

Indonesia's Sinabung Volcano spews high column of ash | Pics

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Activity at the volcano in North Sumatra province increased over the past week, with authorities recording 13 times when it released ash clouds.

People watch as Mount Sinabung spews volcanic material during an eruption in Karo, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

There have been no fresh evacuations due to the activity and no reports of disruptions to flights in the region.

The 2,600-metre (8,530-feet) Sinabung was dormant for four centuries before erupting in 2010, killing two people. Another eruption in 2014 killed 17 people, while seven died in a 2016 eruption.

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The volcano, one of two currently erupting in Indonesia, has sporadically come to life since then.

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Some 30,000 people have been forced to leave homes around Sinabung in the past few years.

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Sinabung is among more than 120 active volcanoes in Indonesia, which is located on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines encircling the Pacific Ocean.

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