

Brazil: Brazil is suffering another terrible fire season, with Sao Paulo state, the Amazon and the Pantanal wetlands recording massive blazes. Flames have killed two people and smoke has disrupted traffic on a dozen highways, while the capital, São Paulo, is shrouded in a grey haze. Inhaling PM2.5 has been found to increase the risk of lung cancer, heart disease, stroke, diabetes and a range of other health problems. During August the level was a "dangerous" 246.4 micrograms per cubic meter, according to the IQAir monitoring company.