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WARDEN MESSAGE-WILD FIRES THROUGHOUT MACEDONIA

Local news reports that the government of Macedonia has placed a ban on movement in and around the Strumica area due to wildfires that continue to rage there.

Large fires are registered at six locations across Macedonia, and the situation is most serious in the Strumica area, where the authorities imposed a ban on movement in forests. Additionally, the Macedonian Crisis Management Center has announced that a ban on unlicensed movement in the forests has gone into effect for the municipalities of Strumica, Vasilevo, Novo Selo and Bosilovo.

The fire in the Kodza Cair locality on Belasica Mountain is still active. Two Macedonian army helicopters made a total of 110 over-flights on Wednesday in an attempt to contain the blazes. The fires at Bivolova Glava locality on Elenica Mountain and in the area of the nearby Kicevo village of Cer are still active, while the wildfires in the area of Makedonski Brod have been contained. It is reported that there is no danger that the two wildfires reported in the Gostivar area will spread.

Please adjust your travel plans accordingly.

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