

Giant Volcano in Mexico is erupting and authorities are warning people to stay away

Updated | The Mexican government has warned that a major eruption could be imminent at a large volcano called Popocatepetl, located near Mexico City. The volcano began erupting on Tuesday and currently its activity has been limited, but Mexico's center for disaster prevention acknowledged a more serious eruption could begin at any moment.

According to a statement released by the disaster center, which is responsible for monitoring volcanic eruptions, on January 31, the volcano produced at least three explosions and pumped out 160 emissions of ash, gas and steam. The agency asked people to stay at least 7.5 miles away from the volcano and particularly its crater. It also mentioned that if heavy rains begin, there will be a risk of mudslides and landslides.

The agency issued a so-called yellow alert, which means people should prepare for a possible evacuation, although no such order is in place right now. The statement adds that the agency expected to see low and intermediate activity continue, possibly causing small amounts of ash to fall nearby.

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