



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Cambodia grappled with widespread floods. Severe floods wreaked havoc in several provinces during 12 - 15 October 2023. The floods affected over 3,000 families and displaced around 14,800 people in various districts of Banteay Meanchey province. A total of 144 roads, 11 schools, and four pagodas were devastated. Additionally, rice fields and mixed crops were swamped, killing 100 animals. Meanwhile, around 199 families were relocated to safety. Later, there was a report of inundation affecting 500 families in Kampong Speu province. Traffic on National Road 3 in Kong Pisey district was temporarily suspended. Local authorities and the National Committee for Disaster Management rescued over 500 families, with 17 families safely evacuated. Unfortunately, the receding water flowed into Kandal and Takeo provinces, leading to additional flooding in these areas.

Sources: Khmer Times. (2023, Oct 15). *Severe flooding devastates Banteay Meanchey, thousands impacted*; Khmer Times; (2023, Oct 16). *More than 500 families affected by floods in Kampong Speu Province.*

Malaysia

Flash floods hit Malaysia's Sik district. Heavy rains caused flash floods in Sik district of Kedah state, Malaysia on 22 October 2023. The floodwaters affected the villages of Banggol Kiat, Taman Derdap, Jerai, Pinang, and Belimbing. Houses were submerged and a road was cut off. Over 100 flood evacuees were relocated. A total of 67 people from 11 families were sheltered at Sekolah Kebangsaan Chepir and Markas Pas Tanjung Belit temporary relief centres while other 38 evacuees from 13 families were on 23 October 2023 moved to the Balai Islam temporary relief center increasing the number of evacuees to 100.

Sources: New Straits Times. (2023, Oct 23). *Number of evacuees in Sik flood rises to over 100 people.*

Viet Nam

Floods claimed two lives in central Viet Nam. Prolonged torrential rains due to a cold airmass combining with an Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone, and easterly wind caused severe floods in the central region of Viet Nam. The floodwaters submerged several low-lying areas in Da Nang city, affecting 1,564 houses. Over 3,700 residents were evacuated, and all schools in the city were forced to close. Later, two casualties were reported in Ha Tinh and Thua Thien – Hue cities on 14 October 2023. As the rains was forecast to move to the southern region, the Standing Office of the National Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control instructed affected localities to continually follow the flood control measures.

Sources: Viet Nam Plus. (2023, Oct 15). *Floods caused by prolonged heavy rains cause heavy damage in central region.*

China

Typhoon Sanba triggered the highest flood alert in southern China. Typhoon Sanba made a second landfall in Zhanjiang city, Guangdong province in southern China on 20 October 2023, following its initial landfall in Hainan province. The typhoon brought heavy and severe rainfall to the coastal areas, affecting Maoming, Zhanjiang, and Yangjiang cities. Maoming's hydrological department issued a red flood alert, the most severe weather warning in China's four-tier color-coded system.

Sources: Xinhua. (2023, Oct 20). *Typhoon Sanba brings heavy rain to south China's Guangdong.*

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