



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Indonesia's Bali faced severe weather. During 7 - 9 July 2023, heavy rains triggered widespread floods and numerous landslides in various areas of Bali province. Strong winds also toppled trees and damaged buildings. According to the ASEAN Disaster Information Network (ADINet), the disastrous incidents left five dead while seven were injured and another one person went missing. Around 50 people had to flee their homes, and 192 people were affected. About 50 homes in the affected areas were damaged. Likewise, East Java province was struck by floods and mudslides on 6 – 7 July 2023 killing three people, and displacing over 1,000.

Source: Flood List. (2023, July 10). *Indonesia – Severe Weather in Bali Triggers Deadly Flooding and Landslides.*

The Philippines

Mayon Volcano's unrest forced more people to evacuate. According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), around 50 families from Anoling village located within the 6-kilometer permanent danger zone of Mayon Volcano were forced to evacuate to a temporary shelter on 9 July 2023 while the volcano was registered 26 volcanic earthquakes and 303 rockfall events. The Bicol Regional Office initiated a forced evacuation following verified reports that several families refused to leave their village.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2023, July 9). *50 families forcibly evacuated from Mayon danger zone.*

Viet Nam

Continuous rainfall hit several parts of Viet Nam's Ho Chi Minh City. A two-hour heavy rain on 5 July 2023 flooded roads and residential areas in Ho Chi Minh City. In alley 507, Nguyen Van Qua Street, several houses were inundated by more than half a metre of floodwater. Meanwhile, 16 Kilometres away from the street, rains also disrupted the traffic on Quoc Huong Street. According to the Southern Hydrometeorological Center, a hot low pressure in the west along with a subtropical high pressure caused widespread and heavy rains in HCMC.

Source: VN Express. (2023, July 6). *Heavy rains flood houses in parts of HCMC.*

China

Many parts of China were under extreme weather. On 5 July 2023, at least 15 people in southwestern China were found dead due to severe flooding. Chongqing municipality was the hardest hit area with the report of four people missing and a large number of people forcing to flee their homes. Flood warning in Chongqing later was upgraded from level four to level three growing seriousness of the calamity. Besides, more than 85,000 people in only Sichuan province were forced to relocate by the deluges. Conversely, China's capital city, Beijing on 6 July 2023 issued the red alert for high temperatures –the highest in its colour-coded alert system– as the temperatures in many areas of the city were expected to soar above 40 degrees Celsius. People were advised to reduce outdoor activities and follow necessary measures to prevent heatstroke and sunburn when going outside.

Sources: AP. (2023, July 5). *15 killed by floods in southwestern China as seasonal torrents hit mountain areas*; Xinhua. (2023, July 6). *Beijing issues highest heat alert*.

Japan

Torrential rains wreaked havoc in Japan. Southern Japan was ravaged by torrential rain on 10 July 2023 triggering landslides that killed at least three people and left eight others missing. Also, thousand of people were ordered to evacuate while more than seven houses were damaged. Several rivers in the affected area were reported to be overflowed by the rainfalls. Earlier, northern Kyushu and the Chugoku region were affected by heavy rains on 9 July 2023. Residents in some areas were advised to move to second floors of their houses and stay away from mountains, cliffs and

streams. In the meantime, Shimane Prefecture and other western Japan areas were lashed by heavy rains on 8 July 2023. About 370,000 residents were urged to evacuate by the local authorities. The heavy rains caused at least 15 landslides in Izumo city while 20 locations were affected by overflowing rivers. Roads were cut off in some areas.

Sources: Japan Today. (2023, July 9). *Heavy rainfall hits western Japan; 370,000 urged to evacuate*; The Japan Times. (2023, July 10). *Three killed and eight missing as heavy rain triggers landslides in southern Japan*.

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