



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Thailand

Flash floods struck Mae Hong Son province of Thailand. Hours of downpours triggered runoff from the Mae Sa Ngee and Mae Sa Nga streams flooding several villages in Muang district of Mae Hong Son province on 8 September 2023. A woman was reported missing while the livestock was affected. Moreover, houses, sacks of rice, and many vehicles were damaged. Walls and bridges in Tham Pla-Namtok Pha Suea National Park were destroyed. Floodwaters also uprooted trees, and displaced boulders blocking the main road linking Mae Hong Son and Chiang Mai provinces. An operation was launched to find the missing one and rescue the livestock. The authorities were also working urgently to relieve the situation.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2023, Sep 9). *Woman missing in flash flood in Mae Hong Son.*

China

China was lashed by typhoon Haikui. Since 8 September 2023, typhoon Haikui and monsoon had brought torrential rains to many cities and countries in the Pearl River

Delta region. More than 80,000 people in Guangdong province were forced to evacuate after the province was struck by heavy rains and flooding. The emergency disaster relief response was raised to Level II while flood control emergency responses were initiated in 15 cities. Schools in many cities were suspended. A total of 47 rail services were halted, and 79 road sections, six toll booths and a bridge were temporarily closed. Further, seven people were killed and three remained missing in Guangxi province due to massive landslides influenced by the typhoon combined with monsoon. The search and rescue operations were underway.

Sources: Xinhua. (2023, Sep 8). *Over 80,000 evacuated in south China's Guangdong amid heavy rainfall;* China Daily. (2023, Sep 12). *Landslides leave 7 dead, 3 missing in Guangxi.*

Japan

Japan's Honshu Island was ravaged by a tropical cyclone. Typhoon no. 13 did not make landfall in Japan; however, it was downgraded to a tropical cyclone and approached Honshu Island on 8 September 2023. There were at least three people confirmed dead in Chiba, Ibaraki and Fukushima prefectures on 9 September 2023 after the linear rainbands formed over the prefectures and triggered heavy rainfall. Besides, two rivers in Hitachi city of Ibaraki prefecture overflowed their banks flooding the first floor of the government building and causing a blackout.

Sources: The Asahi Shimbun. (2023, Sep 9). *At least 3 die due to typhoon as Japan starts mopping up.*

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