



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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### Indonesia

**Indonesia experienced a landslide and a volcano eruption within one week.** Heavy rains triggered a landslide in Lampung province of Sumatra Island on 10 March 2023 killing two people while several missing people were reported. The landslide also forced over 2,240 people to seek shelter elsewhere and damaged many houses. Search and rescue teams were underway in the affected area. Moreover, Mount Merapi on the border of Central Java and Yogyakarta provinces had erupted since 11 March 2023 spewing hot cloud and causing rain ash. Until 13 March 2023, the Geological Disaster Technology Research and Development Center (BPPTKG) recorded 60 incidents of hot cloud avalanches, and remained the status of the volcano at the alert level or level three. The public were reminded to aware of lava especially when it rains at the peak of the mountain.

**Sources:** Antara News. (2023, Mar 13). *Mount Merapi spewed 60 hot cloud avalanches since Saturday: BPPTKG*; Borneo Bulletin. (2023, Mar 14). *At least two dead in another landslide in Indonesia*.

### Malaysia

**Johor state of Malaysia was hit by flooding.** Floods caused by heavy rainfalls in early March 2023 inundated areas of Johor state. The police stations and a beat base in Segamat and Muar districts were heavily affected by floodwaters resulting in a temporary closure. Infrastructure, toilets, and furniture items were destroyed. Meanwhile, an estimation of loss was investigating. However, the police's daily operation still continued without any interference and no report of house burglaries in the time of flooding. Residents were advised to be vigilant at the risk of heavy rains and flooding.

**Sources:** Malaymail. (2023, Mar 15). *Three police premises hit by floods in Johor*.

### China

**There were two mild earthquakes jolting China's Guangdong province.** According to the China Earthquake Networks Center, Dongyuan county of Heyuan city, Guangdong province faced two earthquakes with magnitude of 4.5 and 3.4 on 8 March 2023. The 4.5-magnitude tremor was felt in the provinces of Pearl River Delta region. Many train services linking between Heyuan North and Boluo North, and between Tuocheng and Huizhou were suspended to ensure safety after the earthquakes hit the areas. No casualty or injury was reported.

**Sources:** China Daily. (2023, Mar 8). *2 earthquakes reported in Guangdong*.

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