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INDONESIA: MOUNT KELUD VOLCANO

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 185 countries.

In Brief

This Bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the situation and the information available at this time. The Federation is not seeking funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time.

The Situation

On Tuesday, 16 October 2007, the team from the Volcanology and Geological Hazard Management Centre of Bandung, West Java who have been observing the Mount Kelud volcano in Blitar raised an alert for possible volcanic eruption to the maximum level. Mount Kelud stands at 1,731 metres high and is located 90 km southwest of Indonesia's second largest city, Surabaya, in the East Java province. The local government has ordered the evacuation of more than 100,000 people from within a ten-kilometre radius at the foot of the volcano.

[<click here for a map of the area>](#)

Several collection centres and meeting points have been established by the local government and military, which provide essential items such as food, blankets, tents and medical aid to the people who have been internally displaced at this time. The national coordination board for disaster management (BAKORNAS) initially reported that more than 22,000 people were evacuated. However, other reports also indicate that many people have returned to their homes in spite of the warnings.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The East Java chapter of the Indonesian Red Cross Society (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) is coordinating the activities of three branches: Kediri, Blitar and Malang. All three branches have deployed Satgana (*satuan tugas penanggulangan bencana*/disaster response unit) members and volunteers to support the local government's efforts in evacuation and food distribution to the internally displaced persons (IDP).

Upon the request of the governor, the PMI headquarters has been on stand-by with a 40-bed field hospital, which will be dispatched, if and when the eruption occurs. A total of 65,000 masks have also been shipped to East Java, 15,000 of which have already been distributed.

PMI is currently formulating a plan of action which includes the possible distribution of hygiene kits, tarpaulins and drinking water facilities. The PMI's central warehouse in Surabaya has already made a quick assessment of potential suppliers for the purchase of food items, should the need arise.

The Federation country delegation is working closely with PMI, and will continue to monitor the situation. The delegation is also in contact with the Southeast Asia regional delegation in Bangkok, and the Asia Pacific disaster management unit (APDMU) in Kuala Lumpur as well as external partners in Indonesia such as ECHO, USAID and AusAID.

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How we work

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The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation's activities are aligned with under a Global Agenda, which sets out **four broad goals** to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

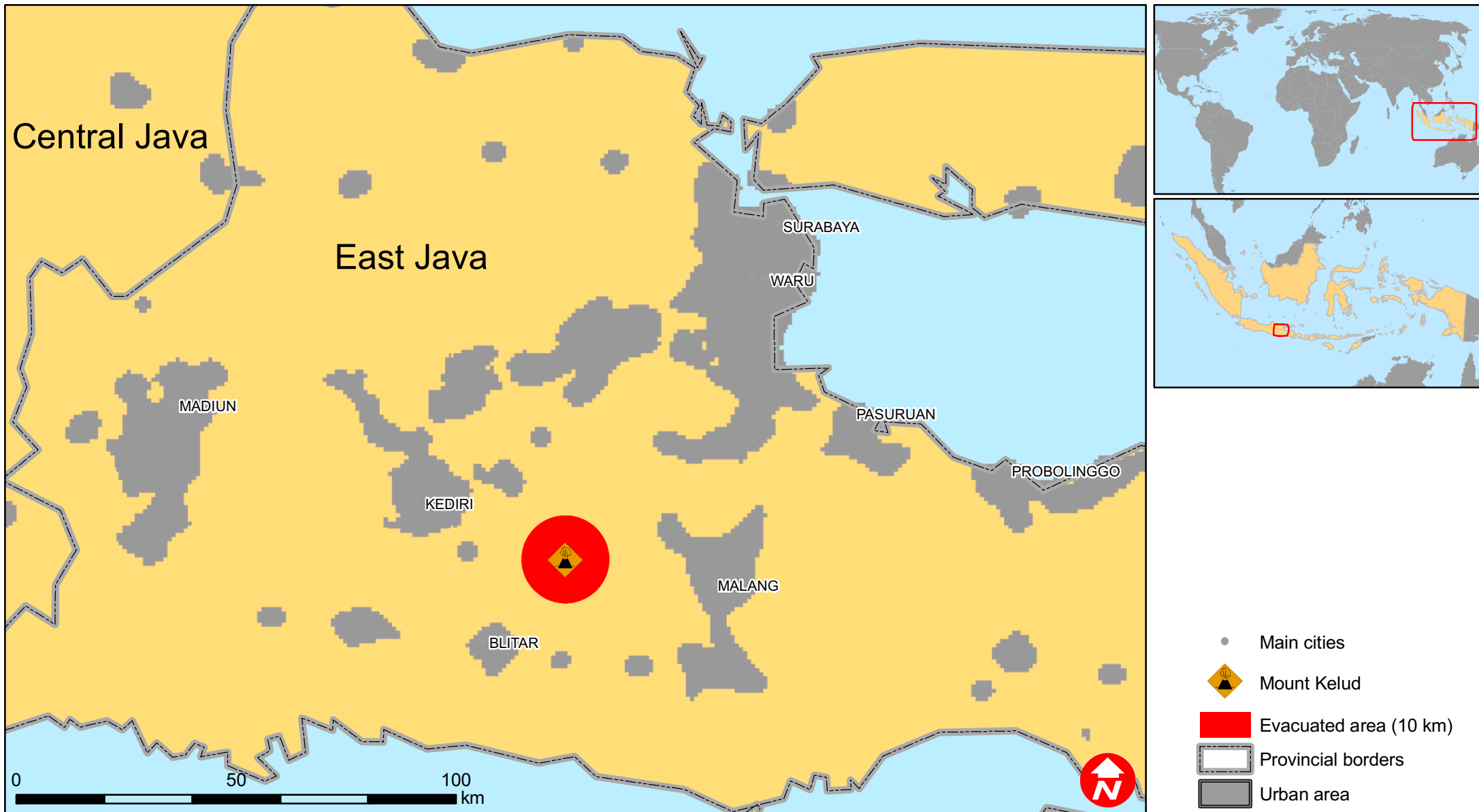
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Indonesia: Volcano - Mount Kelud



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