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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

POTENTIAL DANGER IN THE RED AND ORANGE ZONES DUE TO MUD FLOWS WITHIN RIVER SYSTEM.

According to information received from the Scientists at the Belmont Volcano Observatory, there were lahar flows within the river system in the Red and Orange Volcano Hazard Zones from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. today. Lahars are dense mixture of ash and water. This usually occurs during heavy rain which creates mudflow that destroys everything in its path as it rushes down the volcano's slopes faster than a river.

The lahars can pose a danger to persons visiting the Red and Orange Zones. As a result of this, the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force will be restricting person travelling into the Red and Orange Hazard Zones.

According to the forecast received from the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Meteorological Services, occasional showers are expected to continue during the course of the day and from late Wednesday into the end of the week. Residents and motorists should remain alert due to rain-soaked ash and possible poor visibility due to volcanic ash.

The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) is also urging persons to desist from visiting the Red and Orange Volcano Hazard Zones due to the potential danger.

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