



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Malaysia

Heavy downpour hit Penang state of Malaysia. On 4 September 2023, flash floods caused by an hour of tremendous rains inundated many parts of Penang state. The roofs of houses in Seberang Prai Utara district were blown away and many trees were uprooted by strong winds and heavy rains. In the meantime, some areas experienced flood up to an ankle level. The inundation later receded around noon and no injury or fatality was reported. Additionally, the Penang Fire and Rescue was monitoring the situation closely.

Sources: New Straits Times. (2023, Sep 4). *Flash floods hit parts of Penang.*

The Philippines

Super Typhoon Goring caused floods in the Philippines' Metro Manila. The southwest monsoon enhanced by Super Typhoon Goring brought heavy rainfall to parts of Manila on 31 August 2023. All levels of public and private school classes in the

cities of Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela, and Manila were suspended. Meanwhile, local governments of Caloocan and Valenzuela also suspended work. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration issued warning of intense rainfall that could lead to flooding. Later, major road routes in Manila and Quezon cities were reported flooded. Besides, railway and ferry services were also delayed and/or suspended. The Philippine Red Cross deployed rescue teams to help stranded people.

Sources: Philstar. (2023, Aug 31). *Goring floods Metro; classes, work suspended.*

China

Typhoon Haikui claimed two lives in China. Heavy rains and floods triggered by typhoon Haikui hit parts of Fuzhou City, east China's Fujian Province on 5 September 2023. During rescue operations, nine rescuers together with a fire truck were swept away by floodwaters. There were two people confirmed dead and another one remained missing. Meanwhile, six people were rescued safely. Typhoon Haikui, the 11th typhoon of this year, made landfall in the coastal area of Dongshan county of Fujian province around 5:20 a.m.

Sources: Xinhua. (2023, Sep 5). *2 killed, 1 missing as typhoon-triggered flood hits east China province.*

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