



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### Cambodia

**Strong winds blew up Preah Sihanouk province.** Over two days of wind gusts from the Kamchay mountain damaged over 800 houses in four communes of Prey Nob district, Preah Sihanouk province, Cambodia as of 25 December 2023. The District Administrative Unity Command rushed to the affected area to rescue and evacuate residents to a safer place.

**Sources:** Khmer Times. (2023, Dec 25). *High winds hit over 800 homes in Preah Sihanouk Province.*

### Malaysia

**A number of flood-affected people in Malaysia increased.** Flash floods hit Negeri Sembilan state of Malaysia on 24 December 2023. A total of 68 people from 16 families had to leave their homes and shelter at a relief centre. In the meantime, a number of flood evacuees in the states of Kelantan and Terengganu rocketed to nearly 1,200 people from 326 families while four rivers in

Terengganu state were recorded beyond the danger point.

**Sources:** Malay Mail. (2023, Dec 24). *Heavy rain causes flash floods in Negeri Sembilan.*

### The Philippines

**Northern Luzon of the Philippines was flooded.** A low-pressure area combined with shear line brought light to moderate rains to Cagayan and Apayao provinces, the Philippines on 21 December 2023 triggering floods in several low-lying areas. Residents in the affected areas were advised to take precautionary measures. Meanwhile, a road in Calanan town of Apayao province was blocked by a soil collapse. The commuters were also advised to be more careful when traveling through the affected road section.

**Sources:** Philippine News Agency. (2023, Dec 21). *Flooded areas reported as rains continue to dampen northern Luzon.*

### Thailand

**Floods hit southern Thailand.** The provinces of Narathiwat and Yala located in the southern part of Thailand were struck by two days of heavy rain causing floods in 16 districts. While 9,558 households in nine districts affected in Narathiwat as of 25 December 2023, people in seven districts in Yala were also suffering from an inundation. Houses and schools were also submerged and some roads were impassable for small vehicles. Provincial and local authorities put their efforts to help those affected.

**Sources:** Bangkok Post. (2023, Dec 26). *Heavy rain causes flooding in Yala and Narathiwat.*

## **Republic of Korea**

**Snowstorms disrupted flights on Jeju Island.** A snowstorm during 21-22 December 2023 hit Jeju Island of South Korea amid nationwide cold wave. More than 300 flights were affected leaving thousands of travelers stranded on 23 December 2023. The island received up to about 20 centimetres of snowfall while a cumulative snowfall of the peak of Mount Halla rose to 59.6 centimetres.

**Sources:** The Korea Times. (2023, Dec 24). *Flights to and from Jeju normalized after snowstorm.*

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