



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

Lighting struck parts of Siem Reap province of Cambodia. On 4 June 2023, heavy rains with lightning struck three villages of Puok district in Siem Reap province. There was a boy killed by lightning and four others seriously injured. Besides, four cows grazing in a field were also perished by lightning. The authorities warned residents to stay indoors during heavy rains, protect their livestock, and avoid carrying metal objects.

Sources: Khmer Times. (2023, June 7). *Lightning kills boy, injures three others in Siem Reap.*

Malaysia

Malaysian island of Penang faced a freak storm. A tree in George Town was uprooted by a freak storm on 10 June 2023 crashing into several vehicles. As a result, a motorcyclist died and nine others were injured when they were travelling along the

Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu Expressway. The incident caused the traffic on the road heading towards the Penang Bridge and Bayan Lepas town to congest. The Penang Island City Council personnel rushed to the area and helped clear the debris from blocking road users.

Sources: The Star. (2023, June 11). *Youth killed by falling tree in freak storm.*

Myanmar

A mild earthquake claimed one life in Myanmar's Ayeyawady Region. According to the Meteorology and Hydrology Department, an earthquake of magnitude 4.8 was recorded in Maubin township of Ayeyawady Region on 7 June 2023, around eight kilometres south-southeast of Nyaungdone township at a depth of 10 kilometres. Some buildings were destroyed causing a nun to die and a woman to be injured under the destruction at the Mogyoke Meditation Centre. The Technology University of Maubin and Shwebonepwint Pagoda were also damaged. Moreover, the delta townships of Nyaungdone, Bogalay and Pyapon, as well as the Yangon townships of Kamayut, Ahlon, Insein, Hlaingtharyar, Mingaladon and Thanlyin were also hit by the jolt.

Sources: Mizzima. (2023, June 8). *4.8 magnitude earthquake destroys buildings, kills nun in Maubin delta township.*

The Philippines

Mayon volcano eruption forced thousands of people to flee their homes. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), Mayon volcano in Albay province of the

Philippines' Bicol region started slowly spewing lava on 11 June 2023 indicating that activity of the volcano would persist for a few months. Over 14,000 people living within six kilometers of Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ) of the volcano later were preemptively evacuated and had to stay at evacuation centers or temporary shelters. Furthermore, a total of 18 cities and/or municipalities in Bicol region were placed under a state of calamity. Food and emergency supplies together with other assistances from abroad were provided to those affected. In the meantime, tourists were warned to actively aware of local conditions of the volcano and flight operations were advised to avoid flying close to the volcano's summit.

Sources: Philstar (2023, June 13). *Mayon begins spewing lava.*

Japan

Train services were suspended due to an earthquake. An estimated magnitude 6.2 earthquake, equivalent an intensity of lower five on Japan's seismic intensity scale of seven, struck off the coast of Urakawa town, Hokkaido at a depth of about 136 kilometres on 11 June 2023. However, there was no danger of tsunami. According to Hokkaido Railway Company, a total of 51 trains were suspended and about 10,000 passengers were stranded due to the earthquake. Besides, a total of 21 trains remained suspended on 12 June 2023. An intensity of lower five was recorded in Chitose city, and Atsuma and Urakawa towns.

Sources: The Yomiuri Shimbun. (2023, June 12). *Trains Suspended by Sunday's Quake in Hokkaido.*

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