

Indonesia's Mount Merapi erupts

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Recently Indonesia's Mount Merapi, located in central Java, erupted. The mountain's last major eruption was in 2010.



Key highlights about Mount Merapi

- **The etymology of the name came from Meru-Api; from the ancient classical language of India Sanskrit and Javanese combined words; Meru means "mountain", refers to mountain of Gods in Hinduism, and api means "fire".**
- **It is an active strato volcano located on the border between Central Java and Special Region of Yogyakarta provinces, Indonesia.**
- **It is the most active volcano in Indonesia and has erupted regularly since 1548**
- **Merapi is the youngest in a group of volcanoes in southern Java.**
- **It is situated at a subduction zone, where the Indo-Australian Plate is subducting under the Sunda Plate.**
- **It is one of at least 129 active volcanoes in Indonesia, part of the volcano is located in the Southeastern part of the Pacific Ring of Fire—a section of fault lines stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia.**