



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### Indonesia

**Strong whirlwinds wreaked havoc in West Java.** A whirlwind swept sub-districts including Rancaekek, Cicalengka, Cileunyi, Jatinangor, and Cimanggung in Bandung and Sumedang districts of West Java province on 21 February 2024, damaging 1,191 houses and affecting 1,228 families. Subsequently, on 24 February 2024, another whirlwind struck Citawa Village in Kertasari sub-district, destroying additional 16 houses and affecting 56 people from 16 families. A joint team of personnel from the West Java and Bandung Disaster Mitigation Agencies along with local military and police personnel repaired damaged roofs and cleared debris. Residents were advised to stay calm and follow safety measures.

**Sources:** Antara News. (2024, Feb 25). *BPBD records 16 damaged houses after another whirlwind hits Bandung.*

**Devastating flash floods and landslides struck Sumbawa Island.** Heavy rains triggered flash floods and landslides, damaging four villages including Kalabeso,

Labuhan Burung, Labangkar, and Ropang in West Nusa Tenggara province on Sumbawa Island. On February 21, 2024, the flash floods cut off bridges and caused the bridge embankment to collapse in Kalabeso and Labuhan Burung villages in the Buer and Alas sub-districts. A total of 52 families were affected and around 25 hectares of agricultural land were damaged. Later, on 24 February 2024, the same disaster inundated dozens of houses and caused landslides in Labangkar village. A total of 30 families were affected and four houses were destroyed. Meanwhile, a bridge in Ropang village was damaged, disrupting traffic.

**Sources:** Antara. (2024, Feb 25). *Flash floods, landslides hit two villages in NTB's Sumbawa Island.*

### China

**Heavy snow claimed one life and disrupted travel in China.** Northern and central parts of China were engulfed by heavy snowfall disrupting travel and prompting school closures on 21 February 2024. Authorities issued severe weather warnings across several provinces. People were affected by a delay or cancellation of many flights and intercity trains. Around tens of thousands of workers were mobilised to clear the snow in the worst-affected areas. Tragically, one person was killed due to a roof collapse of supermarket's roof in Hebei province.

**Sources:** ABC News. (2024, Feb 21). *Heavy snow in north and central China disrupts travel and schools and kills one person.*

## **Republic of Korea**

**Winter storm triggered travel chaos across South Korea.** Heavy snowfall hit Seoul, Incheon and Gyeonggi province, as well as Gangwon province on 22 February 2024 with a forecast to continue snowing in Gangwon until 23 February 2024. A total of 24 car accidents and 34 injuries were reported in Gangwon province. Subway lines were delayed in Seoul. The Korea Meteorological Administration warned of possible accidents on icy roads. In addition, alerts for strong winds and high seas were issued along the southern coastal areas.

**Sources:** Korea Herald. (2024, Feb 22). *Heavy snow hits S. Korea, with more expected.*

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