



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Strong winds hit southwest Cambodia.

The Governor of Preah Sihanouk province ordered to suspend a sea travel in Sihanoukville due to strong winds as of 17 November 2023. The weather, strong winds and big waves could cause hazards to tourism, transport, and fishermen. Additionally, high-pressure system from China would increase its influence over Cambodia with moderate to strong northeast monsoon.

Sources: Khmer Times. (2023, Nov 17). *Sea travel suspended in Preah Sihanouk province due to high winds.*

Myanmar

Eastern Myanmar was struck by a moderate earthquake. On 17 November 2023, a 5.7-magnitude earthquake shook Myanmar's Shan state at a depth of 10 kilometres. There were four aftershocks after the main earthquake. The tremors were also felt in Viet Nam, and Thailand. However, no reports of any casualties or damages from this incident.

Sources: Reliefweb. (2023, Nov 17). *Myanmar - Earthquake (GDACS, USGS, media) (ECHO Daily Flash of 17 November 2023).*

The Philippines

A powerful earthquake in the Philippines displaced hundreds of people. An earthquake of magnitude 6.8 shook the regions of Northern Mindanao, Davao, and Soccsksargen on 17 November 2023. The strong quake killed at least eight people while six were injured. There were 1,509 people affected, 1,074 of which were displaced. Hundreds of houses, dozens of roads, bridges, buildings, and several schools were partially or totally damaged. Involved agencies closely monitored the situation, and put their efforts to help those affected.

Sources: The Manila Times. (2023, Nov 20). *Hundreds displaced by earthquake.*

Thailand

Thailand was shaken by a light earthquake. An earthquake, measuring 4.0 on the Richter scale at a depth of six kilometres, hit Sangkhla Buri district of Kanchanaburi province, Thailand on 19 November 2023. The tremor was felt throughout the province but no damage was reported. The light earthquake was a result of the movement of the Three Pagodas Fault.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2023, Nov 19). *Earthquake shakes Kanchanaburi.*

Viet Nam

Central Viet Nam was lashed by heavy rains. Days of torrential rain triggered widespread floods across Central Viet Nam. As of 16 November 2023, two people died while three went missing. More than 4,000 people had to evacuate. Furthermore, thousands of homes were flooded, and parts of the national highway were blocked by landslides. The authority also warned people of the rain in the coming days.

Sources: The Straits Times. (2023, Nov 16). *Two dead, three missing in central Vietnam floods.*

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