



UPDATE ON MOUNT AGUNG 23 January 2019

Dear Guests,

Mt Agung erupted early this morning at 03:18 local time.

The ash column height was not observed. PVMBG issued a Volcanic Eruption Notice that indicated the eruption measured amplitude 22 mm on the seismogram and lasted for 1 minutes and 56 seconds.

The video attached came from the ORARI station in Amlapura. Some residents high on the slopes reported the smell of Sulphur. Any ash column was obscured by heavy clouds, but the communities directly east of the crater reported ash on the ground this morning. Very heavy rains fell around the mountain yesterday afternoon with some trees down.

Windy.com's say surface winds today are blowing to the east, at 3,000 meters they are to the east-northeast, and at 5,500 meters they are to the east

The coastal communities experienced a super king tide last night with high waves, and many, many fishing boats have been damaged or destroyed – they are still counting. Two people were reported with broken bones. The area from Amed to Tulamben seems to have been the hardest hit. Another high tide is expected tonight.

The VAAC in Darwin again notes Agung as active but does not identify any ash in the atmosphere (likely washed out by the rain).

Flight radar 24 shows normal flight activity to/from DPS and we don't heard of any cancelations or delays. Gunung Agung remains at warning Level III (siaga) with a 4 km exclusion zone around the crater.

Om Shanti Shanti Shanti Om

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