

### 1 CHILE – Volcanic eruption

- The Villarrica volcano, located in southern Chile (Region of La Araucanía), erupted in the early hours of 3 March, at around 3.00 (local time), spewing ash and lava. According to media, at least 3 385 people had been evacuated as a preventive measure and a red alert was declared by the authorities.
- As of early 4 March (according to national authorities), 200 people were in shelters in Villarrica, 300 in Pucón and 21 people in Panguipulli. As of the same time, the red alert was still valid only for a 10km radius zone around the volcano, while outside this area the alert level was lowered to yellow.
- Last major eruption of Villarrica volcano occurred in 1984-1985.

Sources: ECHO, [ONEMI](#), SERNAGEOMIN ([1,2,3](#)), [Disaster Charter](#), [Smithsonian](#), Media ([1,2](#))

### 2 BRAZIL – Floods

- Floods have been affecting the State of Acre in north-western Brazil since the last week of February, due to the overflow of river Acre on the border with Peru and Bolivia.
- As of 3 March, local authorities report floods in 53 districts, with over 24 000 affected buildings. In the state capital, Rio Branco, 29 shelters have opened to host nearly 7 500 evacuees, while the level of the river continues increasing inside the city.
- In the next 48 h moderate rainfall may still affect the eastern areas of the state of Acre.

Sources: [Disaster Charter](#), [INMET](#), [NOAA](#), Gov. Media ([1,2](#))



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