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0830 H

At 0826H, another explosion type earthquake was recorded by the seismographs at Anoling, Sta. Misericordia and Mayon Resthouse Observatory. The summit was obscured but at 0829H, pyroclastic flow was observed to descend downslope towards the Bonga Gully located at the southeast slope of the volcano with run out distance up to distal end of the Bonga fan. Exact extent of deposition could not yet be determined due to hampered visual observation at the Lignon Hill Observaotry due to presence of line of trees at the distal end.

As such, we are now raising the current unrest of Mayon Volcano to Alert Level 5 which means hazardous eruption in progress. Occurrence of pyroclastic flows may continue and expected to sweep down along well-incised gullies and channels especially the Bonga Gully. We are also recommending extension of danger zone to 8 km along the SE sector of Mayon Volcano. Likewise, ashfall occurrences mainly at places west, southwest and northwest of the crater, are expected due to extensive and tall eruption columns and elutriation clouds. Aircraft and airport authorities must impose extreme caution to avoid direct ash cloud encounters.

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