22 December 2014: Indonesia – Volcano and Severe weather





SITUATION

Severe Weather

- Heavy rainfall over the past few days has caused floods and river overflows on the island of Java. In Bogor district, 92mm of rain were recorded in 24h on 21 December.
- As of 21 December, approximately 15 000 homes have been flooded in a number of districts in Bandung regency, West Java, and over 4 000 people had to evacuate their places, according to authorities quoted in local media. In East Java, houses in 16 villages were also inundated and hundreds of people had to evacuate, while in Central Java floods were reported in the local media, but no evacuations had to take place.

✓ Volcano GAMALAMA

- Gamalama volcano, located on the island of Ternate, North Maluku province, erupted on 18 December, 22.41 local time, sending ash up to 2km into the air.
- As of 19 December, BNPB reports five climbers hospitalised, while a 2.5mm thick ash layer was measured in the village of Maliaro, at a distance of 6.5km from the peak of the volcano. The Sultan Badullah airport in Ternate closed temporarily, due to low visibility, on 19 December.
- The area at a radius of 2.5km around the peak of Gamalama is inaccessible and the aviation colour code over the volcano is Orange, as of 22 December.

Sources: Indonesian Geological Agency (1, 2), Darwin VAAC, EPA, BNPB, WMO, Media (1, 2), Local media (1, 2)

