



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Floods and landslides in Indonesia's North Sulawesi claimed five lives.

According to the Regional Disaster Mitigation Agency (BPBD), heavy downpour struck Manado city of North Sulawesi province, Indonesia on 27 January 2023, causing the Tondano River to overflow and flood several areas. Meanwhile, landslides were reported in Paal Dua, Singkil, Tikala, Bunaken, Wanea, and Tuminting sub-districts of the city. As a result of flash floods and landslides, at least five people died while a total of 1,021 people were displaced. Hundreds of houses were inundated, and one bridge was damaged. The Manado Government later declared an emergency status in the affected areas.

Sources: Antara News. (2023, Jan 27). *Floods, landslides in Manado claim one life: BNPB*; Floodlist. (2023, Jan 30). *Indonesia – 5 Killed in North Sulawesi Floods and Landslides*.

Malaysia

Almost flood-affected people in Johor have returned homes. As of 31 January 2023, the flood situation in Johor state improved with dropping off a number of flood evacuees in the relief centres from 2,757 people to 619. However, four districts namely Batu Pahat, Mersing, Kota Tinggi and Segamat were still affected. Many roads were inaccessible due to flooding or landslide. Earlier, Johor together with states of Pahang, Sabha, and neighboring areas had experienced the 24-hour rainfalls triggering severe flooding on 24 January 2023. Over 4,000 people had become displaced. In the meantime, the water in several rivers were reached the danger level.

Source: Floodlist. (2023, Jan 25). *Malaysia – Floods in Johor and Pahang After 430mm of Rain in 24 Hours*; Malaymail. (2023, Jan 31). *Johor flood waters recede, 600 evacuees can go home*.

The Philippines

Incessant rain in the Philippines triggered the suspension of classes. The shear line brought continuous rain to hit parts of Eastern Visayas and Bicol regions on 30 January 2023. All classes of public and private schools in 15 towns and cities of Eastern Visayas region, and 16 localities of Bicol region were cancelled. Due to the harsh weather, the Department of Education (DepEd) had to reschedule the National Achievement Test (NAT) to February. Although some areas were inaccessible due to damaged spillway, no report of injury. The Office of Civil Defense in Eastern Visayas region advised the public and the disaster risk reduction and management councils to

closely monitor the weather conditions and take appropriate actions.

Source: Inquirer. (2023, Jan 31). *Nonstop rain triggers class suspension anew in Eastern Visayas, Bicol.*

Japan

Japan struggled with severe cold snap and heavy snow. Plunging temperatures and heavy snow were continually seen in most parts of Japan on 25 January 2023. The severe weather killed at least one person and caused widespread disruption to people and transportation. There were thousands of people using train services forced to stay overnight in carriages or train stations due to the delay and cancellation of the trains. Vehicles on the major roads across the country were left stranded while over 300 flight schedules were cancelled. Earlier, Central Tokyo experienced sub-zero temperatures with its first snow of the year on 24 January 2023.

Sources: Japan Times. (2023, Jan 25). *Heavy snow continues across much of Japan as cold snap maintains grip.*

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