



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Malaysia

Malaysia's Sepang district was hit by flash floods. On 20 September 2023, heavy downpours triggered flash floods in several areas of Sepang district. The traffic in at least three areas including the Kota Warisan-Kuala Lumpur International Airport interchange, Jalan Jenderam-Salak Tinggi, and Jalan Sungai Merab-Bangi was congested. Floodwaters later subsided and the traffic returned to normal.

Sources: Malay Mail. (2023, Sep 20). *Heavy downpour causes flash floods in several areas of Sepang today, say police.*

Thailand

Storms wreaked havoc eastern Thailand. Heavy rains and strong gusts severely hit Sriracha district, Chonburi province causing a huge gas station sign to fall down onto stores and a car on 20 September 2023. There was one person dead while another one was injured. Moreover, a thunderstorm lashed Bang Pakong district, Chachoengsao province damaging houses, shops, and motorcycles in many areas. The toppled electric poles and many trees caused

widespread power outage. The tap water also stopped flowing throughout the district pushing the local residents to be in distress.

Sources: ASEAN Now. (2023, Sep 21). *Storm hits Sriracha, Large Gas Station Sign Crushes Customer's car, kills 1 person*; Thailand Post. (2023, Sep 21). *"Bang Pakong" rain falls, storm blows down power poles Property damage Villagers fled in chaos (clip).*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam's Ho Chi Minh City was lashed by thunderstorms. Strong winds and heavy rains on 19 September 2023 uprooted around 100 trees and many metal poles in Ho Chi Minh City. Several power and telecommunication lines, and vehicles were destroyed disrupting communication network and traffic. However, there was no report of casualty. The thunderstorm was caused by a semitropical high-pressure area.

Sources: VN Express. (2023, Sep 20). *100 trees felled; roofs blown off in Saigon thunderstorms.*

China

Violent tornadoes devastated eastern China. The first tornado hit parts of Suqian city, Jiangsu province on 19 September 2023. It killed five people while four others were injured. Besides, 137 homes and some vehicles were destroyed. Crop land and pig farms were also damaged. Later, the province was hit again by the second tornado leaving five people in Yancheng city dead.

Sources: AP News. (2023, Sep 20). *Tornadoes kill 10 people and seriously injure 4 others in eastern China.*

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