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Mayon Volcano Update
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Mayon Volcano's (13.2576°N, 123.6856°E) seismic network recorded a total of six (6) volcanic earthquakes during the past 24 hours. Weak to moderate emission of white steam clouds from the summit crater was observed to drift towards north-northeast, northeast and southwest. Faint crater glow (intensity I) was observed almost the whole night.

These manifestations still indicate that Mayon Volcano is undergoing an episode of increased activity probably related to magma intrusion. Although no major eruption is imminent, sudden steam and ash explosions may occur.

Alert Level 1 remains hoisted over Mayon Volcano. The public is reminded that the 7-km Extended Danger Zone (EDZ) at the southeastern flank of the volcano and the 6-km radius Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ) at other areas remain off-limits due to the continuing threat from sudden explosions and rockfalls from the upper slopes. Active river channels and those areas perennially identified as lahar-prone around the volcano should be avoided when there is heavy and prolonged rainfall.

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