

Indonesia's Sinabung spews column of volcanic ash into sky

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Mount Sinabung releases volcanic materials during an eruption in Karo, North Sumatra, Indonesia, Friday, May 7, 2021. Sinabung is among more than 120 active volcanoes in Indonesia, which is prone to seismic upheaval due to its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines encircling the Pacific Basin. (AP Photo/Sastrawan Ginting)

Indonesia's rumbling Mount Sinabung erupted Friday, spewing a thick

column of volcanic ash 2.8 kilometers (1.7 miles) into the sky.

Villages near the volcano in North Sumatra province have been relocated after past eruptions, and there were no further evacuations or casualties from the new blast. People have been advised to stay 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) from the crater's mouth and to be aware of ashfall and avalanches of volcanic debris.

Activity at the [volcano](#) was increasing, with at least 15 smaller eruptions recorded in the past week, said Armen Putra, an official at the Sinabung monitoring post.

"The potential for eruption is still high. There will be more eruption in the near future," Putra said.

Sinabung is one of the most active volcanoes in Indonesia, and some 30,000 people have been forced to leave nearby homes in the past few years.

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Mount Sinabung releases volcanic materials during an eruption as seen from a school yard in Karo, North Sumatra, Indonesia, Friday, May 7, 2021. Sinabung is among more than 120 active volcanoes in Indonesia, which is prone to seismic upheaval due to its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines encircling the Pacific Basin. (AP Photo/Sastrawan Ginting)

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