



# WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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## The Philippines

**A 5.1-magnitude earthquake rocked Isabela province and felt in other areas.** According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, an earthquake of magnitude 5.1 at a depth of 31 kilometres struck the coastal town of Maconacon in the Philippines' Isabela province on 7 May 2023. It was the second earthquake that hit the area after the stronger earthquake of magnitude 5.8 was recorded on 4 May 2023. No damage was reported; however, six aftershocks ranging from 1.8 to 2.9 magnitudes were recorded. The neighboring areas of Isabela province also felt the temblor.

**Sources:** Inquirer. (2023, May 7). *5.1-magnitude quake hits Isabela anew; 6 aftershocks also recorded.*

## Viet Nam

**Dong Nai and Ho Chi Minh City of Viet Nam experienced extreme weather.** On 8 May 2023, rainstorms caused by a low-pressure from the north triggered

floods in Bien Hoa town of Dong Nai province. Flooding congested the traffic in some streets while parts of the town also faced hailstorms. Likewise, Ho Chi Minh City was hit by flooding causing chaos in several roads of Binh Thanh district and Thu Duc city.

**Sources:** VN Express. (2023, May 8). *Heat wave replaced by flooding in HCMC, Dong Nai.*

## China

**Floods affected over 300,000 people in eastern China.** Heavy rain had swept across eastern China since 3 May 2023 causing floods in many areas. More than 10,000 people had to evacuate from their homes while almost 300,000 people in Jiangxi province were affected. The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters issued a level-4 emergency response, the lowest level in a four-tier system, in the province. Besides, heavy rains forced a dyke in Yichun city to burst and rivers in Fuzhou city to overflow their banks. As of 6 May 2023, there were also reported of severe damages to dozens of houses and 375 hectares of crops causing a direct economic loss of at least USD 33 million.

**Sources:** South China Morning Post. (2023, May 7). *Floods force thousands to leave homes in eastern China amid heavy rainfall.*

## Japan

**Japan was struck by a strong earthquake.** An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.5 struck off the northern tip of the Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa prefecture on 5 May 2023 killing one person and injuring 22 people. There was no tsunami reported but the sea level

changed around 10 centimetres. Later, a magnitude 5.8 aftershock was recorded in the area. Besides, the earthquakes also caused the suspension of some train lines.

**Sources:** The Japan Times. (2023, May 5). *One killed, 22 injured after magnitude 6.5 earthquake jolts Ishikawa.*

## **Republic of Korea**

**Heavy rains disrupted scores of flights in Korea's Jeju Island.** Heavy rains and strong winds hit the southern island of Jeju on 4 May 2023 causing 45 domestic flights to be cancelled, and 78 domestic and three international flights to be postponed according to Jeju International Airport. Travelers were advised to check the flight status in advance. The Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) also issued alerts for heavy rain, high winds, and thunderstorms on the island. Besides, there were reports of property damages in the island.

**Sources:** Yonhap. (2023, May 4). *Heavy rain, strong winds disrupt flights on Jeju Island.*

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