



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

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### **Indonesia**

**Floods have hit many parts of Indonesia since 6 March 2019.** According to the Information and Statistics Agency, the floods occurred in 30 subdistricts in North and West Jakarta. The flood level reached almost 80 centimeters after heavy rains.

In North Jakarta, 28 neighborhood units were flooded, while the water inundated 115 neighborhood units in West Jakarta.

The West Jakarta Health Agency advised residents to be careful of leptospirosis that could infect people.

Meanwhile, torrential rain caused floods of almost 3 meters in some areas of Java. More than 22,000 families in 10 districts of Bandung regency, West Java were affected by the floods, and one person died.

Baleendah district was the worst hit by the floods and more than 5,000 families were affected. Meanwhile, there were 3,005 families affected in Dayeuhkolot.

**Source:** The Jakarta Post. (2019, Mar 6). *Floods hit 143 Jakarta neighborhood units*; The Jakarta Post; (2019, Mar 7). *Thousands surrounded by floods across Java*.

**The Mount Merapi volcano has increased volcanic activity.** The volcano spewed hot ash twice on Thursday morning, 7 March 2019.

The first eruption occurred at 7:44 a.m. (local time). It reached 1,200 meters in height and lasted 121 seconds, while the second one came at 10:17 a.m. (local time), reaching 1,000 meters in height and lasting 97 seconds.

The Geological Disaster Technology Research and Development Center (BPPTKG) advised residents and tourists to steer clear of a 3-kilometer radius of the peak of the mountain to avoid any possible danger.

**Source:** The Jakarta Post. (2019, Mar 7). *Mount Merapi spews hot ash*.

**Intensive rainfall within a week caused floods and landslides in villages across the Flores island.** On 8 March 2019, two people were killed following a landslide in Roe village, West Manggarai regency, while at least eight are missing.

Landslides also destroyed a bridge, three houses and several vehicles in the impacted areas. Mobile phone communication in the affected areas was severely disrupted.

Meanwhile, four people were killed and four others are still missing due to a landslide hit Kampung Culu in Tondong Belang subdistrict, Mbeliling district, Labuan Bajo, West Manggarai regency, East Nusa Tenggara (NTT).

The landslide, taken place during 7 and 8 March 2019, also cut off the access road connecting West Manggarai to all other regencies in the central and eastern parts of Flores Island.

**Source:** The Jakarta Post. (2019, Mar 8). *Landslides kill two people, disrupt road access on Flores Island*; The Jakarta Post. (2019, Mar 10). *Four dead, four others missing in Labuan Bajo landslide*.

### **Philippines**

**Water supply was cut in some areas in the Philippines' capital region due to El**

**Nino conditions.** Some areas of Metro Manila suffered from cutting a water supply as providers limited their delivery amid a dry season caused by El Nino conditions.

According to Manila Water Co. and Maynilad Water Services Inc., the same conditions will be experienced in the cities of Makati, Marikina and Pasig.

State regulator Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System has asked consumers to use water wisely amid the El Nino conditions, which may continue until June.

**Source:** Bloomberg. (2019, Mar 8). *Water supply cut in Manila on El Nino dry spell.*

## **Thailand**

**Severe droughts are predicted for this year.** According to the Meteorological Department, summer, which officially began on 21 February 2019, is predicted to be hotter by 1 – 2 degree Celsius and last longer than last year.

There could be less rainfall to maintain irrigation and consumption, raising concerns about a critical water shortage in some parts of Thailand.

If there is no significant amount of rainfall to boost levels in the reservoirs or dam, the drought could last longer than last year, hitting major crops due for harvest in the next few months.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2019, Mar 11). *Drought threatens major crop harvests.*

## **Japan**

**An earthquake of 5.9 magnitude struck off the east shore of Japan's Fukushima Prefecture.** According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, the temblor occurred around 2:11 a.m. (local time) on 11 March 2019 at a depth of 10 kilometers.

Thirteen minutes later, the second quake struck the same location with a magnitude of 5.1.

However, there was no report of damage.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2019, Mar 11). *5.9-magnitude quake strikes off Japan's Fukushima Prefecture.*

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