



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Malaysia

Flash flood in Kedah state left three dead and a number of people displaced. Heavy rains from 4 July 2022 triggered severe floods in at least nine villages of Baling district, Kedah state, Malaysia and caused water level of the Ketil river to rise beyond the alert level. There were at least three people died while 1,424 people had to evacuate from their homes. Floods also destroyed more than 70 houses, bridges and roads in the area.

Source: Floodlist. (2022, July 5). *Malaysia – Deadly Flash Floods in Kedah.*

Myanmar

Floods submerged agricultural fields and forced people to evacuate. According to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH), torrential rains struck Shweku township of Bamaw district, Kachin state, Myanmar on 30 June 2022. Paddy fields and agriculture tools were flooded by the rains. People living in the low-lying areas were forced to flee from their homes and moved to higher ground. Besides, Bamaw-Moemauk-Lweije road section was impassible due to heavy rain.

Source: Eleven Media Group. (2022, July 1). *Shweku Township recorded four inches of rain in an hour on June 30.*

Viet Nam

Wall of floodwater swept away four people in northern province of Viet Nam. Flash floods caused by heavy rainfalls swept four people in Mong An commune of Bao Lam district, Cao Bang province, Viet Nam away on 5 July 2022. One person was found dead, while another three people remained missing. Around 100 rescuers and civilians mobilised for the search. The National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting warned of more heavy rains in the northern region, including Hanoi due to the impacts of low pressure and wind convergence areas.

Source: VnExpress. (2022, July 5). *Flash floods sweep away 4 people in northern province.*

China

China raised its emergency response after two typhoons battered the country. China's State Flood Control and Drought Relief raised the emergency response for flood and typhoon control to Level 3 on 2 July 2022 for the possible floods caused by the third and fourth typhoons of the year. Typhoon Chaba, which is the third typhoon, made landfall in Maoming city, Guangdong province on 2 July 2022. It was expected to bring downpours and gusty winds to the southern part of the country and the South China Sea. Also, typhoon Aere, the fourth typhoon, was forecast to enter the East China Sea on the same day. Closely monitor the typhoons was one of the preparations to deal with unexpected impacts. China has a four-tier flood-control emergency response system. Level 1 represents the most severe.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, July 3). *China raises emergency response for typhoon, flood.*

Japan

Tropical Storm Aere triggered floods and landslides in Japan. According to the Meteorological Agency, tropical storm Aere was downgraded to an extratropical low-pressure system after making landfall close to Sasebo, Nagasaki prefecture on Kyushu island, Japan on 5 July 2022. The typhoon

brought torrential rain to and caused flooding and landslides in the country, and also raised concerns of destabilised conditions nationwide. Later, the extratropical a low-pressure system was moving eastward toward the western and central parts of the Japanese archipelago. Record-breaking rainfall were reported in the areas of Kyushu namely Unzen, Nagasaki, Arao, Kumamoto, Omuta, Fukuoka. Besides, the agency confirmed on the linear rainbands in the western part of Kochi prefecture, where more than 20 houses and a major road were affected by floods and landslides.

Source: The Japan Times. (2022, July 5). *Tropical Storm Aere moves eastward across Japan bringing torrential rain and flooding.*

Republic of Korea

Intense downpour killed at least three people and damaged properties.

Continuous heavy rains wreaked havoc the Republic of Korea especially in the central region including Gyeonggi province and Seoul. The downpours flooded over 2,900 hectares of farmland across the country and damaged more than 190 properties, infrastructures, vehicles. Several trees were uprooted by the severity of the rainfalls. At least three people were died while many people were forced to evacuate. The weather agency advised residents to stay alert of more rains.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2022, July 1). *At least 3 killed in heavy rains.*

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