Mayon Volcano Bulletin
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During the past three days, the summit crater of Mayon has exhibited incandescence corresponding to the presence of magma near the surface. This incandescence was first observed emanating from the sides of the lava pile on 18 February and subsequently, near the tip or crest of the said pile on the night of 20 February 2000. The likely explanation is that magma ascent is fast enough not only to push aside the lava accumulation but also to intrude the uppermost level of the lava pile. Such crater glow, when considered in combination with the slight swelling of the volcano edifice, the high peak readings in Sulfur Dioxide (SO_2) emission rates, and apparent growth of the lava pile by intrusion of magma in the crater area, strongly suggest that an eruption is now **possible within weeks.** PHIVOLCS reiterates that the existing six (6) kilometer Permanent Danger Zone around the volcano and the seven (7) kilometer Extended Danger Zone in the southeast quadrant should be off-limits to human habitation. Note that no additional evacuation of areas around the volcano is presently recommended until further notice.

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