

Sydney, Australia, shrouded in smoke as wildfires rage



Sydney, November 23 (RHC)-- In Sydney, Australia, health officials are warning young and elderly residents and people with respiratory illness to stay indoors and avoid exercise, as a thick blanket of smoke from unprecedented wildfires settled over the city of 5 million people.

The out-of-control fires have raged for weeks as much of the continent is baked by a searing heat wave, with the city of Melbourne on Wednesday matching a November temperature record.

Highs in parts of New South Wales have topped 110 degrees Fahrenheit this week. More fires are raging in Victoria and Queensland states.

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