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A strong optical activity of the OJ287 blazar

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We have continued monitoring the blazar OJ287 in the optical at several sites after its November/December, 2015 outburst. After a further large outburst that started in the beginning of February, 2016 (Atels #8667, #8697, #8705) OJ287 remained brighter than 14th magnitude [in R] for the rest of the month. A peak was reached in mid February, followed by a gradual decline until almost the end of the month. On Feb 28th a new large flare occurred and the brightness of OJ287 increased from about 14.04 mag to 13.46 in the R filter within a single day. After a short standstill, the blazar continued to rise to 13.11 mag (R), close to the peak of the December outburst. The most recent measurement taken with the SKYNET R-COP telescope in Perth, Australia, indicates that the target is fading. At 13UT on March 3rd, its brightness has decreased to R=13.21. Further multiwavelength coverage is encouraged

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