

# Dozens arrested in Spain on suspicion of forest fires

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In Spain , 27 people have been arrested since the beginning of the summer on suspicion of starting wildfires, and another 92 people are under investigation, Europa Press reports , citing the country's Interior Ministry.

The department clarified that this refers to the period from June 1, when the national campaign to combat forest fires began, to August 16.

According to the latest data, 20 forest fires are raging in the country. Spain is expecting the arrival of aircraft from the Netherlands, which will help extinguish the fires. Despite the difficult situation, the authorities have not yet declared a state of emergency in the country.

In early August, a fire in southern France destroyed 16,000 hectares of forest, becoming the largest in the last 20 years. An elderly woman could not be saved. Nine more people were injured. The fire destroyed about 30 cars and 25 buildings. About 2,500 houses were left without electricity, and some highways were blocked.