

## MT AGUNG ACTIVITY REPORT

Date: 01-01-2018 from Gaia-Oasis Tejakula.

### \*SITUATION AT GAIA-OASIS\*

After a hiatus of several days, Mt Agung greeted the New Year with a fresh eruption.

Last night between 18:00 – 24:00 WITA, white-grey smoke, medium pressure, thick intensity, heights 700 – 1500 meters was observed.

An eruption occurred with fresh volcanic ash at 1/1/2018 at 22:40 WITA.

As a result, ashfall occurred in 5 villages at Desa Badeg, Yeha, Temukus, Besakih and Muncan.

No details are yet available, but the eruption did not last long and produced a small ash column only.

The last eruption prior to yesterday was on 24 December.

In the period between Christmas and New Year, the volcano continued to experience volcanic gusts and earth tremors.

Thick fog has reduced visibility and wind is largely running South and East.

The Darwin Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre (VAAC) notes volcanic ash at Flight Level 2000 meters moving South-South West.

They add that volcanic ash has now dissipated below discernible levels on Satellite Imagery and is expected to have dissipated.

As no other information sources indicate the presence of ash, the advisory is terminated.

Bali Airport is normal and Banyuwangi Airport is ready and on standby.

Aviation notice (VONA) today is unchanged since 24 December 2017, at ORANGE.

As at 6pm on 31 December 2017, there are 70,967 refugees spread in 240 centres in Bali.

There is some confusion, with the vice-governor declaring Besakih Temple open for tourists, although it is only 7kms away from the volcanic crater.

Most of Bali has chosen to celebrate the New Year fairly quietly in solidarity with the refugees.

Tejakula declared a Day of Prayer, holding a special prayer in its main temple instead of having New Year festivities.

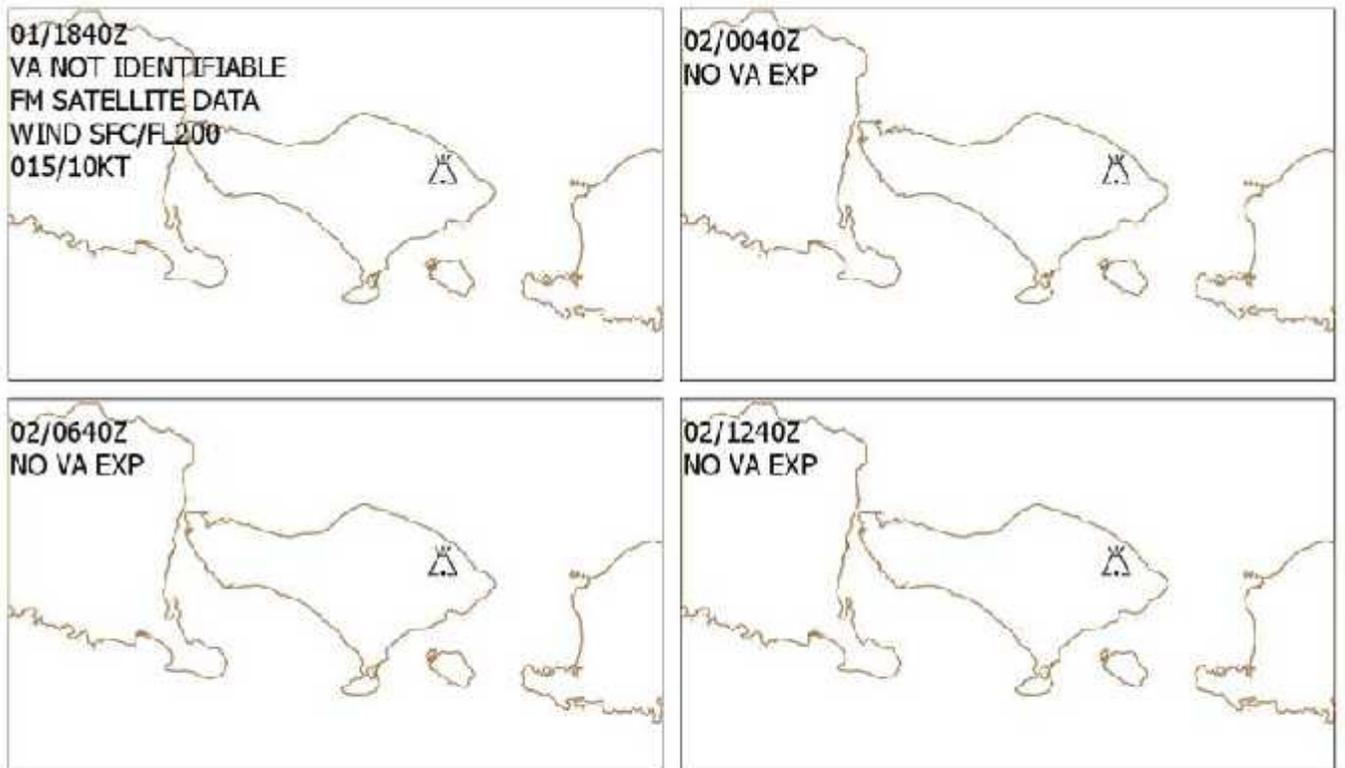
Although in an eruptive phase, Mt Agung has been gentle so far with largely effusive eruptions; however we note the potential for an explosive eruption remains.

We pray that whatever happens will lead to greater good and balance in the world;

*Om Santih Santih Santih Om*

Blessings & peace,

Yen and the Gaia Team



VOLCANIC ASH ADVISORY			
DTG:	N 13010 / 1840Z	ADVISORY NR:	2018K
VAAC:	DARWIN	INFO SOURCE:	MBNAMARTS. VO. CAT
VULCATO:	AGUNG 2540Z	AVIA ICH COLOUR CODE:	ORANGE
PSH:	54821 212539	ERUPTION DETAILS:	VA OBS TO FL229 MOV SSW
AREA:	INDONESIA	RMK:	VA HAS NOW DROPPED BELOW DISCERNIBLE LEVELS ON SAT IMAGERY AND IS EXPECTED TO HAVE DISSIPATED. NO OTHER INFORMATION
SUBMT:	3142M		SOURCES INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF ASH. ADVISORY TERMINATED.
ELEV:		10T ADVISORY:	NO FURTHER ADVISORIES.