La Soufrière volcano, located in the northern Saint Vincent Island (21 km north of Kingstown) started an explosive eruption on 9 April at 12:40 UTC, with an ash plume up to 8km high.

Ash fall has been recorded at the Argyle International Airport. As per NEMO’s official information, all persons in the red volcano hazard zone are asked to evacuate immediately.

Towns labelled in red were being evacuated prior to the eruption. Since the eruption started, all people living in zones red and orange have been requested to evacuate.

The ERCC has activated the Copernicus Emergency Management Service, and is monitoring the situation.

72-HOURS OUTLOOK

Gentle to moderate (15–25 km/h) winds are across the islands, with directions varying from east south-easterly to east north-easterly and becoming light (near 10 km/h) at times.

Source: Meteo VC

Table: Historical eruptions

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Source: NOAA-NCEI, AGU

Map: Pyroclastic flow/surge hazard zones

Zone 1: Very high
Zone 2: High
Zone 3: Moderate
Zone 4: Low

Source: NEMO

Map: Integrated volcanic hazard zones

Shelters
Main health facility
Roads
Rivers
Administrative division
Built-up

Source: JRC-GHSL