



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

Stung Treng province of Cambodia was hit by thunderstorms. On 16 April 2023, thunderstorms wreaked havoc 20 communes in five districts of Stung Treng province injuring one child and affecting 255 families. Meanwhile, 250 houses were damaged. The Stung Treng Provincial Disaster Management Committee together with local authorities provided immediate assistance and distributed relief materials and food to those affected.

Sources: Khmer Times. (2023, Apr 17). *One child injured as thunderstorm wreaks havoc in Stung Treng districts.*

Thailand

A storm capsized dozens of fishing boats in Thailand. A sudden storm hit southern Thailand on 16 April 2023 capsizing and damaging dozens of fishing boats in the Gulf of Thailand. There were at least three people killed, seven injured, but no missing reported. The Provincial Disaster Prevention Agency warned the small fishing boats against going to the sea. Besides, a large

private ferry in Surat Thani province was reported of damage while docked because of strong waves; however, no casualty or injuries from this incident.

Sources: AP News. (2023, Apr 17). *Freak storm in Thailand capsizes fishing boats, killing 3.*

Japan

A yellow sandstorm engulfed many areas of Japan. Yellow sand carried by westerly winds from China's deserts covered parts of western and northern Japan on 13 April 2023. The sandstorm was observed above many areas including Osaka, Fukuoka, Nagoya, Sendai, and Sapporo while Tokyo was affected by the sandstorm for the first time since May 2021. The Japan Meteorological Agency warned people of possible disruption due to a reduction in visibility.

Sources: Japan Today. (2023, Apr 14). *Yellow sand blankets parts of Japan.*

Republic of Korea

Yellow dust brought misery to Korea. A yellow dust storm whipped up from the Gobi Desert in northern China and Mongolia spread to almost the entire Korea causing the worst fine dust level of the year as of 12 April 2023. The Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) issued a fine dust advisory for all parts of the country while people were advised on respiratory illnesses. Also, the elementary, middle, and high schools in Incheon city were ordered to suspend outdoor classes.

Sources: Korea Times. (2023, Apr 12). *Yellow dust blankets Korea; fine dust advisory issued.*

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