



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### **Indonesia**

**Indonesia was rattled by two strong earthquakes.** On 8 November 2023, Indonesia's Banda Sea region was struck by the earthquakes of magnitude 6.9, and 6.8 on the same day. The epicenter of both quakes was at the sea located 255 kilometres from the Tanimbar Islands of Maluku province. The first quake was at the depth of 45 kilometres while the second was 10 kilometres. Yet, no tsunami warning was issued.

**Sources:** Reuters. (2023, Nov 8). *Indonesia's Banda Sea hit by two powerful quakes; no tsunami warning.*

### **Malaysia**

**Downpours hit Malaysia causing chaos in many areas.** Lawas Airport in Sarawak state of Malaysia was inundated by floodwaters after heavy rains hit the area on 9 November 2023. The airport was closed for three consecutive days to clean up, inspect, and

repair the runway while 12 flights were canceled. Moreover, over two hours of heavy rains triggered flash floods in Ipoh city on 13 November 2023. More than 40 houses were affected while several roads were flooded. Dozens of people were stranded on the road or in their vehicles. A team of personnel and an ambulance were dispatched to the flood-affected area to monitor, and assess the risk.

**Sources:** Malay Mail. (2023, Nov 10). *Flash flood forces Lawas Airport to close till Nov 12, 12 flights cancelled;* The Star. (2023, Nov 13). *Storm causes flash floods, blows roofs off houses in Meru, Ipoh.*

### **The Philippines**

**Floods hit the Philippines' Davao city.** Torrential rain since 8 November 2023 had battered Davao city causing widespread flooding. Classes in public and private schools in many barangays were suspended on 9 November 2023 while thousands of residents were stranded at their houses. Major roads were also affected. Later, involved agencies helped move those effected to evacuation centres, and provided them with medical assistance.

**Sources:** Philstar. (2023, Nov 10). *Heavy rain floods Davao; classes suspended.*

### **Viet Nam**

**Viet Nam experienced extreme weather conditions.** The provinces in northern part of central Viet Nam including Da Nang, Nghe An, and Ha Tinh were hit by heavy rains on 12 November 2023. The disastrous calamity was impacts of cold air mass. Many streets

in the provinces were flooded resulting in the traffic congestion. Further, a highway running through Hoa Vang district in Danang was eroded causing the road to be blocked by rubbles and tress. Floodwater from upstream Cu De River also caused several low-laying areas in Hoa Lien, and Hoa Bac communes to be submerged.

**Sources:** VN Express. (2023, Nov 12). *Heavy downpours flood streets in central Vietnam.*

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