

Fire shuts highway between France and Spain

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Catalonian firefighters, pictured in August 2016, worked with French firefighters to control a blaze on the border between the two countries

A fire in northeastern Spain on the French border forced authorities to shut a highway linking the two countries for several hours on Saturday at

the height of a heatwave, firefighters said.

"We're working together with French firefighters on a fire at la Jonquera," they said on Twitter.

The firefighters in Catalonia said they were aided by six water-dropping planes and helicopters.

They added the blaze, which began around 5:30 pm (1530 GMT) according to French authorities, was quickly brought under control and by the evening, the [highway](#) was open again.

The fire comes as France experiences the summer's busiest day on the roads, as July holiday-makers return home and those who vacation in August depart.

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