



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

Moderate to heavy rains were forecasted in some areas. The Water Resources and Meteorology Ministry warned people in the capital and provinces of moderate to heavy rains until 29 September 2019 due to high and low pressure systems causing the impact to the weather.

Meanwhile, ten villages in Banteay Meanchey province's Poipet city were flooded on 22 September 2019. Local authorities evacuated several people to safer places.

The city governor called on people to pay high attention and be careful during floods.

Source: Khmer Times. (2019, Sep 24). Moderate to heavy rains expected until Sunday.

Thailand

Floods have remained in four northeastern provinces. According to the chief of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, floods have been affecting the provinces of Ubon Ratchathani, Yasothon, Roi Et and Si Sa Ket.

A total of 18,063 people in 45 areas have been evacuated. Most of the evacuees were in Ubon Ratchathani. Due to the flashed

floods triggered by two storms namely Padul and Kajiki, there were 419,768 households nationwide affected since 29 August 2019. There were 35 confirmed death while nearly 5,000 houses were damaged.

Heavy rains were forecasted to continue in the northeastern provinces and other region including Bangkok before the temperature drop by 3 – 5 degrees Celsius in upper Thailand from 22 – 26 September 2019.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, Sep 21). Flood misery persists in 4 provinces.

Viet Nam

A prolonged drought has affected the south-central province of Ninh Thuan. The drought has caused many reservoirs to reach almost the lowest level. The amount of water in the area is available for people's daily life, animals' needs, irrigation for perennial tree areas and some key production sectors by end this year.

The provincial People's Committee suggested several plans of agricultural production to minimise losses for the coming rice crop while farmers in many communes have to stop agricultural production due to water shortage.

Under the plan suggested by the agriculture sector, the province of Ninh Thuan will cultivate 21,600 hectares of rice and other crops if it rains by the end of this month and water level in reservoirs is up to 50 percent of the designed capacity.

According to the vice chairman of the provincial People's Committee, the agriculture sector has to closely monitor the weather conditions and water levels in reservoirs to ensure the needs of people and production.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2019, Sep 21). Water shortage threatens upcoming rice crop.

Japan

Typhoon Tapah downgraded to an extratropical cyclone. The storm battered southern and southwestern Japan injuring 57 people in Okinawa and Kyushu over the

weekend before weakening to an extratropical cyclone on 23 September 2019. Some flights and train services were disrupted.

Strong winds continually hit many areas while torrential rain was expected in Hokkaido, Tohoku and Tokai regions. The agency warned people in the area to prepare for gusty winds, high waves and heavy rains.

The extratropical cyclone also brought heavy rains to Miyagi, Kochi, Mie and Kumamoto Prefectures.

Source: The Japan times. (2019, Sep 23). *5Typhoon Tapah downgraded to extratropical cyclone after injuring 57 in southern Japan.*

Republic of Korea

A powerful typhoon Tapah lashed the Republic of Korea. On 22 September 2019, the typhoon brought strong winds and heavy rains, bettering southern parts of the country.

There was one person died, several people injured and about 200 households suffered from a power failure. Furthermore, 248 flights were cancelled in 11 airports nationwide.

The KMA called for thorough preparation for the typhoon in coastal and inland areas as serious damage was expected.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2019, Sep 22). *(6th LD) Typhoon Tapah lashes S. Korea with strong winds, heavy rains.*

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