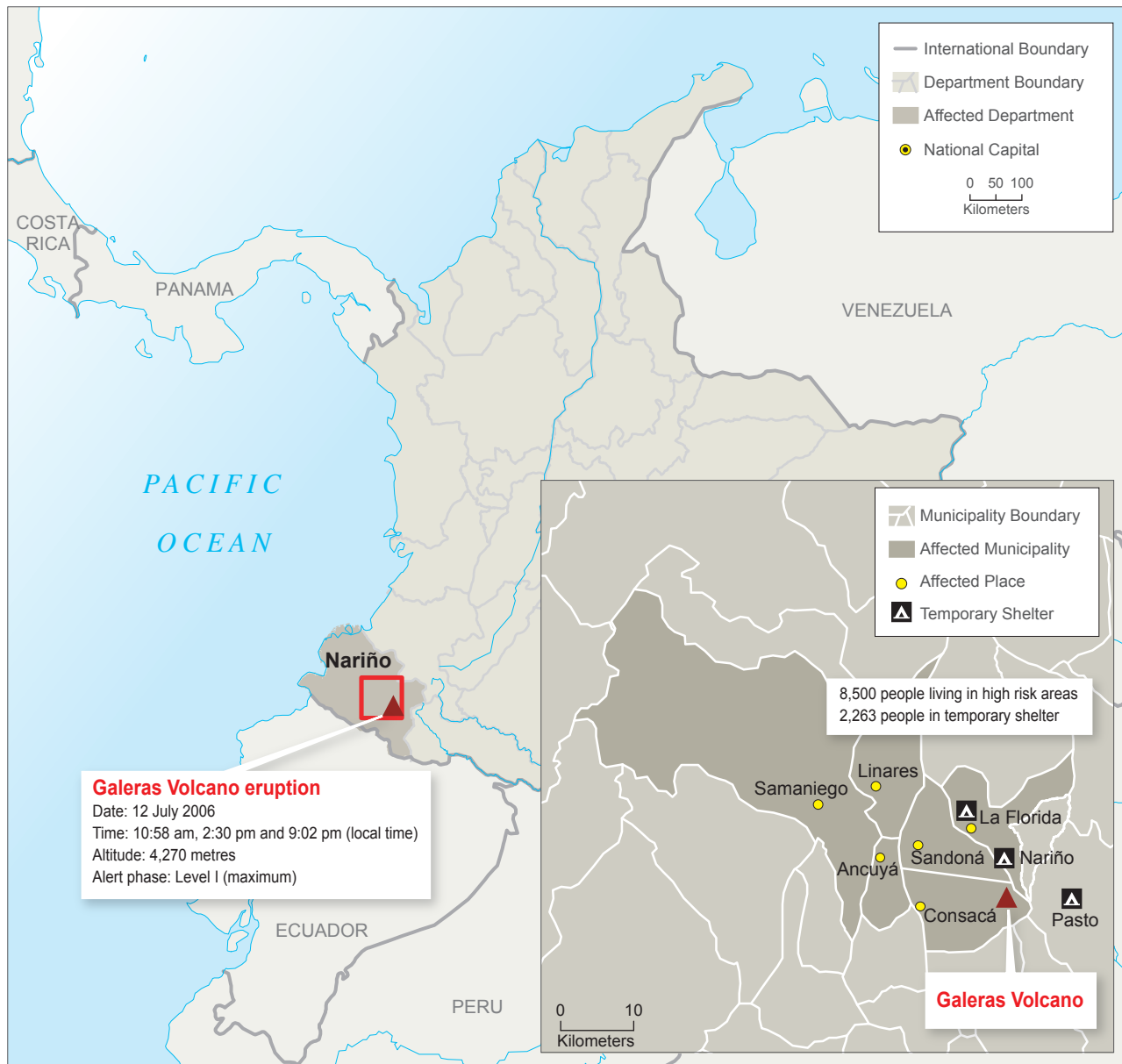


# Colombia: Galeras volcano

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"On 12 July 2006 the Colombian Institute of Geology and Mining (INGEOMINAS) declared Alert Level I (Eruption Imminent or in Course) for Galeras Volcano."

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## SITUATION

The volcano erupted at 10:58 am (local time) on 12 July 2006, with emission of rock fragments and volcanic gases and vapour extending over 8km. Ashes spread towards communities located between 10 and 30km from the main crater. Immediate evacuation of 8,500 people to 12 temporary shelters ordered. Unclear whether eruption represents end of volcanic activity or precursor of larger eruption.

## ACTION

### National response:

Regional contingency plans activated by: Civil Defense, National Police, Health institutions in Department of Nariño (in cooperation with Ministry of Public Welfare); and Colombian Red Cross. Technical meeting to be held in Municipality of Pasto with local authorities. Water distribution intakes closed to avoid drinking water contamination.

### International response:

UN Humanitarian Coordinator in contact with national and regional authorities and ready to provide assistance. WHO, IOM, WFP, UN Department of Safety and Security, OCHA, and French Red Cross, and OXFAM providing technical assistance on the ground.

Datum: WGS84.

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