

Ecuador: Volcanic ash falls on dozens of towns

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The Geophysics Institute says clouds of gas and ash have risen as high as 2,500 meters (8200 feet) above the [crater](#), producing "a strong fall of dark gray ash" over some settlements.

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The 5,023-meter (16,480-foot) volcano is located about 140 kilometers (85 miles) south of the capital, Quito, and close to the tourist city of Banos.



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