



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Massive landslides claimed several lives in Indonesia. On 06 March 2023, deadly landslides killed at least 10 people in Serasan district, Natuna regency in the Riau Islands province after heavy rains hit the area. Moreover, there were 42 people missing while more than 1,200 people had to evacuate. The landslides also damaged about 30 houses, and disrupted transportation and telecommunication networks. Rescue and relief efforts together with the evaluation of the situation were underway in the affected area.

Sources: Floodlist. (2023, Mar 7). *Indonesia – Heavy Rain Triggers Deadly Landslide in Riau Islands.*

The Philippines

A magnitude 5.9 earthquake jolted the Philippines's Davao de Oro province. A suspension of all works and classes in public and private schools were declared after a 5.9-magnitude earthquake at a depth of 34

kilometres struck Davao de Oro province on 7 March 2023. Mindanao region also felt this tremor. The earthquake caused the province-wide panic attack and power outage while a landslide also occurred in the affected area blocking a section of the road linking Talian and Caragan in Maragusan municipality. A few hours later, a 5.6-magnitude aftershock shook Davao de Oro province and several areas in the Davao Region. Besides, the province had already had an experience of a 5.3-magnitude earthquake on 6 March 2023 due to the movement of the Caraga River segment.

Sources: Rappler. (2023, Mar 7). *Magnitude 5.9 earthquake strikes Davao de Oro.*

Viet Nam

A series of moderate earthquakes struck the provinces in Viet Nam. Muong Te district in the mountainous province of Lai Chau, and Yen Lac district in the northern province of Vinh Phuc, Viet Nam were rattled by mild earthquakes of magnitude 4.4 and 3.2 on 3 March 2023. However, no major damages or injuries were reported. In addition, these two earthquakes followed a magnitude 3 earthquake that hit the mountainous province of Dien Bien on 1 March 2023 but did not cause any damages.

Sources: The Saigon Times. (2023, Mar 3). *Lai Chau, Vinh Phuc rocked by mild quakes.*

Japan

Avalanches killed one person and left another missing. A series of avalanches occurred in northern Japan's Hokkaido on 5 March 2023 because the temperature rapidly increased. A backcountry skier was found

buried at the Mount Yotei before death in the hospital. An avalanche advisory had been issued for the area. Besides, another person was reported of missing when he was backcountry skiing at Mount Pekerebetsu in Shimizu town and hit by the avalanches.

Sources: *NHK World – Japan. (2023, Mar 5). Avalanches hit Hokkaido; one dead.*

Republic of Korea

Southeastern Korea was hit by a light earthquake. According to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), an earthquake of magnitude 3 struck 16 kilometers northwest of the city in South Chungcheong province on 3 March 2023. The seismic intensity of earthquakes was also recorded at Level 4 in South Gyeongsang province and Level 3 in North Jeolla province and South Jeolla province. Under Korea's 12-level intensity scale, Level 4 is a level where many people indoors sense shaking, people at night are awakened, and windows and dishes wobble.

Sources: *The Korea Times. (2023, Mar 3). Magnitude 3 earthquake hits southeastern Korea.*

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