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LA SOUFRIERE BULLETIN, DECEMBER 31, 2020 10.00 AM

1. There has been no explosive eruption of the La Soufriere Volcano overnight. La Soufriere continues to have effusive eruptions and magma continues to reach the surface at high temperatures. When the magma interacts with the surface temperature, especially at mornings when the air is cool, it appears as steam which can then be seen above the crater. Similar activities may continue for weeks or months.

2. The group of Scientists from the Seismic Research Centre, University of the West Indies St. Augustine Campus led by Vincentian Professor Richard Robertson has departed Port of Spain for St Vincent on board the Regional Security System (RSS) Aircraft. The Scientists will do a fly over of the La Soufriere Volcano for a first-hand view of activities there, before landing at the AIA.

3. Alert level remains at Orange. Persons living in areas close to the volcano which include communities from Fancy to Georgetown and Belle Isle to Richmond are asked to remain alert and listen to all advisories from the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO).

4. The National Emergency Management Organisation is reminding the public that no evacuation order or notice has been issued.

5. NEMO is also appealing to the public to desist from visiting the La Soufriere Volcano until the scientists advise that it is safe to do so.

6. NEMO will continue to provide regular updates on all activities taking place at La Soufriere.

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