



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

People in Indonesia were affected by the natural disasters. On 29 June 2023, Tanggamus district of Lampung province was hit by severe flooding. There were 5,008 people affected while 1,252 houses, about 934 rai of farmlands, and other structures were inundated by floodwater. The residents were advised to stay vigilant of more flooding. Meanwhile, Yogyakarta city was rattled by 6.4-magnitude earthquake causing 15 houses, and several facilities in the districts of Gunung Kidul, Bantul, and Kulon Progo to be damaged. The Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) reported of five aftershocks in the area. Later, the official warned people to be aware of more possible aftershocks and prepare to evacuate if necessary.

Sources: Antara. (2023, July 1). *No reports of casualties following flood in Tanggamus, Lampung: BNPB*; Antara. (2023, July 1). *Structural damages reported following 6.4-M earthquake in Yogyakarta.*

Malaysia

Malaysia's Penang Island was struck by heavy downpours. Flash floods triggered by heavy rains hit various areas of Penang Island on 30 June 2023. The north-east district of the island was the most affected area by flooding. Several trees were toppled by strong winds during the storm, and blocked roads. The fast action team was deployed to clear the area to make the traffic flow. Besides, a landslide was reported on the route linking between Jalan Balik Pulau town to Batu Ferringhi town. The warning signs of landslide were shown to alert the road users, and warned people to check the weather before travelling.

Sources: Malay mail. (2023, July 1). *Trees topple as flash floods hit Penang's north-east*; New Straits Times. (2023, July 1). *Landslide along Jalan Balik Pulau-Batu Ferringhi.*

Thailand

An earthquake jolted northern Thailand. According to the Meteorological Department of Thailand, an earthquake of magnitude 4.5 struck Phitsanulok province on 29 June 2023 with the epicentre located five kilometres underground in Bang Krathum district of the province. The tremor was also felt in the provinces of Phichit, Kamphaeng Phet, Nakhon Sawan, Loei, and Phetchabun. Meanwhile, a light damage to a temple was reported in Phichit province. The earthquake was a movement of a hidden fault which had not been active for a century.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2023, June 29). *Quake felt in the North.*

China

Torrential rains affected more than 95,000 people in central China's Hunan province.

Heavy rains had lashed parts of Hunan province on 29 June 2023 affecting over 95,000 people while over 14,000 others were forced to flee their homes. The Xiangxi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture was the hardest-hit area by flooding with the direct economic losses of about 79.5 million U.S. dollars. Later, floodwaters in Guzhang and Baojing counties were reported to recede. The local officials together with residents worked together to resume transportation, electricity, and communication networks. Additionally, food, water, tents, and quilts were provided to evacuation sites for those relocated.

Sources: Xinhua. (2023, July 2). *Over 95,000 people affected by heavy rainfall in central China's Hunan.*

Japan

Many areas in Japan were struck by heavy rains. On 1 July 2023, parts of western Japan and the southwestern Kyushu region were pounded by a high intensity of rainfalls. A man was found dead inside a washed away car, and one person was missing after the mudslide hit his house in Yamaguchi prefecture. Besides, seven vehicles were submerged in Mine city of Yamaguchi with a report of one driver missing. In the meantime, Fukuoka and Oita prefectures also experienced the high intensity of rainfalls. The services between Hiroshima and Hakata stations on the Sanyo Shinkansen bullet train were temporarily suspended.

Sources: Kyodo News. (2023, July 1). *Heavy rain lashes western Japan, leaving 1 dead, 2 missing.*

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