



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

On 7 April 2019, heavy rains and strong winds hit several areas in Cambodia.

The rains were accompanied by strong winds damaged more than 80 houses in the provinces of Battambang, Banteay Meanchey and Pursat, and caused the death of one woman.

Authorities took immediate action to help people repair their houses and also gave some donations to those affected.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Hun Sen warned residents to be careful of the occasional rains and strong winds during the dry season.

Source: Khmer Times. (2019, Apr 9). One dead, dozens of homes damaged in storms.

Indonesia

The Mount Agung volcano in Bali erupted by spewing out volcanic ash.

On 4 April 2019, the volcano spewed a massive column of smoke and ash 2,000 meters high.

According to the Center for Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation (PVMBG), the volcano's alert level was maintained at 3 which peaks at level 4.

The latest eruption of the volcano, occurred at 1:31 a.m. (local time), caused panic among residents.

The PVMBG warned everyone to steer clear of the danger zone. Especially, local residents living along the rivers at the foot of the volcano have also been warned to watch for a possible lava flow that could come on rainy days.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, Apr 4). Mount Agung erupts, spewing out 2,000-meter high column of ash.

A 6.1-magnitude earthquake struck Nusa Tenggara province in central Indonesia on 7 April 2019. The quake hit at 4:54 a.m. (local time) with the epicenter at 148 kilometers, at a depth of 573 kilometers under the sea floor.

However, neither tsunami warning nor casualties were reported.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Apr 7). 6.1-magnitude quake strikes off central Indonesia, no tsunami alert issued.

Philippines

An earthquake of 4.8 magnitudes hit Davao Occidental province. The quake was recorded at 9:57 p.m. (local time) on 6 April 2019.

The epicenter was traced to 26 kilometers Southeast of Sarangani and the tremor was at a depth of 209 kilometers.

Earlier the same day, a 4.0-magnitude earthquake was registered at 5:09 p.m. (local time). Its epicenter was at 180 kilometers Southeast of Sarangani at a depth of 3 kilometers.

However, there were no reports of damages or injuries.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2019, Apr 7). Magnitude 4.8 earthquake hits Davao Occidental province.

Thailand

A strong summer storm hit Sam Muang subdistrict, Lat Bua Luang district in Ayutthaya province. On 6 April 2019, the storm damaged 13 houses although nobody was injured.

The Lat Bua Luang district chief instructed the Sam Muang Tambon Administration Organisation (TAO) to mobilise local defence volunteers and soldiers to help repair the damaged houses.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, Apr 7). *Summer storm damages 13 houses in Ayutthaya community.*

China

A minor earthquake of 3.2 magnitudes hit Haidian District in Beijing. According to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC), the earthquake occurred at approximately 1:25 p.m. (local time) on 6 April 2019 at a depth of 17 kilometers.

Residents in areas near the epicenter felt tremors however, no casualties were reported.

Source: CGTN. (2019, Apr 7). *M3.2 earthquake hits Haidian District in Beijing.*

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