



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Brunei Darussalam

Torrential rainfall hit many areas of Brunei Darussalam. According to the Fire and Rescue Department, some parts of Tutong District were flooded after constant rains hit the areas on 26 November 2023. Several roads were inundated by floodwaters and impassable to small vehicles. Likewise, overnight heavy rain caused flooding in several low-lying areas in Belait District on 27 November 2023.

Sources: Borneo Bulletin. (2023, Nov 28). *Merangking, Kandul in Belait District face floods following heavy rainfall.*

Malaysia

A part of Pahang state was ravaged by floods. On 25 November 2023, heavy rains triggered the worst flood in the past two years in Bukit Tinggi village of Pahang state, Malaysia. Local residents were seriously affected while some properties were damaged. A main road in Bentong district was also temporarily closed. Still, there were no injuries or casualties from this incident.

The authorities together with volunteers helped clean up the flood-affected village. This was the third inundation occurring in this area during the period.

Sources: The Star. (2023, Nov 26). *Kg Bukit Tinggi residents suffer third major flood in two years.*

The Philippines

The Philippines experienced severe weather. The combined effects of a shear line and low pressure in the Pacific coast brought five days of torrential rains to Eastern Visayas region. There were two people killed while more than 100 villages in Western and Eastern Samar provinces were affected by floods as of 22 November 2023. The Department of Social Welfare and Development later distributed food packs to thousands of flood-affected residents in Western Samar. Besides, parts of Basilan province were pummeled by powerful winds on 23 November 2023. About 400 trees were toppled and damaged electric posts and many houses. This incident also injured two people. Involved agencies were deployed to clear the affected areas and check on the possible displacement of residents.

Sources: Philstar. (2023, Nov 22). *2 dead as floods submerge villages in Eastern Visayas*; The Manila Times. (2023, Nov 24). *Trees, power posts felled; houses in Basilan damaged by winds.*

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