



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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### Indonesia

**Road links cut and fuel prices rose after flash floods in Sigi.** The effect followed flash floods in south Dolo sub-district of Sigi regency, Central Sulawesi on 28 April 2019. Hundreds of survivors are faced a hard time to get basic necessities, including fuel, while their mobility was hampered by damaged roads, leaving some districts isolated. Due to damaged access road to four districts of Sigi: Kulawi, Kulawi Selatan, Lindu and Pipikoro, the price of gasoline as of 2 May 2019 in Kalawi, one of four isolated districts, reached to Rp 15,000 per bottle from usual price at Rp 10,000 in Sigi.

**Source:** The Jakarta Post. (2019, May 3). *Road link cut, fuel prices rise after flash floods in Sigi.*

### Philippines

**The Philippines hit by the earthquakes twice in one day.** An earthquake of 5.5 magnitude at depth of 12 kilometers struck Occidental Mindoro province on 4 May 2019 at 9:05 a.m. (local time). However, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the tremor will not cause any damage but aftershocks are expected.

Later, on the same day, the 5.8-magnitude earthquake rattled Ilocos Norte in the northern Philippines. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the quake hit at depth of 8 kilometers and about 11 kilometers at northwest of Pagudpud town in Ilocos Norte. According to the institute, also said the tremor, which was tectonic in origin, did not cause any damage. However, aftershocks could possibly occur.

**Source:** Xinhua (2019, May 4). *Magnitude-5.5 earthquake rattles Occidental Mindoro.* Xinhua (2019, May 6). *Magnitude-5.8 earthquake rattles Ilocos Norte in northern Philippines*

**Agricultural damage due to prolonged drought hit 154 million USD.** According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the prolonged drought brought by El Nino phenomenon caused agricultural damage to reach almost 154 million U.S. dollars. A total of 247,610 farmers from northern to southern Philippines have been affected so far by the dry spell in the past three months. Regarding the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Service Administration, several provinces in the countries were expected to experience dry spell from March to May or June.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2019, May 3). *Agricultural damage due to prolonged drought in Philippines hits 154 mln USD.*

### Thailand

**Summer Storm in Nakhon Ratchasima.** On 6 May 2019, the summer storm rapidly stuck Thailand's northeast province Nakhon Ratchasima. The storm-driven wind destroyed the Global House, one of province's famous malls, causing a collapse of car park canopy and damaging the vehicles. Still, there was no injury reported

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2019, May 7). *Global House assessing damage from storm in Korat.*

## China

**4.5-magnitude quake hit Sichuan.** An earthquake of 4.5 magnitude struck Lushan county, Ya'an, of southwest China's Sichuan province on Thursday 2 May 2019, according to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC). The epicenter was monitored at 30.43 degrees north latitude and 103.01 degrees east longitude. The quake struck at a depth of 14 kilometers.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2019, May 02). *4.5-magnitude quake hit Sichuan (CENC)*

## Japan

**Small volcanic eruption observed at Mt. Aso in southwest Japan.** Followed the previous eruption occurred on 16 and 19 April, there was another small volcanic eruption happened at Mt. Aso on 3 May 2019 at 3:40 p.m. (local time). The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said smoke and ash billowed from the crater reaching as high as 1,600 meters. The weather agency has maintained its alert level for Mt. Aso at 2 and peaks at 5 on its scale.

The 5.8-magnitude earthquake struck off the eastern coast of Hokkaido on 5 May 2019 at 1:40 a.m. (local time). According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the epicenter of the quake was 59 kilometers below the surface in the sea off the coastal city of Nemuro, Northern island of Hokkaido. No signal of tsunami warning was issued after the quake.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2019, May 3). *Small volcanic eruption observed at Mt. Aso in southwest Japan.* Japan Today. (2019, May 5). *M5.8 quake strikes off northeast Japan; no tsunami warning*

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