

SYNOPSIS



Life on a Volcano

Leben auf dem Vulkan

In the wake of the international financial crisis, Iceland was the first European country to teeter on the brink of national insolvency at the end of 2008. The country's three largest banks collapsed, and the government was brought down by the people's «cooking pot revolution». In the meantime, the economy has started to grow again, and the International Monetary Fund attests to Iceland's remarkable progress. The country owes its comeback not only to financial help from other countries, but also to a rigorous programme of savings. The political system has been renewed by unconventional means. Ordinary citizens are tasked with giving the country a new constitution and in the capital city, Reykjavik, a humour-based party is in charge. The dispute over the repayment of billions-worth of British and Dutch savings deposits may not yet be over, but the people are again looking to the future with confidence.

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