

# *Cuba expressed solidarity with St. Vincent, suffering from a volcano eruption*

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Havana, April 9 (RHC)—Cuban authorities conveyed their solidarity to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, a sister Caribbean nation suffering from the volcano La Soufriere's eruption.

On Twitter, Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla said he had called the Prime Minister of St. Vincent and The Grenadines, Ralph Gonsalves, to offer Cuba's collaboration to the extent of its possibilities face of the eruption of the La Soufrière volcano.

"Cuba has collaborated with the Saint Vincent authorities for the early and timely evacuation of our collaborators," he added.

The Foreign Minister added that Cuba would continue monitoring the situation and expressed its solidarity with this brother country.

According to the Monitoring agency for earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis in Eastern Caribbean, at 8:41 in the morning of this Friday, an explosive eruption began at La Soufriere volcano in St. Vincent.

The eruption followed mandatory evacuation orders issued Thursday as officials began to move people who live near La Soufriere volcano, planning to soon place them aboard cruise ships, send them to nearby islands or take them to shelters elsewhere in St. Vincent that are outside the danger zone.

Roughly 16,000 people live in the red zone and need to be evacuated, Erouscilla Joseph, director of the University of the West Indies Seismic Research Center, told The Associated Press.

The volcano last erupted on April 13, 1979, and a previous eruption in 1902 killed some 1,600 people.

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