



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Malaysia

Floods struck Malaysia's Kuching city. At least 45 houses in Batu Kawa, and nine houses in Stakan of Kuching city, Sarawak state, Malaysia were affected by flooding on 16 February 2024. Some areas in Batu Kawa faced 1.2 metres of floodwaters which caused all roads to be inaccessible to the vehicles. Meanwhile, flood-affected people were evacuated to a temporary shelter. The Meteorological Department of Malaysia also warned of heavy rains in Kuching and Kapit.

Sources: Malaymail. (2024, Feb 16). *At least 45 houses in Batu Kawa inundated, flood waters up to 1.2 metres deep.*

The Philippines

Earthquakes rocked two provinces of the Philippines. On 19 February 2024, an earthquake of magnitude 4.7 hit Cagayan province. The epicenter was located 56 kilometres north of Dalupiri Island in Calayan

town. Meanwhile, 4-magnitude earthquake struck Southern Leyte province on the same day. Its epicenter was located nine kilometers north of Malitbog town. However, the quakes did not cause any damages or generate the aftershocks.

Sources: Philstar Global. (2024, Feb 20). *Quakes rock Cagayan, Southern Leyte.*

China

Extreme weather conditions caused suspension of train services. Strong gales and heavy snowfall in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, northwest China suspended 13 passenger trains on 18 February 2024. Meanwhile, some small trains connecting Xinjiang's capital city of Urumqi city were also affected. Earlier, 54 passenger train services were also halted due to the extreme weather. On 16 – 18 February 2024, many areas in the region were affected by blizzards, strong winds, and cold waves.

Sources: Xinhua. (2024, Feb 18). *Extreme weather prompts suspension of more trains in NW China.*

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