



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Malaysia

Flash floods hit Malaysia's Raub town. Continuous heavy rains triggered flash floods in Raub town on 18 September 2023. Some residential areas were submerged by floodwaters. The Pahang Civil Defence Force (APM) immediately evacuated eight families involving 10 people to a temporary flood relief centre, and also closely monitored the flash floods in the town.

Sources: New Straits Times. (2023, Sep 19). *Raub hit by flash floods, eight families evacuated.*

The Philippines

Natural disasters caused damages in the Philippines. A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.3 struck off the coast of Dalupiri Island in Cagayan province on 12 September 2023 callapsing a wall in Calayan town. There were five people injured as a result of the incident. The tremor was also felt in Cagayan Valley, Ilocos and Central Luzon regions, and Cordillera administrative region. Moreover, low-lying towns in central

Mindanao administrative region were inundated by flash floods due to heavy rainfalls on 18 September 2023. A total of 31,265 people were affected while rivers crisscrossing Maguindanao del Sur and Cotabato provinces were swollen and overflowed. Relevant agencies quickly responded to help people in the flood-hit areas.

Sources: Philstar. (2023, Sep 13). *5 injured, no major damage after Cagayan earthquake*; Philstar. (2023, Sep 19). *Flash floods hit low-lying central Mindanao towns.*

Thailand

Chiang Mai province was submerged by floodwaters. Flash floods and overflowing river caused by heavy rains during 16-17 September 2023 inundated 27 villages in eight districts of Chiang Mai province, northern Thailand. There were 120 households affected. The Transport Ministry later set up a command centre in the province to deal with the situation and assist flood victims. Also, people living along natural waterways and at the foot of mountains were advised to prepare for possible flash floods or overflows.

Sources: Thai PBS World. (2023, Sep 18). *Eight districts of Chiang Mai flooded.*

Viet Nam

Heavy rains battered Viet Nam's Lao Cai province. Heavy rains on the night of 12 September 2023 triggered flash floods and landslides in several areas of Lao Cai province killing two people and leaving five others missing. Water levels of three main streams in Nam Pha, Nam Cang, and Nam Than communes suddenly increased. Local

residents could not move to a safer area. Besides, properties and roads were damaged while aquatic animals were swept away. The authorities closely monitored the situation and focused on addressing the aftermath of flash floods in the province.

Sources: Viet Nam News. (2023, Sep 13). *Flash flood kills two in Lào Cai.*

Japan

Northeastern Japan was struck by a mild earthquake. A preliminary magnitude 5.5 earthquake occurred in northeastern Japan at a depth of 60 kilometres in waters off Miyagi Prefecture on 19 September 2023. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, the earthquake was registered 4 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 in parts of Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures. There were no abnormalities at the Onagawa nuclear plant, and no threat of a tsunami.

Sources: Japan Today. (2023, Sep 19). *M5.5 quake jolts wide area of northeastern Japan.*

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