engulfed in flames. General Situation remains critical.

4. Assistance provided:

- Republic of Azerbaijan provided 1 helicopter on Monday 21 August and it was involved in firefighting operations all day of 22nd of August. A second firefighting helicopter and two transport helicopters with 6 personal started to operate on 23 August. Azerbaijan also provided on 23 August the following ground capabilities: 118 firefighters-rescuers, 12 fire trucks and a logistic support unit (7 special vehicles, including mobile kitchen).
- Republic of Turkey provided 2 helicopters and 1 firefighting aircraft on 22 August.
- Republic of Belarus provided 1 helicopter “Mi-26”, which started the firefighting operations on 23 August
- Armenia provided 65 firefighters-rescuers and 13 vehicles

5. Following international assistance is required:

- 4 High water capacity airplanes
- 4 Firefighting helicopters with water buckets.

6. The coordinates of the affected area are: 41°49'18.90"N 43°27'3.62"E

7. Point of Entry:

Tbilisi International Airport
Batumi International Airport
Kutaisi International Airport

8. The Operational Point of Contact can be reached in the following ways:

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9. Response co-ordination.

9.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to the stricken nation's requirements, nations in a position to meet these demands, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Operational Point of Contact of the Stricken Nation, with an information copy to EADRCC, by any of the communication means listed above and below.

9.2. The EADRCC is in close contact with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva and with the European Response Coordination Center.

9.3. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached in the following ways:

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