



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

Riverbank collapse forced several hundreds of families to flee their homes.

On 29 May 2021, more than 2.4 kilometres of the Koh Toantoem riverbank in Kampong Cham province collapsed, affecting above 1,000 families in two villages. The natural disaster also caused damages to villagers' residences, crops, land as well as infrastructures, such as roads and schools. Due to this, several hundreds of affected families had to temporarily leave the areas and find safer places to stay. In relation to this, another two kilometres of the riverbank was still at risk of collapsing anytime.

The experts revealed some factors that could attribute to this problem were the rising of water level, soil erosion and sand dredging along the riverbank.

Source: Khmer times. (2021, May 31). *Laid bare: Riverbank collapses causing major damage.*

Indonesia

Almost half a hundred thousand suffered from widespread floods.

During 26-29 May 2021, numerous flood events were reported in six provinces of Indonesia namely Aceh, South and West Sumatra, Central and West Java, and Maluku. The intense rainfalls and high-tidal

waves were the causes of these inundations. Regarding this, 43,788 people and 7,876 houses along with 13 public buildings were affected by the floodwater. Fortunately, no deaths or injuries were reported.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, May 24-30). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 21.*

Whirlwinds hit two provinces resulting in people injured and displaced.

On 29 May 2021, two strong whirlwinds accompanied by heavy rains and tidal waves attacked Semarang City of Central Java Province and Memberamo Raya Regency of Papua Province. The natural disasters affected a total of 353 people; 10 of them were injured and 150 people had to evacuate from their homes. There were also 76 houses damaged, which 10 out of them were totally destroyed.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, May 24-30). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 21.*

Malaysia

The decades-year-old tree collapsed onto a road during the storm.

On 27 May 2021, a strong thunderstorm toppled a decades-old tree in Kuala Lumpur. The tree fell down onto a car and a motorcycle crushing them flat. Fortunately, the driver of the car managed to free himself unharmed, while the rider of a motorcycle only suffered a minor injury. Also, the entire road had to be closed for a tree removal operation causing huge disruption to the traffic.

Source: Malay Mail. (2021, May 27). *Tree near Muzium Negara topples during KL storm, two passing motorists miraculously survive.*

Thailand

Rough seas knocked over a boat near Koh Chang causing one person to go missing.

A boat with two men on board was capsized near Koh Chang in Trat province, Thailand on the morning of 27 May 2021. The incident happened due to a heavy rain with gusty winds and high waves that began on the night of 26 May

2021 until the morning of the next day. A rescue operation was launched immediately. There was one person successfully rescued, while the another was still lost at sea.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, May 27). *One missing after boat capsizes off Trat.*

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