



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

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### Brunei Darussalam

**Flash floods struck in Brunei-Muara and Tutong Districts.** Heavy rains and strong winds caused flash floods in low-lying areas in the Sultanate on 31 May 2019. The strong winds and flood-waters damaged many of the residential properties with knee-high waters. Floods also caused traffic problems in Brunei-Muara District.

From the Fire and Rescue Department (FRD)'s statement, they received 16 calls concerning the floods including a landslide at Simpang 1769 in Kampong Tanjong Nangka, fast-flowing waters at Jalan Jangask and fallen trees in several road sections in Tutong District.

Moreover, the Brunei Darussalam Meteorological Department warned the people to prepare for more stormy weather in the coming days.

**Source:** Borneo Bulletin. (2019, June 4). *Flash floods cause havoc in Brunei-Muara, Tutong.*

### Indonesia

**A volcano in Bali spewed much of ash but was not harmful.** Mount Agung shortly erupted on 31 May 2019 in Bali. It spewed ash and smoke more than 2,000 meters into the sky.

Fortunately, it did not disrupt flight schedules, according to the Indonesia's Geological Agency.

Still, Mount Agung remained at the second highest danger warning level and there is a four-kilometer no-go zone around the crater.

**Source:** The Jakarta Post. (2019, June 3). *Strong earthquakes hit Nias.*

**People were panic and left their homes after a series of earthquake hit in North Sumatra Island.** According to Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG), an earthquake of 6.0 magnitudes jolted Nias Island in North Sumatra and followed by a 5.5-magnitude aftershock in seven minutes later on 3 June 2019.

The tremors were centered about 30 to 40 kilometers southwest of South Nias Regency. It rapidly occurred and made residents run out of their homes.

However, the head of the Nias chapter of the BMKG told residents not to be panic. They were encouraged to implement earthquake mitigation measures following the tremors. No tsunami warning was released.

**Source:** Borneo Bulletin. (2019, June 1). *Bali volcano spews ash in new eruption.*

### Singapore

**Widespread flash floods, caused by heavy rain, occurred in Singapore.** On 3 June 2019, the National Environment Agency (NEA) warned of heavy thundery showers while the Public Utilities Board (PUB) also warned that flash floods may occur in event of heavy rain.

According to the PUB, several areas including Leng Kee Road, Somerset Road and Ganges Avenue were marked as having high flood risk.

After heavy rain, flash floods were reported in various parts of Singapore. Many of cars struggled through the floods while at least three cars were stuck in flood-water.

The Singapore Meteorological Services issued that rainfall in the first half of June will likely be above-normal over most parts of Singapore.

**Source:** CNA. (2019, June 3). *Flash floods reported in parts of Singapore after heavy rain.*

## **Viet Nam**

### **Heavy rains hit several provinces in Vietnam causing floods and landslides.**

Many of the affected areas were mountainous provinces such as Ha Giang, Yen Bai, Cao Bang and Lai Chau.

While three people in Bac Quang District were killed by the landslides, crops with a total of 155 hectares were submerged by flood water in Nguyen Binh District. In addition, there was one man swept away by flash flood in Yen Bai.

According to Viet Nam's Central Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, northern mountainous provinces and north central provinces from Thanh Hoa to Ha Tinh would be likely to be hit by flashfloods with water levels in rivers rising by two to four meters in the coming days.

**Source:** VnExpress. (2019, May 29). *Three killed as heavy rains drench northern Vietnam.*

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