



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

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### Indonesia

#### **Fatal floods and landslides clashed Indonesia's Java and Sumatra Islands.**

From 19 to 20 November 2020, several provinces of Indonesia comprising West Java, Central Java, East Java of Java Island and Aceh and West Sumatra of Sumatra Island experienced heavy rainfall triggering flash floods and landslides. As the result, three people were killed.

The disasters caused mass difficulties to around 1,750 persons as well as damaged some properties including more than 240 houses, vehicles and roads. There were also 261 individuals displaced in Padang Pariaman Regency of West Sumatra Province.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2020, Nov 22). *Indonesia – Deadly Floods and Landslides in Java and Sumatra Islands.*

### Malaysia

**An inundation in Kelantan forced many to leave their homes.** Incessant downpours started pummeling the area of Kelantan State of Malaysia on 23 November 2020 as the country entered

its monsoon season. Heavy rains caused five rivers to rise dramatically, in particular, the Kelantan river in Kuala Krai which rose above an alert level.

As a consequence, there were 11 people forced to evacuate from their residences. Also, one person died after slipping into an irrigation canal.

**Source:** The New Straits Times. (2020, Nov 24). *11 flood victims in Kelantan evacuated to nearby relief centres;* The New Straits Times. (2020, Nov 24). *Flood in Kelantan claims its first victim.*

### Thailand

#### **A village in Songkhla province was hit hard by flood water.**

A water run-off from Khao Nam Khang mountain range triggered by torrential rainfalls on 21 November 2020 rushed down and inundated Nam Lat, a village with around 400 households in tambon Sanmak Taew of Sadao district. Almost the entire area of the village was under water. Consequently, the villagers were required to move their belongings including cars and motorcycles to a higher ground.

In relation to this, other downstream villages in tambon Prik and tambon Tha Pho were placed under warning of the flood water that might flow down into their areas.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2020, Nov 22). *Southern village hit hard by flash flood.*

### Viet Nam

#### **Viet Nam was badly affected by one of the country's strongest typhoons in two decades.**

Typhoon Molave, the ninth typhoon hit Viet Nam in 2020 and one of the most ferocious typhoons that the country had ever encountered in 20 years, has caused a mass destruction in several provinces, mainly in Central Viet Nam, such as Phú Yên, Quảng Nam, Quảng Ngãi since late October 2020. It reportedly killed 40 people, while there were 43 missing and 140 injured.

Moreover, 28,000 hectares of rice and other crops were substantially damaged. As a result, Viet Nam's agricultural production was expected to decline in 2020.

To support people's recovery, the Vietnamese government together with other countries as well as international agencies, such as ASEAN and UNICEF, has continually provided relief aids including food, water and other necessary items as well as financial supports.

**Source:** AFSIS. (2020, Nov 24). *Typhoon Molave Effects toward Food Security in Vietnam.*

## **Japan**

**An earthquake struck off the coast of Japan.** On the late hours of 22 November 2020, there was a detection of a magnitude 5.8 earthquake off the coast of Ibaraki Prefecture. Even though no threat of tsunami was posed during this incident, the people living in vicinity of coastal line were advised to move to higher ground as a precaution measure.

**Source:** The Japan Times. (2020, Nov 22). *Magnitude 5.8 earthquake jolts Ibaraki area.*

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