



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### Indonesia

**Many parts of Indonesia were affected by extreme weather.** During 23 - 29 October 2023, the provinces of Bangka Belitung, Central Java, South Kalimantan, West Java, and East Java were rattled by tornadoes and strong winds. About 3,900 people were affected. Meanwhile, the provinces of Bali, and South Sulawesi experienced severe drought affecting around 43,000 people. According to the National Agency for Disaster Countermeasure of Indonesia (BNPB), a decrease in rainfall associated with El Nino phenomenon was a main cause of the drought event.

**Sources:** AHA Centre. (2023, Oct 30). *Weekly Disaster Update 23 – 29 October 2023.*

### Malaysia

**Storms wreaked havoc on several states of Malaysia.** On 28 October 2023, eight classrooms, and the administrative block of the Munshi Abdullah school in Batu Berendam, Melaka Tengah district of Malacca state were severely damaged by strong winds while several trees in the area

were also uprooted. Heavy storms later hit Bukit Payong town in Terengganu state killing a man after a large tree crashed down on his car on 29 October 2023. Many villagers, and houses in Kubung Pasu district of Kedah state were also affected. Besides, six houses in Arau town of Perlis state were damaged during the thunderstorm in the same day leaving 37 villagers stranded. However, the situation in each state was under control.

**Sources:** The Star. (2023, Oct 28). *Roof of Melaka school blown away by strong winds*; Bernama. (2023, Oct 29). *Tree falls on car during storm, killing senior citizen*; Bernama. (2023, Oct 29). *Storm damages several houses in Kubung Pasu – APM*; Malay Mail. (2023, Oct 29). *Six houses damaged by thunderstorm in Arau.*

### Viet Nam

**Quang Tri province of Viet Nam was lashed by heavy rains.** Rivers in Quang Tri province including O Lau, Hieu, Thach Han, and Ben Hai, rose rapidly after the province experienced heavy rains on 24 October 2023. This situation led to flooding in low-lying areas. Sections of mountainous roads were submerged while transportation was temporarily disrupted. The province authorities instructed localities to implement measures to protect agricultural productions, and aquaculture to minimise the damages caused by heavy rains and floods. Besides, reservoirs, dams, and dykes were monitored closely to ensure the safety, and prepare for disaster response.

**Sources:** Viet Nam News. (2023, Oct 25). *Heavy rains hit Quang Tri, flooding many areas.*

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