



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### Indonesia

**Indonesia's West Java province was jolted by an earthquake.** A 4.6-magnitude earthquake at a depth of five kilometres struck Sukabumi district of West Java province, Indonesia on 14 December 2023. The tremor also felt in Bogor district. At least 68 houses in those two affected districts were damaged. The Disaster Mitigation Agencies (BPBD) quickly deployed the response teams to the affected areas for conducting further assessments and data collection.

**Sources:** Antara. (2023, Dec 14). *68 houses damaged by 4.6M Sukabumi earthquake: BNPB.*

### Malaysia

**Floods hit three states of Malaysia.** Continuous rains since 13 December 2023 had triggered floods in the states of Kelantan, Terengganu, and Selangor of Malaysia. More than 500 people were forced to evacuate and stay at the relief centres in various areas. Besides, the water level of the

rivers in the flood-hit states was at the warning points while two schools in Terengganu state had to be closed. However, the situation in Perak state improved after 20 evacuees could return to their homes.

**Sources:** Malay Mail. (2023, Dec 14). *Kelantan, Terengganu, Selangor hit by floods again.*

### The Philippines

**Tropical cyclone Kabayan forced over 82,000 people to evacuate.** Heavy rains and floods caused by cyclone Kabayan, internally known 'Jelawat', struck Mindanao Island of the Philippines on 18 December 2023. A total of 86,321 people were affected; 82,703 of which fled their homes. Meanwhile, one person went missing and another one was injured. Also, 53 houses, and infrastructure were damaged. The government had allocated fund for helping affected residents. The tropical cyclone made landfall over Manay municipality of Davao Oriental province before weakening into a Remnant Low Pressure Area (LPA) on the same day.

**Sources:** Philippine Star. (2023, Dec 19). *Over 82,000 displaced in Mindanao due to 'Kabayan' — NDRRMC; Reliefweb. (2023, Dec 19). Tropical Cyclone Jelawat (Kabayan), Philippines - Flash Update #2 (Tuesday, 19 Dec 2023, 1700 HRS UTC +7).*

### China

**A 6.2-magnitude earthquake claimed 113 lives in Gansu province.** On 18 December 2023, northwest China's Gansu province was struck by an earthquake of magnitude 6.2 at a depth of 10 kilometres. The earthquake killed 113 people, and injured 536 people as of 19 December 2023. A total

of 74 people were rescued while 4,298 people had been evacuated. Moreover, 155,393 houses were damaged. China upgraded the national disaster-relief emergency response to Level II, and sent a number of rescuers and firefighters to the quake-hit area. The relief items were distributed to Gansu province and neighboring Qinghai province to help those affected.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2023, Dec 19). *Earthquake death toll rises to 113 in China's Gansu.*

## **Republic of Korea**

**Extreme cold weather hit South Korea's Jeju Island.** Jeju Island of South Korea was blanketed by cold wave and heavy snows on 17 December 2023 resulting in a total of 10 flights at Jeju International Airport cancelled and another three delayed. Meanwhile, some areas of the island faced 20 centimetres of snow. The flight cancellation was issued after the Korea Meteorological Administration issued heavy snow warnings for central and western parts of the country a day earlier. Further, a cold wave advisory was issued in the areas of Seoul, Busan, Daejeon and Daegu.

**Sources:** Yonhap. (2023, Dec 17). *10 flights canceled in Jeju as S. Korea braces for cold wave.*

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