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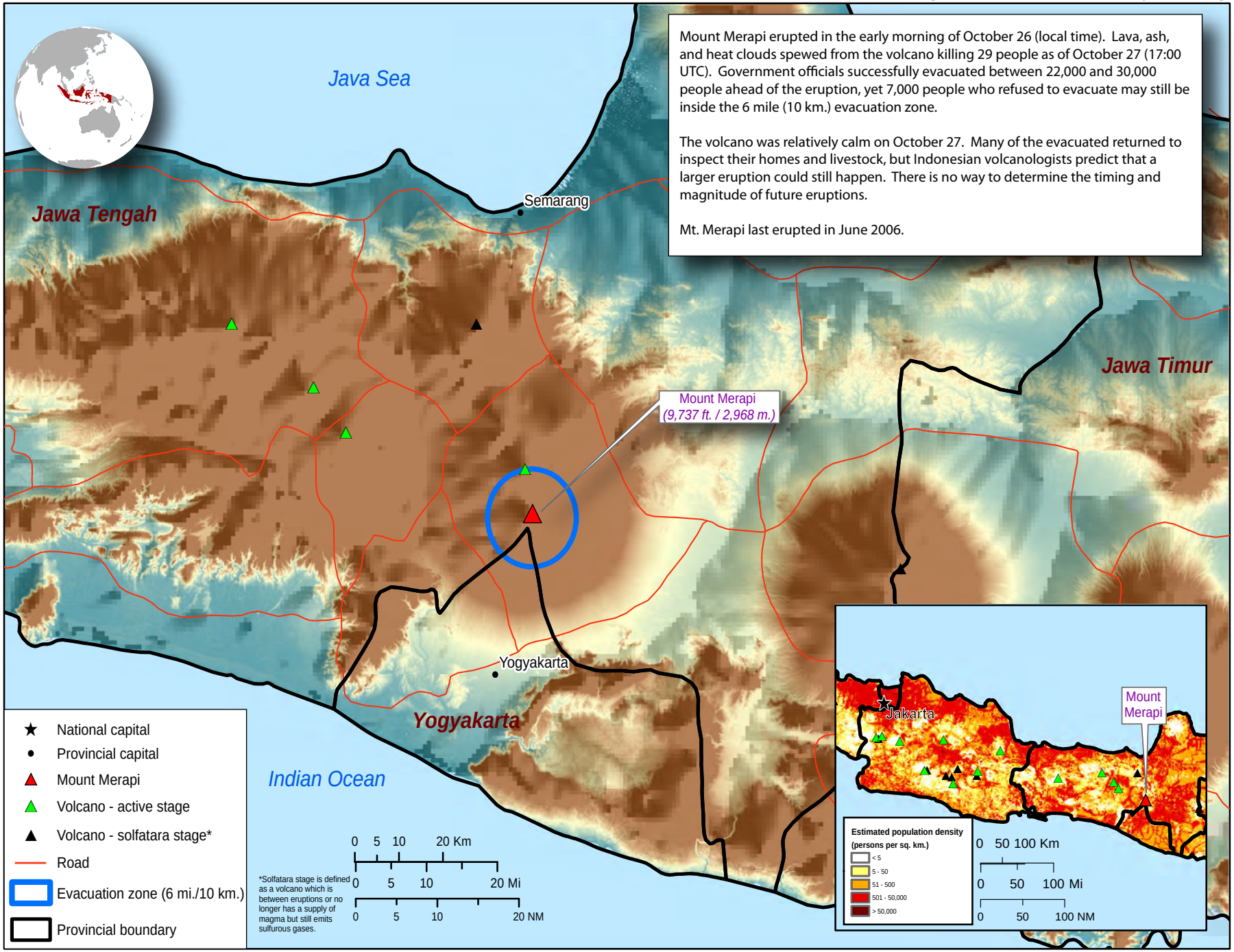
Indonesia: Volcanic Eruptions at Mount Merapi Leads to Evacuations (As of October 27, 2010)



Mount Merapi erupted in the early morning of October 26 (local time). Lava, ash, and heat clouds spewed from the volcano killing 29 people as of October 27 (17:00 UTC). Government officials successfully evacuated between 22,000 and 30,000 people ahead of the eruption, yet 7,000 people who refused to evacuate may still be inside the 6 mile (10 km.) evacuation zone.

The volcano was relatively calm on October 27. Many of the evacuated returned to inspect their homes and livestock, but Indonesian volcanologists predict that a larger eruption could still happen. There is no way to determine the timing and magnitude of future eruptions.

Mt. Merapi last erupted in June 2006.

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Sources: USG; Smithsonian Institution; The Jakarta Globe; BBC; NY Times; ReliefWeb