



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

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### **Cambodia**

**A province in Cambodia faced a possible flash flood caused by rising water in a reservoir.** Residents near Ta Mok Reservoir in Oddar Meanchey province were warned to be at risk of flash flood on 10 August 2020. The risk came from a rising water levels in Ta Mok Reservoir due to heavy rainfalls since 5 August 2020.

The Ministry of Water Resources said that the water levels had already reached 3.90 metres, only 0.30 metres below a flood risk stage.

*Source: Khmer Times. (2020, Aug 11). Authorities warn of high levels of water, expected flooding.*

### **Indonesia**

**A volcano erupted in Indonesia after being inactive for more than a year.** Mount Sinabung in Karo regency, North Sumatra erupted several times according to the Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation Center (PVMBG).

The first eruption occurred at 1:58 a.m. on 8 August 2020, followed by a series of eruptions on 10 August 2020. They sent volcanic ash up to 5,000 metres above the peak.

The volcanic ash reached as far as 30 kilometres away from the volcano, covering the sky in at least three districts in Karo regency. It directly affected nearly 170,000 residents; however, no casualties have been reported.

*Source: AHA Centre. (2020, Aug 10). Sinabung Volcano Eruption Indonesia Flash Update #1; The Jakarta Post. (2020, Aug 8). Mount Sinabung erupts again after year of inactivity.*

### **Myanmar**

**Thousands of people in many regions faced difficulties from flooding.** Severe floods hit regions along the Ayeyarwady River consisting of Bago, Sagaing, Ayeyarwady, and Magway.

The hardest-hit region was Bago as over 9,000 people were affected and around 2,000 houses were submerged. This was a result of the overflowing Ayeyarwady River on 4 August 2020.

Likewise, embankments in Hinthada Township, Ayeyarwady Region and Kalay Township, Sagaing Region were breached on 4 and 5 August 2020 respectively. These incidents caused about 200 acres of paddy fields to be inundated as well as the evacuation of many people.

Moreover, flooding in Aunglan Township, Magway Region also left four dead and three missing while almost 100 houses and bridges were damaged.

*Source: Eleven Myanmar. (2020, Aug 7). Embankment collapse destroys about 200 acres of paddy fields in Kalay; Eleven Myanmar. (2020, Aug 7). Over 9,000 peoples affected as heavy rainfall in Bago; Eleven Myanmar. (2020, Aug 5). Embankment collapses in Hinthada; Eleven Myanmar. (2020, Aug 5). Flood destroys some bridges, houses in Aunglan.*

### **The Philippines**

**Heavy rain triggered flash flooding in the Philippines.** Many municipalities in North Cotabato's first district were surprised by a flash flood caused by a five-hour downpour on 4 August 2020. The situation affected 3,000 people.

There were no records on any casualties. However, the event caused many roads

and bridges, which had recently been repaired due to landslides and flashfloods last month, to be damaged again.

**Source:** Reliefweb. (2020, Aug 10) Philippines, *Flooding in Midsayap District, North Cotabato.*

## **China**

**A tornado struck a tourist site in China's autonomous regions, injuring many people.** Tornado hit Swan Lake in China's Inner Mongolia on 9 August 2020.

According to the local government, 33 tourists and workers were injured which three of them were in serious condition.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2020, Aug 10). *33 injured after tornado hits China's Inner Mongolia.*

## **Republic of Korea**

**An acutely continued downpour in the Republic of Korea caused more deaths.** Severe rainfalls starting from the beginning of August continually wreaked havoc on country's central and southwestern regions.

Since 7 August 2020, the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters reported that 13 people had been killed in accidents involving rainfalls while two had gone missing. Also, more than 3,700 had been evacuated from their homes.

This made the number of deaths, missing, and displaced people surge to 31, 11, and more than 6,000 respectively.

Moreover, the Korea Meteorological Administration anticipated that Typhoon Jangmi would make landfalls on the southern region of the peninsula on 10 August 2020. It was forecasted to bring up to 300 mm. of rainfalls into the areas.

**Source:** Yonhap. (2020, Aug 9). *(6th LD) 31 dead, 11 missing as heavy rain falls across S. Korea.*

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