



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

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### Indonesia

**Floods damaged various parts of Indonesia.** On 20 April 2020, a severe flooding occurred in Damang Batu District after heavy rainfall. There were at least three people died and three people have been missing.

Cimahi Tengah District in West Java was also hit one day later by the flooding after the Ciputri River broke its banks. One person was reported to be killed.

On 22 April 2020, the heavy downpour caused flooding in Serang Regency, Banten province. There were 148 houses inundated and 740 people affected.

Next day, the same situation was seen in Rejang Lebong Regency, Bengkulu Province. Massive rainfalls caused the Air Putih and Air Duku rivers to break their banks triggering floods into the city. About 317 houses were destroyed and 1,585 people suffered from this calamity.

On 26 April 2020, around 44 houses were damaged by floods, affecting 112 people in North Penajam Paser Regency, East Kalimantan Province.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2020, Apr 23). *Indonesia – 4 Dead, 3 Missing After Floods in West Java and Central Kalimantan*; Floodlist. (2020, Apr 27). *Indonesia –*

*Hundreds of Homes Damaged by Floods in Banten, Bengkulu and East Kalimantan.*

### Lao PDR

**Luang Prabang province was hit by flash floods.** The flash floods occurred after the tropical storm brought heavy rain, hail and strong winds to pound Kiwtaloun village in Xiengngeun district, Luang Prabang province on 24 April 2020.

Flash floods swept the village destroying two houses. Later, three bodies were found while four people have been missing.

Military personnel and officials were deployed to the area for helping those affected to repair houses and searching for the missing ones.

Authorities warned people in northern and central Laos to closely monitor the weather conditions.

**Source:** Vientiane Times. (2020, Apr 27). *Three dead, four missing after flash floods in Luang Prabang.*

### Malaysia

**Several houses in Malaysia were damaged by a storm.** Flash floods caused by heavy downpour hit the northern Seberang Praica district of Penang on 26 April 2020.

As a result of the storm, the areas of Kepala Batas, Permatang Buluh, Lahar Yooi, Nyior Sebatang, Sungai Dua, Machang Bubok, Tasek Gelugor, Simpang Ampat, Bagan Ajam, Merbau Kudung were inundated by floodwaters from 0.1 – 0.4 metre heights.

No evacuation had been carried out and no injury was reported.

**Source:** The Star. (2020, Apr 26). *Flash floods, storm hit mainland Penang.*

### Philippines

**A 5.2 magnitude earthquake struck Davao Occidental.** According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and

Seismology (PHIVOLCS), on 27 April 2020 at 7:48 a.m. (local time) the earthquake jolted Jose Abad Santos, Davao Occidental. Its epicentre was 164 kilometres southeast of Jose Abad Santos at a depth of 64 kilometres.

No casualties were reported as a result of the tremor.

**Source:** Manila Bulletin. (2020, Apr 27). *Magnitude 5.2 quake jolts Davao Occidental.*

## **Thailand**

**Summer storms ravaged the north of Thailand.** The provinces of Phayao, Uttaradit and Phitsanulok were hit by the storms during 24 – 25 April 2020.

The storms damaged more than 250 houses in the three provinces and also caused a high-voltage transformer explosion in front of the Chiang Kham highway office making the residents in Fai Kwang and Thung Phasuk sub-districts of Phayao experience a power outage.

The authority therefore worked around the clock to restore electricity.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2020, Apr 25). *Summer storms ravage 250 houses in North.*

## **Viet Nam**

**Severe storms triggered flooding in several parts of Viet Nam.** The storms brought strong winds, lightning and heavy rainfall, mostly affecting the northern provinces, particularly Ha Giang, Son La, Yen Bai and Lao Cai.

Flooding was reported in the central province of Quang Binh. It damaged wide areas of crops. There were at least three fatalities in those affected provinces while thirteen people were injured.

Further, almost 6,000 houses suffered severe damage.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2020, Apr 24). *Vietnam – Damaging Storms Hit Northern Provinces; houses damaged.*

## **Japan**

**Japan was rattled by two earthquakes within a couple of days.** A 5.5 magnitude earthquake struck the central Japanese prefecture of Nagano on 23 April 2020 at 1:44 p.m. (local time). The quake was registered at 4 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7. The tremor was also felt in neighboring prefectures.

Meanwhile, an earthquake of magnitude 4.8 hit Ibaraki Prefecture on 26 April 2020 at 9:49 a.m. (local time) at a depth of 70 kilometres. The seismic intensity scale was registered at 4 in Ibaraki and 3 in central Tokyo.

However, there were no risk of tsunamis from the earthquakes and report of damage.

**Source:** The Mainichi. (2020, Apr 23). *M5.5 quake hits Nagano;* The Japan Times. (2020, Apr 26). *Magnitude 4.8 earthquake jolts Tokyo area.*

## **Republic of Korea**

**There were three minor earthquakes jolting parts of Korea' southwestern region.** On 28 April 2020, an earthquake of magnitude 2.4 struck Geumsan of South Chungcheong Province at 12:06 p.m. (local time). Soon afterward, another quake of magnitude 2.1 occurred in Mokpo, a South Jeolla port.

Earlier on 27 April 2020, a 2.8 magnitude earthquake also hit the North Jeolla county of Jangsu.

No injury or property damage was reported. The three quakes were not connected with one another according to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA).

**Source:** Yonhap. (2020, Apr 28). *Korea hit by three minor quakes in two days.*

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