



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

A strong earthquake struck Indonesia's West Timor Island. An earthquake of magnitude 6.3 jolted off the West Timor Island of East Nusa Tenggara province, Indonesia on 2 November 2023. The epicenter of the quake was located 15 kilometres southeast of Kupang city at a depth of 25 kilometres. The tremor was also felt in several cities of the province, and caused several houses and office buildings to be slightly damaged. Yet, there were no reports of injury or casualty.

Sources: Xinhua. (2023, Nov 2). *6.3-magnitude quake jolts off central Indonesia, no potential for tsunami.*

Bogor was lashed by extreme weather events. Heavy rains and tornadoes strongly hit Bogor in West Java province on 31 October 2023. At least 533 electricity substations were disrupted leaving 109,020 users in the city to survive without electricity. Later, 80 percent of the substations reportedly returned to normal. Moreover, high intensity of rainfall also triggered landslides in South Bogor district on 4

November 2023 causing traffic jam, and washing away many trees to hit resident's houses and block main canal. The authorities carried out a disaster assessment in the affected area.

Sources: Tempo.co. (2023, Nov 1). *Extreme Weather Causes Power Outages in Bogor*; Tempo.co. (2023, Nov 6). *Heavy rain in Bogor; House hit by landslide, no casualty.*

Malaysia

Downpours, and storm ravaged parts of Malaysia. Flash floods due to heavy downpour forced 101 people from 31 families in Sungai Tiram village of Johor state to flee their houses on 1 November 2023. Several houses were inundated by one-metre depth of floodwaters. The authorities continually monitored the situation. Besides, Batu Berendam town of Malacca state was hit by a thunderstorm on 4 November 2023. There were 11 houses and a motorcycle repair shop partially damaged. However, no injuries were reported from the storm.

Source: New Straits Times. (2023, Nov 2). *Flash floods hit JB village, 101 residents evacuated*; New Straits Times. (2023, Nov 5). *Storm damaged 11 houses, workshop in Batu Berendam.*

China

Freezing cold temperature gripped north China. Various cities in the provinces of Heilongjiang, Liaoning and Jilin were affected by heavy snowfall. All classes of education institutions in the provinces were suspended or temporarily closed while 39 flights at the Harbin Taiping International were announcedly canceled on 6 November 2023. In the meantime, Beijing started its

heating supply earlier than usual. The local authorities had implemented emergency measures, and stepped up their efforts to ensure safety. Strong winds and heavy snow behind a cold front had blanketed northern and northeastern China since 5 November 2023 prompting a red alert for blizzards issued in Heilongjiang province.

Sources: Xinhua. (2023, Nov 6). *China Focus: Cold snap grips north China, prompting emergency measures.*

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