

# Guatemala's Volcano of Fire emits another hot sediment flow

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Policemen carry human remains rescued from the Volcan de Fuego or "Volcano of Fire" eruption, in San Miguel Los Lotes, Guatemala, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guatemala's government suspended the search for the dead Thursday, saying wet weather and still-hot volcanic material were too dangerous for rescuers. Relatives and friends have been left in many cases to continue searching with their hands or the few tools at their disposal. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

Guatemala's Volcano of Fire released a flow of burning sediment and

rock Saturday, causing authorities to order new preventative evacuations almost a week after the initial eruption left at least 110 people dead and about 200 missing.

Guatemala's seismology and vulcanology institute said the new lahar—a flow of mud, debris, water and pyroclastic material—was fed by rains and tore down trees as it swept through ravines and gullies.

Later Saturday, a rise in the Panaleon river caused by the new outflow led authorities to evacuate 72 people from the community of Santa Lucia Cotzumalguapa.

Institute director Eddy Sanchez said the risks from the Volcano of Fire are not over even though its activity has been decreasing. He said the last time it erupted it took two and a half weeks for the [volcano](#) to return to normal.

Official search efforts for the missing were suspended for the third straight day Saturday amid dangerous conditions. But in places like San Miguel Los Lotes families and volunteers continued the search.

More than 4,000 people remained in shelters after last Sunday's eruption, where aid has begun arriving along with complaints about how it is being distributed.

Authorities in Guatemalan have already launched an investigation into the official response to the crises.

In Guatemala City, meanwhile, about 1,000 [people](#) blew whistles and carried torches and banners in a protest against the official handling of the tragedy.



A rescue worker, from the "Topos de Mexico" rescue group, comforts Damaris Toma, 24, who lost her 6-year-old daughter Emily in the Volcan de Fuego or "Volcano of Fire" eruption, in San Miguel Los Lotes, Guatemala, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guatemala's government suspended the search for the dead Thursday, saying wet weather and still-hot volcanic material were too dangerous for rescuers. Relatives and friends have been left in many cases to continue searching with their hands or the few tools at their disposal. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



Survivor volunteers search for their missing family members after the Volcan de Fuego or "Volcano of Fire" eruption, in San Miguel Los Lotes, Guatemala, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guatemala's government suspended the search for the dead Thursday, saying wet weather and still-hot volcanic material were too dangerous for rescuers. Relatives and friends have been left in many cases to continue searching with their hands or the few tools at their disposal. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)





Rescue workers from the "Topos de Mexico" rescue group search for missing persons from the Volcan de Fuego or "Volcano of Fire" eruption in the San Miguel Los Lotes, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guatemala's government suspended the search for the dead Thursday, saying wet weather and still-hot volcanic material were too dangerous for rescuers. Relatives and friends have been left in many cases to continue searching with their hands or the few tools at their disposal. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



Survivors of the Volcan de Fuego or "Volcano of Fire" eruption, embrace while searching for loved ones, in San Miguel Los Lotes, Guatemala, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guatemala's government suspended the search for the dead Thursday, saying wet weather and still-hot volcanic material were too dangerous for rescuers. Relatives and friends have been left in many cases to continue searching with their hands or the few tools at their disposal. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



Damaris Toma, 24, who lost her 6-year-old daughter Emily in the Volcan de Fuego or "Volcano of Fire" eruption, cries during her search in San Miguel Los Lotes, Guatemala, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guatemala's government suspended the search for the dead Thursday, saying wet weather and still-hot volcanic material were too dangerous for rescuers. Relatives and friends have been left in many cases to continue searching with their hands or the few tools at their disposal. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



Volunteers do rescue work after the eruption of the Volcan de Fuego or "Volcano of Fire", in San Miguel Los Lotes, Guatemala, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guatemala's government suspended the search for the dead Thursday, saying wet weather and still-hot volcanic material were too dangerous for rescuers. Relatives and friends have been left in many cases to continue searching with their hands or the few tools at their disposal. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)





A member of the "Topos de Mexico" rescue group searches for missing persons from Volcan de Fuego or "Volcano of Fire" eruption in the San Miguel Los Lotes, Guatemala, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guatemala's government suspended the search for the dead Thursday, saying wet weather and still-hot volcanic material were too dangerous for rescuers. Relatives and friends have been left in many cases to continue searching with their hands or the few tools at their disposal. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



Search volunteers of the Volcan de Fuego or "Volcano of Fire" eruption, eat lunch in San Miguel Los Lotes, Guatemala, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guatemala's government suspended the search for the dead Thursday, saying wet weather and still-hot volcanic material were too dangerous for rescuers. Relatives and friends have been left in many cases to continue searching with their hands or the few tools at their disposal. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

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