



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

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### Indonesia

#### **Deadly landslides and floods caused widespread deaths and destruction.**

From 29 April to 1 May 2021, two fatal landslides and one flooding triggered by high-intensity rainfalls broke out in several provinces of Indonesia including North Sumatra, West Java and West Nusa Tenggara.

In North Sumatra, a destructive landslide took place near a hydropower plant in South Tapanuli District on 29 April 2021, slaughtering at least eight people, as reported on 4 May 2021, along with burying two buildings and one vehicle. The Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) still carried out search and rescue operations in an effort to find the other five people thought to be missing in this tragic event.

In West Java, on 1 May 2021, a landslide also struck a residential area in Ciambar District of Sukabumi Regency, where one person was killed and two others were injured. There were three houses receiving substantial damages as well.

In West Nusa Tenggara, a total of six families needed to flee from their homes as a severe inundation swept through West Lombok Regency on 1 May 2021. Almost

300 houses were submerged causing great difficulties to those affected.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2021, May 2). *Indonesia – 5 Dead, 8 Missing After Landslide in South Tapanuli Regency, North Sumatra*; ReliefWeb. (2021, May 4). *Indonesia - Landslide update and floods (BMKG, BNPB) (ECHO Daily Flash of 4 May 2021)*.

### Malaysia

**A heavy flood forced many tens of people to flee their homes.** An inundation in Hilir Perak district of Perak State, Malaysia, which began on 1 May 2021, had driven at least 40 people, reported as of 3 May 2021, from three villages out of their homes to take shelter at a temporary evacuation centre. The said number increased sharply from only 24 people on the day before. Nevertheless, the flooding situation seemed to be improving as the water level in Sungai Batang Padang slightly decreased by 0.2 metres over the course of one day.

**Source:** New Straits Times. (2021, May 3). *Floods in Hilir Perak, 40 evacuated*.

### China

#### **Acute turbulent weather killed more than 10 people in eastern China.**

Strong gales and heavy hailstorm were reported in Jiangsu Province on the night of 30 April 2021. The affected areas included Nantong, Huai'an, Yancheng, Taizhou and Suqian. According to the Jiangsu Provincial Emergency Management Department, 11 people lost their lives, while 66 sustained injuries. More than 3,000 people had to evacuate from their residences. In relation to this, the violent influence of the storm also caused one fishing boat with eleven crew members on board to capsize. Two of them were successfully rescued, while the search and rescue operations for the rest were still underway.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2021, May 1). *11 killed after extreme weather hits east China*.

## Japan

**Powerful gusts of wind caused damages and disrupted lives in central Japan.** Three people sustained light injuries and 92 buildings received several degrees of damages in the area of Shizuoka Prefecture on 2 May 2021. Some vehicles were also thrown off to their sides in the streets. In the same incident, the powerful wind storm also visibly tilted the utility pole causing a widespread power outage in the prefecture, which affected around 3,200 households. Following this, the meteorological authorities conducted an investigation to find out whether this natural phenomenon was a tornado attack.

**Source:** The Japan Times. (2021, May 2). *Possible tornadoes damage 92 buildings in central Japan.*

**A strong earthquake struck Japan, leaving people worrying of aftershocks.**

A strong shaking was experienced by locals residing along parts of the northeastern coast of Japan as well as in the capital, Tokyo, as a powerful 6.8-magnitude earthquake was detected in the Pacific Ocean, at a depth of 47 kilometres, off the coast of Ishinomaki, Miyagi prefecture on 1 May 2021. There were no immediate reports of damages and casualties following the quake other than two persons receiving only minor injuries. No risk of tsunami was presented either; however, the Meteorological Agency official warned of the possibility that strong aftershocks and landslides might hit the region in about a week.

**Source:** The Japan Times. (2021, May 1). *Magnitude 6.8 earthquake jolts northern Japan.*

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