



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

Rainstorms and thunders hit various areas of Cambodia. The villages of Boeung Chungruk Techo, Ta Kong and Tuol Pong in Malai district, Banteay Meanchey province were lashed out by rainfall, strong winds and thunders on 28 April 2022. There were 110 homes in the villages destroyed. The authorities immediately provided assistance to people affected. Also, on 29 April 2022, lightning strike during torrential rains killed a woman when she was traveling to Phnom Kulen in Siem Reap province. The storms are forecasted to occur until mid-May 2022.

Source: Khmer Times. (2022, Apr 30). *More than 100 homes in Banteay Meanchey's district ravaged by strong winds*; Khmer Times. (2022, Apr 29). *Woman killed by lightning strike*.

Thailand

A summer storm threatened vast parts of Thailand. The Meteorological Department warned of the southerly and southeasterly winds along with a moderate high-pressure system from China. These conditions may cause outbreak of thunderstorms accompanied by gusty wind

and hail in the North, the Northeastern, the Central Plains, including Bangkok and its vicinity, and also the East of Thailand. During 22 – 28 April 2022, those parts of the country were hit by storm and hails causing damages to many houses, power poles and large trees. People were advised to stay away from large trees, billboards and unsecured structures.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2022, Apr 29). *Summer storm warning for upper Thailand, Bangkok*.

Viet Nam

An erosion emergency was declared over Hau river in Soc Trang province. On 29 April 2022, the Soc Trang Province People's Committee declared an erosion emergency on the Hau River, a tributary of the Mekong in Viet Nam. The erosion spots were 2,450 metres of the total length along both banks of the river in An Thạnh Dong and Đại An 1 communes, Cu Lao Dung district, Soc Trang province. The erosions could cause severe impacts to those nearby including a total of 300 households, 30 hectares of aquaculture and 400 hectares of vegetable and fruit farm areas. Local authorities advised people who live in eroded areas to move to safer zones and installed warning boards at dangerously eroded areas. Besides, the cooperation among relevant agencies was made to address the problems.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2022, Apr 29). *Soc Trang declares riverbank erosion emergency*.

Republic of Korea

The Republic of Korea (ROK) suffocated from yellow dust. According to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), an influx of yellow dust, originating from deserts in northern China and Mongolia, impacted air quality in the central region, including the greater Seoul area. The dust was going to reach 'vary bad' levels in those

areas. Moreover, the density of fine dust particles, smaller than 10 micrometres in diameter and also known as PM 10, almost reached 'bad' levels in the eastern Gangwon province and most of the southern region, including Jeju Island. The KMA categorises concentrations of PM 10 between 81 and 150 micrograms as 'bad' and more than 151 as 'very bad.'

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2022, Apr 27). *Fine dust levels to soar to 'very bad' in central S. Korea due to yellow dust.*

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