



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Landslide affected a number of families in Indonesia. On 28 August 2020, a devastated landslide occurred at the mine excavation in West Bandung Regency, West Java Province, causing damages to nearly 150 houses, and directly affecting 670 persons.

The Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB) together with local agencies conducted a field evaluation and reported no further destructions as well as a number of injured or dead victims. However, the residents in the area were advised to stay alert for more landslides that could potentially happen.

Source: Reliefweb. (2020, Aug 31). *Indonesia, Landslide in West Bandung Regency, West Java Province.*

Myanmar

More than ten thousand people still encounter a flood problem in Myanmar. Since 19 July 2020, torrential rains and overflowing of many rivers have led to an inundation of several states and regions in Myanmar, especially those along the Ayeyarwady River.

According to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), at the present, there are a total of nine states and regions facing the flood problem. It causes difficulties to more than 20,000 people, particularly in Magway, Sagaing, and Kachin.

Source: AHA Centre. (2020, Jul 28). *Myanmar, Flooding in Multiple Regions.*

Thailand

Floods still remain in some areas of Thailand. The Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA) stated that around 125,000 rai (20,000 hectares) of residential and agricultural areas in Sukhothai and Phitsanulok provinces were flooded. However, no actual data on damages or casualties were given.

Both provinces received floodwater from the upstream provinces, which had been inundated in the past week as a result of Tropical storm Higos.

As of 30 August 2020, the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation reported that Phitsanulok was the only province still under water. However, the situation was likely to be improved in a few days unless more rainfall occurred in the area.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Aug 30). *Flooding confined to Phitsanulok;* Bangkok Post. (2020, Aug 25). *125,000 rai hit as flooding worsens.*

Japan

Strong typhoon brought heavy rain and strong wind to Japan's southernmost islands. Okinawa witnessed the direct impact of Typhoon Maysak that swept over the island on 1 September 2020. The influence of the typhoon caused over 20,000 houses to live without electricity. It also posed a threat of extreme high tide and strong gusts of wind that had potential to bring down houses. Fortunately, no one was hurt and no properties were severely damaged during the disaster.

Source: Japan Today. (2020, Sep 1). *Strong typhoon sweeps over Japan's southernmost islands.*

The Republic of Korea

The Republic of Korea is to be hit with another severe typhoon. Typhoon Maysak, travelling around 220 kilometers from the west of Japan's Okinawa to Jeju Island and the south coast of South Gyeongsang Province on 3 September 2020, was expected to be more powerful than previous Typhoon Bavi that hit the country the last week.

The Korea Meteorological Administration forecasted that it will bring heavy rains of up to 400 millimeters and strong wind to the entire area of the country on 4 September 2020.

Relative to this, many provinces and cities to step up their emergency response measures in an effort to minimise damages.

Source: Yonhap. (2020, Sep 1). (2nd LD) S. Korea on high alert as powerful typhoon approaches.

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