



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Floods blocked access to an airport in West Java. Floods triggered by torrential rains on 11 February 2024 hit Indonesia's West Java province. Floodwaters submerged the Kertajati tollgate and cut a road access to Kertajati International Airport affecting several vehicles. Besides, the floods affected 3,500 people and 1,500 houses in three villages of Kertajati district.

Sources: The Jakarta Post. (2024, Feb 13). *Cipali flood blocks access to Kertajati airport.*

Malaysia

Floods struck Malaysia's Pahang state. Torrential downpour caused floods in parts of Pahang state, Malaysia. The ASEAN Disaster Information Network and the National Disaster Management Agency of Malaysia reported that 108 people were displaced and evacuated to one evacuation centre and 21 families affected as of 9 February 2024. The heavy rain and local thunderstorms were forecast to continue across parts of the state.

Sources: Reliefweb. (2024, Feb 9). *Malaysia - Floods (MET Malaysia, National Disaster Management Agency of Malaysia, ADINet) (ECHO Daily Flash of 09 February 2024).*

Viet Nam

An earthquake swarm was recorded in Viet Nam. There were five earthquakes detected in Kon Plong district of Kon Tum province, Viet Nam on 7 February 2024. Magnitude of 4.1 earthquake was the strongest one with a dept of 8.1 kilometres. Meanwhile, other four earthquakes occurred an hour later with magnitude between 2.5 – 3.7. However, the earthquakes did not cause any damages. The authorities continued to monitor and process earthquake data in the quake-hit area, and advised people to stay vigilant and follow instructions.

Sources: Viet Nam Plus. (2024, Feb 7). *Five earthquakes reported in Kon Tum on February 7 morning.*

Japan

Heavy snow injured hundreds of people in Japan. More than 240 people in Tokyo and neighbouring prefectures were taken to the hospitals due to heavy snow which reached its peak on 6 February 2024. Meanwhile, the intense cold continued in the capital and other areas of central Japan on 7 February 2024 with temperatures around 0 degree Celsius. Almost 100 domestic flights to and from Haneda and Narita airports were cancelled while train operations were suspended affecting about 1,700 people. The authorities also warned of traffic accidents due to slippery road conditions.

Sources: EFE. (2024, Feb 7). *240 injured due to heavy snowfall in Tokyo, central Japan.*

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