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MEDIA ADVISORY

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LAUNCH OF ACTIVITIES TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAST EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION OF THE LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO APRIL, 2021

- TO:** All Editors
- WHO:** The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) requests coverage for the following event:
- WHAT:** **Launch of activities to commemorate the anniversary of the last explosive eruption of the La Soufrière volcano, April 2021**
- WHERE:** **National Trust Building, Kingstown**
- WHEN:** **Monday 4th April, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**
- SPEAKERS:** Feature address - Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, Legal Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Grenadines Affairs and Energy - Hon. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves
- Welcome Remarks – Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security etc. – Mr. Hudson Nedd
 - Remarks – Representative - University of the West Indies Seismic Centre – Geologist, Professor Richard Roberson
 - Vote of Thanks - Director, National Emergency Management Organisation – Ms. Michelle Forbes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The 9th of April, 2022 will mark one year since the last explosive eruption of the La Soufrière volcano. The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) in collaboration with the University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre (UWI SRC) and the University of East Anglia will launch one month of activities to commemorate the anniversary and to continue to raise awareness of the risk and science associated with the La Soufrière volcano.

The month of activities will include a number of photo exhibitions and film caravans in the communities in the red, orange, yellow and green volcano hazard zones, Round Table Talks with Ministers of Government in key ministries that were actively involved in coordinating the response following the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano, lectures with the students at the tertiary level institutions and other activities which targets primary and secondary schools. NEMO Staff, Sub-Committees members and volunteers will also attend thanks giving services at various churches on the weekend of the 9th and 10th of April, 2022.

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