

## Grímsvötn volcano

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**Based on:** IMO seismic monitoring; IES-IMO GPS monitoring; IMO hydrological data; weather radar; ash-fall reports; scientific overflights; UK Met Office ATDnet; MODIS and NOAA satellite images.

### Eruption plume:

**Height (a.s.l.):** Plume not detected on radar at 70 km distance from the eruption site.. Minor steam explosion observed in the crater.

**Heading:** --

**Colour:** --

**Tephra fallout:** Only in the vicinity of the eruption site.

**Lightning:** No lightning strikes detected.

**Noise:** No noise.

**Meltwater:** Visual observations of Grímsvötn show that little ice has melted during the eruption, meaning that an outburst flood (jökulhlaup) is not to be expected. Long-term conductivity measurements of Gígjukvísl suggest that meltwater is draining freely from Grímsvötn following a jökulhlaup from the lake last autumn.

### Conditions at eruption site:

Ongoing gas-explosions in a crater towards the south in the volcano, according to an overflight yesterday at 19 hrs.

**Seismic tremor:** Seismic tremor at similar levels since yesterday but fluctuates frequently. Tremor bursts recorded at seismic stations up to 200 km distance from the volcano.

**Earthquakes:** No earthquakes were recorded in the volcano.

**GPS deformation:** No significant displacement observed at the GPS-station at Mt. Grímsfjall yesterday.

**Overall assessment:** Very little changes since yesterday. Explosions continue, only affecting the area around the crater.