

# Japanese, Russian, Indonesian Volcanoes Erupt ... 5 Japanese Nuclear Reactors In Danger ... 1 Is Leaking and May Melt Down...

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Volcanoes have reportedly erupted in [Japan](#), [Indonesia](#), and [Kamchatka Russia](#) today, presumably due to the massive Japanese earthquake. There have been no reports of damage from the eruptions.

In addition, there are problems at three Japanese nuclear power plants.

The Fukushima plant is leaking radiation, and a nuclear expert says that [things are getting worse, and "Fukushima has 24 hours to avoid a core meltdown scenario"](#).

MSNBC [reports](#):

"The situation is still several stages away from Three Mile Island when the reactor container ceased to function as it should," said Tomoko Murakami, leader of the nuclear energy group at Japan's Institute of Energy Economics

Two other Japanese nuclear reactors are now in trouble as well.

As MSNBC [notes](#):

Coolant systems failed at three quake-stricken Japanese nuclear reactors Saturday, sending radiation seeping outside one and temperatures rising out of control at two others.

Radiation surged to around 1,000 times the normal level in the control room of the No. 1 reactor of the Fukushima Daichi plant, Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency said. Radiation — it was not clear how much — had also seeped outside, prompting widening of an evacuation area to a six-mile radius from a two-mile radius around the plant. Earlier, 3,000 people had been urged to leave their homes.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. said Saturday that the temperatures of its No.1 and No.2 reactors at its Fukushima Daini nuclear power station were rising, and it had lost control over pressure in the reactors.

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About an hour after the plant shut down, however, the emergency diesel

generators stopped, leaving the units with no power for important cooling functions.

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Hours after the evacuation order, the government announced that the plant will release slightly radioactive vapor from the unit to lower the pressure in an effort to protect it from a possible meltdown.

And see [this](#).

Good luck to the Japanese scientists bravely trying to avert catastrophe. As MSNBC [notes](#):

Japan has a “tremendous amount of technical capability and resources” to respond to the issue ....

UPDATE: It is now up to [5 nuclear reactors](#).

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