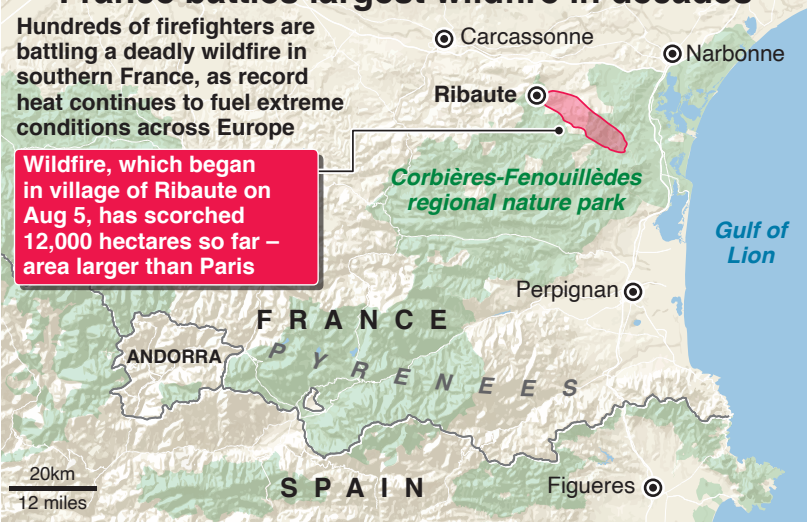


France battles largest wildfire in decades

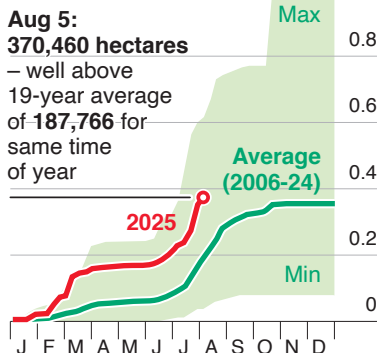
Hundreds of firefighters are battling a deadly wildfire in southern France, as record heat continues to fuel extreme conditions across Europe

Wildfire, which began in village of Ribaute on Aug 5, has scorched 12,000 hectares so far – area larger than Paris

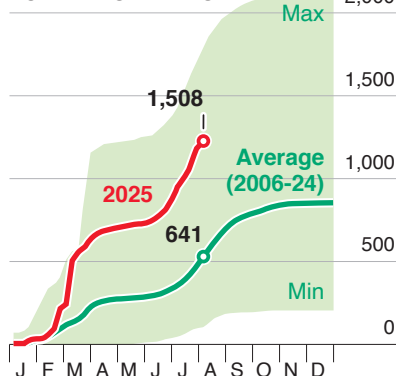


EUROPEAN UNION FOREST FIRES (cumulative)

BURNT AREAS (hectares, m) 1.0



NUMBER OF FIRES 2,000



France, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Romania – along with non-EU Turkey – are countries worst affected by wildfires this year so far