



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Myanmar

Monsoon rains claimed five lives in Myanmar. Floods and landslides caused by heavy monsoon rains hit many parts of Myanmar. According to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar, five people were killed, and around 48,000 people in Kachin, Karen, Chin, Rakhine, and Mon states as well as Magway and Bago regions were forced to evacuate to monasteries, schools and other higher places as of 12 August 2023. The ministry also provided food and water to those affected. Meanwhile, Myanmar Red Cross volunteers helped evacuate people, distribute food, and provide health care in flood-hit Karen state.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2023, Aug 13). *Waiting to go home: 48,000 evacuated in Myanmar floods.*

The Philippines

Mild earthquake struck the Philippines' Batanes province. Several areas of

Batanes province were jolted by a magnitude-5.4 earthquake on 13 August 2023. The epicenter of the quake was recorded 42 kilometers north of Sabtang town at the seismic intensity of 5. Meanwhile, intensity 4 was felt in nearby Basco, Ivana, Mahatao, and Uyugan towns, and Intensity 3 in Itbayat town. However, no casualties or damages to property were reported from this incident.

Sources: Reliefweb. (2023, Aug 14). *Magnitude-5.4 quake jolts Batanes.*

Viet Nam

Floods and landslides severely hit Viet Nam. Heavy rains had triggered floods and landslides in the northern mountainous region of Viet Nam since 2 August 2023 killing 12 people according to the report of DG ECHO Partners as of 11 August 2023. Meanwhile, five people were injured and three others went missing. A total of 30,000 people were affected and 2,940 people were evacuated to shelter in safer areas. The Vietnam Red Cross Society provided food assistance and essential items to 109 affected households while involved agencies were urged to mitigate landslide and flood damages.

Sources: Reliefweb. (2023, Aug 11). *Vietnam – Flood and landslides (DG ECHO partners, media) (ECHO Daily Flash of 11 August 2023).*

Japan

Typhoon Lan wreaked havoc western Japan. On 15 August 2023, typhoon Lan made landfall on the Kii Peninsula and moved across western Japan with torrential rainfalls causing at least 23 people to be

injured and disrupting over 560 flights, bullet train services, theme park, and high school baseball championship games. Also, the Meteorological Agency of Japan issued a heavy rain warning for Tottori Prefecture while the local government in Tottori city issued its highest-level alert for about 180,000 residents.

Sources: Japan Today. (2023, Aug 15). *Trains, flights canceled as typhoon makes landfall over western Japan.*

Republic of Korea

Typhoon Khanun lashed South Korea. According to the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasures Headquarters (CDSCH), Typhoon Khanun struck South Korea on 10 August 2023 causing flooding, landslides, facility destruction, transportation disruptions and school closures. Besides, a total of 15,862 people had to evacuate while 30 houses, 64 roads, and 16 commercial facilities were submerged by floodwater. However, there was no report of injuries or fatalities.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2023, Aug 11). *Typhoon causes over 360 cases of facility, flooding damage.*

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