



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

A tourist site in Indonesia was struck by flash flood and landslide. A four-metre flash flood, and landslide caused by heavy rains hit Sembahe village of Deli Serdang Regency, North Sumatra province on 30 April 2023. A parking area was flooded while a car was heavily damaged. Meanwhile, parts of the Medan-Berastagi highway were affected by muddy floods disrupting the traffic. Also, heavy rains triggered floods and landslides in Sibolga city and Central Tapanuli Regency. There were seven houses damaged but no casualties reported.

Sources: The Jakarta Post. (2023, May 1). *Flash flood, landslide hit tourism site in North Sumatra Medan.*

Myanmar

Extreme heat engulfed several parts of Myanmar. According to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, the temperature in Kalaywa and Nyung-U townships rose to

44 degrees Celsius while in Kalay, Tamu, Minkin, Monwya, Myinmu, Myingyan, Chauk, and Pakokku townships reached 43 degrees Celsius as of 18 April 2023. Besides, the temperature in some regions and states hit their highest heat records. The extreme heat also caused many people to suffer from dehydration and heat stroke. The Health Ministry therefore warned people of the heat stroke and avoiding sun exposure.

Sources: ELEVEN. (2023, Apr 20). *Day temperature rises in ten towns in Myanmar.*

The Philippines

The Philippines experienced a moderate earthquake and an El Nino alert. A 5.2 magnitude earthquake jolted Occidental Mindoro province on 29 April 2023. The epicentre was 19 kilometres southeast of Looc town at a depth of 74 kilometres. However, the quake did not cause any damages. Later, the Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) on 2 May 2023 issued an El Nino alert as the weather phenomenon might emerge between June and July at 80 percent probability and remain until the first quarter of 2024. This could cause some areas of the countries to face negative impacts, such as dry spells and drought.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2023, Apr 29). *Magnitude 5.2 quake rocks Occidental Mindoro*; Philippine News Agency. (2023, May 2). *PAGASA issues El Nino alert.*

Thailand

Many areas of Thailand were hit by summer storm. On 25 April 2023, a summer storm struck Kanchanaburi province causing one person to be injured and over 100 families to be affected. Also, at least 20 cars

in Samut Prakan province were damaged after a tent in a parking area was collapsed due to the storm. In the meantime, more than 80 power poles were broken and dozens of houses were damaged in Chainat province. Besides, about ten high voltage power poles in Nakhon Ratchasima province were knocked down by the storm and blocked part of the Mittraphap road on 26 April 2023.

Sources: TPN National News. (2023, April 26). Summer Storms Hit Many Areas in Upper Thailand

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