



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### Indonesia

**Flash floods displaced over 20,000 people in West Kalimantan province.** Downpours starting on 25 November 2023 caused Kapuas River to overflow, and flood 32 villages in Kapuas Hulu regency of West Kalimantan province, Indonesia. As of 8 December 2023, at least 25,263 residents were forced to flee their homes while 1,110 houses and 128 public facilities were inundated. Relevant agencies later prepared to assist those in need of evacuation and monitor the affected areas closely. Also, the Disaster Mitigation Agency (BPBD) requested for an emergency response status, and the government's rice reserves to deal with the disastrous calamities.

**Sources:** Antara News. (2023, Dec 8). *Kapuas Hulu flooding displaces 25,263 residents in 32 villages: BPBD.*

### Malaysia

**Malaysia's Johor Baru city was hit by flash floods.** Intensifying rainfall combining

with high tide between 2.7 metres to 2.9 metres in Selat Johor triggered flash floods in 38 locations of Johor Baru city, Malaysia on 7 December 2023. The high tide blocked rainwaters to flow into the sea resulting in many parts of the cities inundated. Involved public authorities had to conduct a meeting to discuss the solutions to tackle this situation.

**Sources:** Malaymail. (2023, Dec 8). *Heavy rain, high tide caused flash floods in 38 locations of Johor Baru, says exco.*

### The Philippines

**Strong winds ravaged homes and rice fields in Cotabato province.** More than 82 houses and a hundred hectares of rice fields in four villages of Kabacan municipality, Cotabato province, the Philippines were destroyed by strong winds during 9-10 December 2023. Several families had to leave their homes; however, there were no injuries or casualties reported. The Kabacan municipal disaster risk reduction and management office together with army troopers and emergency responders from the provincial government assisted those displaced families.

**Sources:** Philippine Star. (2023, Dec 12). *Strong winds destroy houses, rice fields.*

### China

**Heavy snowfall blanketed northern China.** During 10 – 11 December 2023, China's capital Beijing faced 5.8 – 10.2 millimetres of snow triggering an issue of a yellow alert for icy roads. Over 180 bus routes, and 26 trains were suspended. A total of 65 flights were also canceled. The city arranged about 63,000 workers for snow removal and ice

clearing on the roads. Besides, more than 10 centimetres of the snow depth had seen in Henan province causing the issuance of several alerts for heavy winds, heavy snow, cold waves, and icy roads. All classes in province had to suspend. China has a four-tier weather warning system. Red representing the most severe alert, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2023, Dec 11). *China Focus: Schools suspended, traffic affected as heavy snowfall sweeps northern China.*

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