



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

The 6.1-magnitude earthquake affected Provinces of Banten and West Java on 23 January 2018. The epicentre was located at sea, 43 km south of Lebak Regency in Banten Province. However, no tsunami warning was issued. Based on initial assessment, there were one injury, hundreds of damaged houses as well as damages on health facilities, schools and mosques across several municipalities in the two provinces. The national authority as well as the AHA Centre were assessing the situation.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Jan 23). *Banten & West Java Earthquake (M6.1) Indonesia Flash Update No. 01.*

Philippines

As of 28 January 2018, the alert level 4 for Mayon Volcano eruption was still effective and 89,109 people of 22,885 families were affected in Albay Province of Bicol Region. A total of 69,290 persons were being served inside evacuation centres. There were no reports

of deaths, injuries as well as damages on properties and houses. Damages on rice of Albay Province stood at 160.5 million peso (3.2 million USD). Volcanic activities caused flight cancellations, transportation disruptions and class suspensions, also. Albay Province has been declared under the state of calamity since 16 January 2018. The cost of assistance from related units for the affected families was totally worth 54.6 million peso (1.1 million USD).

* 1 USD = 50.89 peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Jan 28). *SitRep No. 19 re Mayon Volcano Eruption.*

Singapore

Flash flood occurred at Seletar North Link on Punggol Barat Island in the evening of 30 January 2018 based on the Public Utilities Board. This was caused by the overflow from the storm exceeding the capacity of the drainage. However, flash flood already subsided and the country was still experiencing the northeastern monsoon season until March 2018.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Jan 30). *Singapore, Flash Flood in Seletar North.*

Thailand

From 29 January to 4 February 2018, Thailand will be affected by a variable climate consisting of heavy rain and subsequent cold weather due to the high-pressure area from P.R. China. The southern part of the country will also experience heavy rain and high tides from the northeastern monsoon covering the Gulf of Thailand.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Jan 26). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

Viet Nam

The World Bank has launched a disaster recovery project in some central provinces of Viet Nam. The project has been implemented from 2017 to 2021 in Ha Tinh, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen and Ninh Thuan with a total investment of 118 million USD to build infrastructure and to raise awareness in coping with natural disasters, benefiting around 5.1 million people. The project has been approved by the Prime Minister and is being considered to put into medium term investment plans of central and localities by the National Assembly.

Source: The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (2018, Jan 29). *Investing in resilience and overcoming consequences of natural disasters.*

P.R. China

On 30 January 2018, the national observatory maintained its blue alert after a cold front hit central and eastern parts of the country. The blue alert is the lowest level of weather severity. According to the National Meteorological Centre, temperatures are expected to remain near freezing in many southern provinces whereas cities such as Changsa, Nanjing and Shanghai saw their temperatures dropped below zero degrees Celsius. People were advised to take precautions against the cold weather and icy roads.

Source: Xinhua (2018, Jan 30). *China on blue alert as cold wave hits central and eastern China.*

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