



SITUATION

- Dry conditions have prevailed in western Norway in the past month; see the precipitation anomaly (by [NOAA](#)) in the inset map, with total rainfall/snowfall in the past month being 100 to 200mm lower than normal.
- Aided by the drought, at least three significant fires have started in the past 10 days in the area—in **Lærdalsøyri** on 18 January, in **Flatanger** on 28 January and in the island of **Frøya** on 29 January.
- The most recent fire, in **Frøya**, started near the village of Sistranda and expanded rapidly causing the **evacuation** of approx. 180 people from Sistranda and the area of Sandvik (Norwegian Civil Protection). Media ([NRK](#)) reported an expansion towards Dyrvik early on 30 January.
- Norwegian Civil Protection ([DSB](#)) reports that six helicopters and at least 150 personnel from the police, fire brigade, army, civil protection and Red Cross were operating on the site early on 30 January.
- According to fire personnel quoted in [media](#), at around noon (UTC) of 30 January the eastern front was under control and progress was good on the southern and western fronts.
- According to [media](#), the fire in **Flatanger** was put under control on 29 January after burning at least 90 buildings.

Coastlines, place names, roads: OpenStreetMap

