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Hawaii braces for worse lava flows from erupting volcano

PAHOA, Hawaii (Reuters) - More destructive lava flows could soon hit Hawaii's Big Island as the Kilauea volcano erupts, posing a greater threat than oozing magma that has so far destroyed dozens of homes and forced thousands to evacuate, scientists said.

As a lava lake at Kilauea's summit drains inside the volcano, magma is running underground. It could burst to the surface as large, fast-moving and intensely hot lava flows and produce higher levels of toxic gases, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory scientist-in-charge Tina Neal said.

"What will take a turn for the worse in terms of hazard is if hotter, fresher magma makes it to the surface, and that could be what is coming," Neal told a conference call on Friday.

"Once a new batch of hotter, gassier magma makes it to the surface we might see larger, higher eruption rates."

Fifteen large cracks or fissures have opened on the eastern flank of Kilauea since the volcano erupted eight days ago. The volcanic vents have oozed relatively cool, sluggish magma left over from a similar event in 1955. Fresher magma could now emerge behind it.

In addition, Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes, threatens to begin a series of explosive eruptions within days or weeks that could form huge clouds of volcanic smog, or vog, and hurl boulders as big as small cars.

Geologists expect new lava outbreaks in or around the hard-hit Leilani Estates area in the southeastern Puna district, about 20 miles (32 km) south of Hilo, where 27 homes have been destroyed and all 1,900 residents have been evacuated.

Local residents got a text message alert at 11 a.m. on Friday warning them they could have little or no time to evacuate in the event of future eruptions.

"We are telling people to plan for the worst. They should have a Plan A, a Plan B and a Plan C," said Roann Okomura, a county official who is helping run one of the shelters set up for evacuees.



Lieutenant Aaron Hew Lew, of the Hawaii National Guard, measures levels of toxic sulfur dioxide gas near a lava flow in the Leilani Estates subdivision during ongoing eruptions of the Kilauea Volcano



Lava and downed power lines block a road in the Leilani Estates subdivision during ongoing eruptions of the Kilauea Volcano



A USGHV0 scientist measures the width of cracks in the road from the aftermath of Kilauea volcano in Hawaii

"I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE"

Ron Peters, 59, knew it was time to leave his home in the Opihikao community, 2.6 miles from Leilani Estates, when fruit trees and other vegetation began to die in the rotten-egg-smelling clouds of sulfur-dioxide gas.

"When you start seeing ferns go brown overnight, it's like, 'Wow, I gotta get out of here,'" said Peters, sitting at a Red Cross evacuation center at a sports center in nearby Pahoa.

His wife refused to leave and stayed to care for their dogs and chickens. He went back for her on Thursday, fearing she and the animals would be dead. One of the dogs was having trouble moving but his wife was still alive. He set his chickens free.

"The gas fumes were just too much," he said, sitting at a baseball diamond with his dogs tied beside him.

While locals contend with lava and gas on the ground, explosions at Kilauea's summit some 25 miles (40 km) to the west were dusting communities with ash that irritated eyes and breathing.

South of Leilani Estates, in the Kalapana-Seaview neighborhood, residents are on high alert as the air quality is low and there are very few ways out of the area if an evacuation is ordered.

"There are some pretty level-headed, balanced people here who are trying to lead normal lives. But we also don't want to be stupid," said Cindy Hartman, 68, who lives in the Kalapana-Seaview neighborhood.

Volcanic smog may be blowing hundreds of miles from Kilauea, with people on the streets of state capital Honolulu, around 210 miles (340 km) northwest on the island of Oahu, complaining it was "very vogy" on Friday.

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Is Ford’s F-150 pickup truck supply problem a threat to a Texas

By Mark Collette

The nation’s best-selling pickup, the one that branded itself in the lore of the 850,000-acre King Ranch, that has conquered those thorny mesquite plains of South Texas, the wild mountains of the Big Bend, and the concrete canyons of Houston - has, for the moment, run out of gas. Ford has a little more than two months of inventory on the F-150, after a fire at a magnesium parts plant in the Midwest prompted it to shut down all production of the vehicle and scale back production of larger F-series models. It’s not clear when Ford can restart two assembly lines that make the F-150, but analysts and dealers seem confident that Ford will find a way. Its truck line makes up 10 percent of all U.S. auto production. But if the shutdown lingers, what’s a Texan to do? The state sells more pickups than any other; Houston more than any market. When legions of bass fishermen showed up during Hurricane Harvey to lend a hand with their boats, odds were good that any given vessel was towed by a Ford. “In terms of Texas culture, I don’t think it’s a big deal short term, but if it’s a sustained problem it will be an issue,” said W.F. Strong, communications professor at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and Texas raconteur. Ford Suspends Production of America’s Best-Selling Vehicle A supplier facility fire on May 2 has caused Ford to run out of essential parts. The company will be temporarily shutting down production of F-150 trucks in Dearborn, Michigan For more than 40 years, the F-150 has outsold all other vehicles in the country. According to an analysis by Morgan Stanley, the F-150 truck franchise alone is worth more than the entire Ford company. “Our goal is to get production up and running as soon as possible,” said spokesperson Mark Truby. “This is a fluid situation, but we are working closely with our supplier partners to do everything we can to limit the impact on our production,” said Joe Hinrichs, Ford’s president of global operations in a statement. Ford maintains an 84-day inventory of their trucks which should prohibit any near-term shortages. He’ll be ordering the F-150 black King Ranch edition, with leather and wood trim. He’s waiting for the new model year. At this point his biggest concern isn’t that they’ll run out, but that customizations could be limited. “I think for about 100 years we Texans were judged by our horses on their size and strength, and now we’re judged

by our trucks,” said Strong, author of the forthcoming “Stories from Texas: Some of Them Are True,” including an ode to Harvey’s bass boat heroes. “It was a stroke of marketing genius, 15 years ago, when Ford wrapped their truck in the manly ethos of the King Ranch brand,” he muses in one of his essays. “Every leather seat within the truck is emblazoned with the King Ranch Running W cattle brand. Macho sublimity.” Ford’s F-150 lists for as little as \$27,700 to more than \$70,000 for a fully decked-out Platinum model. Measured in horsepower, they are vestiges of a frontier lifestyle to which Texans cling, even though we may never take them off road, Strong said. “Houston and Dallas people are still living the dream of the ranch.” That dream isn’t likely to be interrupted, said Frank Pierce, general manager of Sterling McCall Ford in Houston. His dealership has an unusually high inventory of F-150s because of a soon-to-be-completed remodel, and all signals from the company point to a supply rebound. They haven’t backed off buyer incentives, he said. “I think we’re just going to go hard until there’s an actual problem,” Pierce said. “I don’t know that it’s actually going to go that far.” If it did, “it would mean a lot to a lot of people,” he said. “The F-150 is the staple of everything we do.” There’s little danger of customers defecting to another brand, said Michelle Krebs, senior analyst at AutoTrader. The loyalty rate for full-size pickups is the highest in the industry at about 70 percent, she said. For those who do shop around, Ford’s troubles come as its main competitors come out with new or redesigned products, including the Dodge Ram 1500, Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra.



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Fatima Paola Pizarro, her sister and fellow Mexicans who live in Mexico, return after meeting with their relatives, who live in the U.S., during the Hugs Not Walls event on the border between Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and El Paso, U.S.



A demonstrators holds a national flag during protest against Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega’s government in Monimbo



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Lenetta Murray eats lunch at a Mother’s Day event for homeless and poor families at the Fred Jordan Mission, in Los Angeles



Czech Republic’s Mikolas Josef performs “Lie to Me” during the Grand Final of Eurovision Song Contest 2018 at the Altice Arena hall in Lisbon, Portugal, May 12, 2018. REUTERS/ Pedro Nunes



Grand Final of Eurovision Song Contest 2018 in Lisbon



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The Education Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston and Mandarin Studies & Culture Center of Ming Chuan University are excited to offer a 2018 Family Mandarin Camp in Taiwan! Designed to promote Chinese-language learning, this summer camp offers elementary and middle school students in the Southern USA a chance to learn in a fun and effective way. In addition to language instruction, families can enjoy a range of cultural activities fit for everyone. Parents and kids can improve their language skills and embrace Taiwanese culture together in a relaxing and friendly environment.

Overview

Camp Information:

- 1.Duration: June 3 - June 10, 2018 (7-Night stay)
- 2.Location: Mandarin Studies & Culture Center of Ming Chuan University, Taiwan
- 3.Eligibility: Students ages 7-14 from the service area of the Education Division of TECO in Houston. (Arkansas,

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Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas)

4.Rate: USD 800 (per person), including ground transportation to/ from Taoyuan International Airport (TPE), 7-night double occupancy room, 2-meal during weekdays (breakfast and lunch), 15-hour Mandarin Classes divided into Children and Adult. A total of 5-cultural field trips will be arranged during weekday afternoon.

5.Lodge: MCU Jihe Hotel, 7F-8F, No.130, Jihe Rd., Shihlin District, Taipei City,

Taiwan.
6.Calendar:

	08:30~ 09:00	09:00~ 12:00	12:00~ 14:00	14:00~ 16:00	16:00~ 18:00	18:00~ 20:00	20:00~ 22:00
Jun. 3 Sun	Airport pickup	Free Time					
Jun. 4 Mon	Breakfast	Mandarin Classes Adult/Children	Lunch	Taipei 101		Free Time	
Jun. 5 Tue	Breakfast	Mandarin Classes Adult/Children	Lunch	Yingge Ceramics or Sanxia Blue Dyeing Workshop		Free Time	
Jun. 6 Wen	Breakfast	Mandarin Classes Adult/Children	Lunch	National Palace Museum		Free Time	
Jun. 7 Thu	Breakfast	Mandarin Classes Adult/Children	Lunch	Pineapple Cake DIY Workshop		Free Time	
Jun. 8 Fri	Breakfast	Mandarin Classes Adult/Children	Lunch	Tamsui Old Street		Free Time	
Jun. 9 Sat	Breakfast	Free Time					
Jun. 10 Sun	Breakfast	Free Time				Airport Drop off	

- 7. Application Deadline: April 30, 2018
- 8. Application Package:
 - (1)Application form with photo (per person)
 - (2) Check of USD 800 (per person) for camp fee (flight ticket not included), please make payable to Education Division, TECO in Houston
 - (3) Flight information
- 9.Please submit the application package to:
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Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston
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10. Information will be sent to applicants by email upon acceptance into the program. If you have not received any notification by May 20, 2018, please contact us at houlcul@houstoncul.org.

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May 14 (UPI) -- After pulling the United States out of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, U.S. President Donald Trump said Wednesday his administration plans to put strong sanctions on Iran “very soon.”

“We have terminated a terrible, terrible deal that should have never, ever been made,” he said. “And we will be putting on among the strongest sanctions that we’ve ever put on a country.”

Trump told reporters about the plan about 24 hours after officially withdrawing from the Obama-era agreement, calling it “defective at its core.”

The president, saying the new sanctions are mostly drawn up, explained that he couldn’t allow the agreement to continue to “hurt the world.”

“That’s not a deal for the United States. That’s a deal to hurt the world and, certainly, Israel.”

Trump added the deal was “one-sided” and “not appropriate,” and that he’s waiting to see how Iran will respond -- but he expects resistance at first.



Iranians shout during a protest Wednesday in front of the former U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran. (Photo/UPI)

“Probably, we won’t do very well with them, but that’s okay,” he said. “They’ve got to understand life, because I don’t think they do understand life.”

“But they’ll negotiate, or something will happen. And hopefully that won’t be the case.”

Angered by Trump’s decision to pull out, Iranian lawmakers said Wednesday the move could lead to the resurrection

“They’ll negotiate, or something will happen,”
President Donald Trump said about Iran on Wednesday

Trump: Iran May Get ‘Strongest Sanctions Ever’ From The U.S.

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Iranians burn U.S. flags during a protest Wednesday in front of the former U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran. (Photo/UPI)

of Tehran’s nuclear program.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said he hoped European countries, China and Russia can work without the United States to preserve the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. But he warned it’s possible Iran could once again start its nuclear program.

“If you want to have a deal, we need practical guarantees otherwise they will do the same as the U.S.,” Rouhani said.

“If they can’t give definitive guarantees, it won’t be possible to continue.”

Other Iranian lawmakers responded to Trump by shouting “death to America,” and setting fire to U.S. flags.

Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani said Trump might lack the “mental capacity” to understand the Obama-era deal.

“Under the current situation, Iran has no commitment whatsoever to be put in a position it was in the past as regards the nuclear issue,” Larijani added. “I am not sure whether the European signatories of the deal will fulfill their promises.”

As part of withdrawing from the pact, Trump said the United States will impose “the highest level of economic sanctions” on Iran, including punishment for any country that aids in its nuclear program.

The multilateral agreement was brokered in July 2015 by former President Barack Obama’s administration, China, Russia, Germany, France, Britain and the European Union -- all of whom expressed disappointment at Trump’s



Iranians burn U.S. flags Wednesday during a protest in front of the former U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran. (Photo/UPI)

move to withdraw.

“The international reach of U.S. sanctions makes the U.S. the economic policeman of the planet, and that is not acceptable,” French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said Wednesday in an interview on France Culture radio.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said the deal is “not dead,” despite Trump’s move.

In his speech Tuesday, Trump did leave the door open to continue working with Tehran and finding a better agreement to benefit both nations. Wednesday, he said there would be “severe consequences” if Tehran restarted the program.

If the deal could be saved, it’s not yet clear which government will fill the void left by the United States’ departure.



Iranians shout during a protest Wednesday in front of the former U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran. (Photo/UPI)

“China is the country most likely to fill the shoes of the U.S.,” analyst Alex Vatanka, a senior fellow at the Middle East Institute, told Business Insider. “It might not be a bad move for China to speak up and present themselves as the one actor that can come in -- together with the Europeans and the Russians -- to fill the vacuum left by the U.S.”

Later Wednesday, Saudi Arabia said it might develop its own nuclear weapon if Iran revives its program.

Saudi Arabia “will do whatever it takes to protect [its] people,” Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir told CNN. (Courtesy <https://www.upi.com/>)

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