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By [P Gosselin](#) on 5. November 2010



Der Spiegel reports on the growling-ever-louder Indonesian Merapi volcano in an article titled: [Geologists Warning of Mega-Eruption of Merapi](#). Hat-tip to reader Ike.

The Merapi eruptions are becoming more violent – and the big bang could be just ahead. The Indonesian volcano has been spewing 800°C ash clouds for days.



Merapi in 2005 (Wikipedia)

History shows, however, that volcanoes in Indonesia have a worrisome potential for catastrophic eruptions. Nature cannot be controlled. It can only be coped with.

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Mojo Elvis

5. November 2010 at 20:46 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

This could be the tipping point that the Web Bots have predicted.

I think that IF THIS VOLCANO goes off between November 8th and 14th, it will be the tipping point to trigger the new ice age and climate change in a global perspective.

YOU HEARD IT HERE... danger time is the 8th through the 14th



Dave

6. November 2010 at 23:12 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Really?

I'll sleep well the 8th thru the 14th thank you very much...

(dude, get a life!)



2.

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3.

[diana](#)

5. November 2010 at 21:49 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

That is so scary. I think people should put their partying aside and think of the bigger picture. How ,if possible to survive such a disaster, if one should want to. I mean, what kind of life would there be for humanity in the aftermath, should we have a disaster like in 1815?



1.

amicus curiae

6. November 2010 at 15:17 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Diana,

think about it..life continued just fine ..or we wouldnt BE here.

there were some lousy years of cold and low food availability, some people died.
the planet and life spins on.



1.

Dave

6. November 2010 at 23:16 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Diane,

Oddly enough, life would be like, say, 1815.



4.

Casper

5. November 2010 at 23:37 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

I'd also keep an eye on Icelandic volcanoes:

http://iceagenow.com/Islandsk_vulkan_er_sprunget_1%C3%A6k.htm



5.

TinyCO2

6. November 2010 at 00:02 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

The SO2 plume is a fair size already.

http://satepsanone.nesdis.noaa.gov/pub/OMI/OMISO2/images/OMI_ME_SO2_DDC2.GIF



6.

Dave

6. November 2010 at 02:18 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Sure leaves one with sobering thoughts!

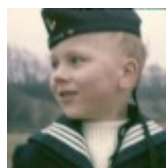


7.

Sjarief - Jakarta

6. November 2010 at 06:37 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Mt. Anak Krakatau in Sunda strait Indonesia is now at yellow code alert, more small eruptions occurred daily



8.

Bernd Felsche

6. November 2010 at 06:57 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

The main-stream media has been waiting for exactly this sort of thing:
The name of a volcano that they can pronounce.



9.

jim

6. November 2010 at 08:01 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

It sure would piss off a lot of those Global Warming folks if an eruption whipped out enough dust to cause a mini-ice age.. Those green weenie Brits would be saying ... "burn more

coal”..



10.

R. de Haan

6. November 2010 at 09:34 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Let’s put some perspective on the “Der Spiegel” article.

1. Many active volcano’s in the world have a big lava caldera’s but that doesn’t mean it is all going to be ejected. Think Mount Etna for example.

2. Merapi, just like Etna is active all the time allowing for regular pressure releases and vent clearing. Even the current emission is only small compared to the Pinatuba Eruption (est. 1/250 0.5 cubic km of ejecta).

3. I think a VEI V is the maximum level to get and that’s a disaster for the locals but a slight inconvenience on a global perspective.

Tambora was the result of a long period of “pressure cooking” and when it erupted there hadn’t been any previous volcanic activity.

Krakatau with two big eruptions (AD 546 and 1883) only went nuclear because sea water entered the caldera.

I don’t say a really big VEI 7 or 8 eruption won’t happen in our times.
It could happen any day.

I just think it is not going to be Merapi.



1.

DanW

6. November 2010 at 19:56 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

@R. de Haan:

Your “perspective” is right on the money.



2.

Dave

6. November 2010 at 23:19 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

...and you know this just from thinking??



11.

*Edward.*6. November 2010 at 10:09 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

It could be a large eruption, it might not.....

All the wasted billions on a scientific fiction, where something that urgently in need of major funding, ie, seismology, vulcanology is a (relatively) Cinderella discipline – why?

Madness, Indonesia at sometime in the future will have another ‘Tambora’, when is the question not if, I hope it is not Merapi but soon enough....it will happen, there are so many to choose from.

Or will it be Katla or who knows, what I do know is that, we need to spend more money researching this and related phenomena.



12.

[Indonésie: le volcan Merapi est entré en éruption\(mise à jour\) « Realinfos](#)

6. November 2010 at 10:12 | [Permalink](#)

[...] <http://notrickszone.com/2010/11/05/der-spiegel-geologists-warn-mega-eruption/> [...]



13.

*Sjarief - Jakarta*6. November 2010 at 12:35 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Don't forget we have mt. Toba in North Sumatera province of Indonesia.

Mt. Toba is catagorized as super volcano just like the Yellowstone in the U.S. and fortunately still asleep till now.

The authority has been monitoring this super volcano for quite some time and so far no significant seismic activities. It's not dead yet and could wake up at any time in future.

Mt. Toba past explosion caused catastrophic events on earth (Wikipedia).

The lake, Toba Lake, is very famous as tourists destination.



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*P Gosselin*6. November 2010 at 17:41 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Fortunately, such events are seldom when viewed with respect to human lifetimes. But you never know! Be happy for every day.

14.

*R. de Haan*6. November 2010 at 14:15 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Just another quake, just another volcano waking up.
And it happened today.

<http://www.mysin Chew.com/node/47651>

For real time quake coverage:

<http://www.iris.edu/dms/seismon.htm>

For volcanic activity:

<http://www.volcano.si.edu/>

<http://www.volcanolive.com/news.html>

<http://volcanism.wordpress.com/>

<http://bigthink.com/blogs/eruptions/>

For Iceland:

<http://www.jonfr.com/volcano/>

15.

*Dan*6. November 2010 at 14:52 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Another Iceland volcano may be about to erupt... VOLCANOES- EARTH’S PULSE FELT AT HOT SPOTS (Discovery, Sep 22, 2010) .. Enigmatic volcanic hot spots around the world might be pulsating together... National Geographic (November 19, 2008): “MYSTERIOUS ASTROPHYSICAL OBJECT that’s bombarding Earth with cosmic rays”... Whole Harbor collapses into the sea in Porto Chibatao. Brazil. November 2, 2010:

<http://cristiannegureanu.blogspot.com/2010/11/planet-x-hercolubus-approaching-news.html>

1.

*DirkH*6. November 2010 at 18:54 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

It looks like Porto Chibatão already collapsed on October 18th, 2010:

<http://portalamazonia.globo.com/pscript/noticias/noticias.php?idN=113367>

No English or German language reports anywhere in the news.

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*DirkH*6. November 2010 at 19:24 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Oh, found a report in German, one has to search for "Manaus". Reported on the first of November, with video.

<http://www.bild.de/BILD/news/leserreporter/bild-internet-scout/2010/11/01/internet-scout-des-tages/fluss.html>

16.

*Ike*6. November 2010 at 23:32 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

media bias...Professor Horst-Joachim Lüdecke

http://www.oberpfalznetz.de/owz/2557164-132-kuehl_dank_pudelmuetzen_effekt,1,0.html#entryfields

17.

*Greycoat*7. November 2010 at 02:49 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

This is George Bush's fault!

18.

*desta*7. November 2010 at 05:59 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

just pray for my country....

19.

*dw*7. November 2010 at 06:44 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

If it weren't so sad, it would be laughable. All you folks worried about volcanic eruption, when you should be worried about an magnetic reversal. That's when the real fun begins. Ice

ages are just the beginning.



20.

R. de Haan

7. November 2010 at 08:35 | [Permalink](#) | [Reply](#)

Please read this paper <http://www.geo.umass.edu/faculty/bradley/bradley1992b.pdf>.

It's about the Dust Veil Index and analysis 500 volcanic eruptions from the past. Really, there is no need for any panic. The Dust Veil Index was much higher in the recent past than it is today and you know what? Most people survived, otherwise we wouldn't be here.

So stop panicking and scare mongering and simply enjoy the show. Volcanic eruptions are part of life, just like storms and lightning.

There is a strong indication that periods of low solar activity coincide with periods of higher seismic and volcanic activity. See: <http://www.jupitersdance.com/>

I think it is safe to say that the current cooling event will be enhanced by a rising Dust Veil Index due to an increase in volcanic activity.

It will end the Global Warming scare for good.

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