

Volcano in south Japan erupts, disrupting flights

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The observatory does not expect the [eruption](#) to increase in scale. Mount Aso, about 1,000 kilometers (625 miles) southwest of Tokyo on Kyushu island, is one of the world's largest. Earthquakes and other [seismic activity](#) stepped up in late August.

Eruptions by another volcano, Mount Ontake, in Nagano west of Tokyo killed more than 50 people in late September.



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