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INTERNATIONAL SOS

South Africa: Exercise caution, abide by official directives in areas at high risk of wildfires


OVERVIEW

 Level:


Notice

 Location:

Northern Cape, Western Cape - South Africa

 Category:

Wildfires

 Active:

05 Feb 2021 - 10 Feb 2021

Last Updated: 05 Feb 2021 21:50 (GMT)

The table below shows the number of impacted and potentially impacted individuals and assets at the date/time the alert was issued. The counts include individuals within the impact radius of the alert and may not reflect the total number of people in each area listed.

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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Affected cities	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

EXPOSURE BY COUNTRY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
South Africa (Medium Risk)	4	5	6	6

Exercise caution in Northern Cape and Western Cape provinces **in the coming days** and abide by official directives in areas at high risk of wildfires. In Overberg region (Western Cape), a wildfire has been ongoing since 1 February near the village of [Barrydale](#). A firefighter was reportedly killed while fighting it. The South African Weather Service (SAWS) has recently issued level ten red warnings (highest on a ten-tiered scale) for different regions in Northern Cape and Western Cape provinces, and advised that under the current conditions fires may develop and spread rapidly, resulting in damage to property and possible loss of life.

MORE DETAIL

Although the level ten red warnings issued by the SAWS are in place until 6 February, they are likely to be extended until the current meteorological conditions change.

The following locations are under level ten red warning:

In Northern Cape province:

- Augrabies Falls national park
- Beaufort West town
- Calvinia town
- De Aar town
- Groblershoop town
- Hopetown town
- Petrusville town
- Pofadder town
- Upington town
- Vanwyksvlei town

In Western Cape province:

- Prince Albert town

WHAT WE ADVISED YOUR PEOPLE

Exercise caution and follow all official directives. Seek local advice regarding safety and accessibility. Remain apprised of the latest developments through the SAWS [website](#) and local contacts. Reconfirm the status of routes before setting out. Liaise with local contacts to plan journeys bypassing affected areas and allow additional travel time due to potentially lengthy detours. Monitor our South Africa alerts for updates.

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