



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

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### **Indonesia**

**Two regencies in Java Island were battered by acute flooding.** Flash floods happened in Kudus Regency of Central Java Province and Cirebon Regency of West Java Province on 19 and 17 December 2020 due to high-intensity of rainfalls. Almost 8,000 persons in both areas were badly affected and nearly 2,100 houses were destructed. In addition, 14 public buildings, mostly schools, were damaged.

The regional disaster management agencies (BPBD) continued to assess the situations as well as provide logistic supports for people in affected areas. The water level was decreasing in Cirebon Regency, while increasing in Kudus Regency.

**Source:** Reliefweb. (2020, Dec 21). *Indonesia, Flooding in Cirebon Regency, West Java Province (16:30 Dec 17 2020)*; Reliefweb. (2020, Dec 21). *Indonesia, Flood in Kudus Regency, Central Java Province (08:00 Dec 19 2020)*.

### **Malaysia**

**An annual monsoon season brought floods causing thousands of people to evacuate in Malaysia.** More than 7,000 people in the states of Kelantan and Terengganu were forced to flee from their homes to find temporary shelters in public buildings on 20 December 2020 after the flooding situation worsened. Inundations were a result of torrential rainfalls, brought by the monsoon season that kept pouring into the areas for many days.

More evacuation orders would be immediately issued as soon as major rivers in the said states, closely monitored by the relevant authorities, rose above the danger level. As of now, the water of Sungai Golok river in northern Kelantan was above the danger level for 10 centimetres.

**Source:** The Straits Times. (2020, Dec 20). *More than 7,000 at relief centres as Malaysia's east coast hit by flooding.*

### **The Philippines**

**A tropical depression killed eight people while thousands were displaced in the Philippines.** A low-pressure area developed into a more severe tropical depression called Vicky on 18 December 2020, affecting several areas of the country, triggering floods and landslides. On 20 December 2020, there were six people reported dead as a consequence of flood incidents in Surigao del Sur Province and Agusan del Sur Province, while additional two casualties were found in Leyte due to landslides.

In addition, at least 10,000 locals in Davao region, Caraga Region and Cagayan Valley Region had to leave their homes to find safer places to stay.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2020, Dec 20). *Philippines – 8 Killed in Floods and Landslides, Thousands Evacuate.*

## Thailand

**Over a hundred thousand suffered from floods generated by the northeast monsoon.** Southern provinces of Thailand, after ravaged by early December's severe inundations, experienced more heavy rains and gust wind influenced by the northeast monsoon over the Gulf of Thailand since 16 December 2020. This resulted in floods and landslide occurrences affecting more than 125,000 people in the provinces of Narathiwat, Pattani and Yala. Furthermore, around 400 locals in Narathiwat were forced to evacuate from their homes. One person was killed by landslides. However, as of 21 December 2020, situations in most of the affected areas had already improved.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2020, Dec 21). *Thailand – 1 Dead After Further Floods and Landslides in South.*

## Viet Nam

**Viet Nam was to experience heavy rainfall caused by a low-pressure area.** Tropical storm Krovanh, after reducing its wind speed and becoming a tropical depression on 21 December 2020, was forecasted to further devolve into a low-pressure area and blow over the areas from Soc Trang to Ca Mau provinces.

With a maximum wind speed of fewer than 40 kilometres per hour, the strong weather could cause up to 70 millimetres of rainfall, gust wind in the affected areas, starting from 22 December 2020.

**Source:** VnExpress. (2020, Dec 21). *Storm Krovanh devolves back to tropical depression.*

## Japan

**A series of earthquakes jolted many parts of Japan.** Locals in Iwate and Hokkaido, on 21 December 2020, could felt the strong shaking as a 6.5- magnitude earthquake was detected at a depth of 43 kilometers off Aomori Prefecture. Likewise, other 5.1 and 4.1-magnitude quakes also struck the coastal of Izu Oshima and Niiijima-Kozushima on 18 December 2020.

Fortunately, none of these quakes caused any injured or serious damages to properties, including nuclear power plants and affiliated facilities. Also, no threats from tsunami were reported.

**Source:** The Japan Times. (2020, Dec 21). *Magnitude 6.5 earthquake jolts northeastern Japan;* The Japan Times. (2020, Dec 18). *Magnitude 5.1 earthquake jolts Izu Oshima area.*

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