



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Over 1,000 houses in Southeast Sulawesi province were submerged by floods. Heavy rains triggered floods in five sub-districts of Southeast Sulawesi province, Indonesia namely Kolaka, Latambaga, Samaturu, Wolo, and Iwoimendaa. As of 22 January 2024, 1,011 houses were inundated while four school buildings and three mosques were also affected. The district government and related agencies later launched a flood relief and evacuation mission to assist those affected.

Sources: Antara News. (2024, Jan 22). *Floods inundate over 1,000 homes in Southeast Sulawesi's Kolaka.*

Malaysia

Flash flood affected several areas of Sarawak state. The Civil Defence Force reported on 17 January 2024 that a total of 11 houses in Simboh and Sungai Sikog villages in Padawan sub-district of Sarawak state, Malaysia were damaged by flashed floods around 7 pm. on 16 January 2024.

Meanwhile, the roads in Segu Bunuk and Sumur Bunuk villages were partially submerged by floodwaters. Still, major roads were passable to all vehicles. The situation in the affected areas was under control with no further report of flash flood.

Sources: Malay Mail. (2024, Jan 17). *Flash flood hits 11 houses in Padawan villages.*

The Philippines

Classes and works in two Davao provinces were suspended due to adverse weather. The suspension of classes and government office works was issued by the Local Government Units (LGUs) in Davao de Oro, and Davao Oriental provinces in Davao region, the Philippines as a precautionary and safety measure during 18 - 19 January 2024. Meanwhile, other private offices and institutions were encouraged to do the same at their discretion. The suspension came after a weather forecast warned that moderate to heavy rains caused by a shear line since 17 January 2024 might trigger possible flash floods in low-lying areas and landslides in mountainous regions affecting those two provinces.

Sources: Manila Bulletin. (2024, Jan 18). *Bad weather forces 2 Davao provinces to suspend classes, work.*

P.R. China

A major earthquake claimed three lives in China. An earthquake of magnitude 7.1 struck Wushi Country and its surrounding areas in Aksu Prefecture of China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on 23 January 2024. The earthquake killed three people

and injured five others. Meanwhile, 12,426 people had to relocate to safe places. Rescue operations were underway while 22,000 disaster relief materials were allocated for those affected. Moreover, 70 aftershocks of magnitude 3 – 5.3 were detected after the major earthquake.

Sources: Xinhua. (2024, Jan 23). *3 dead, 5 injured in 7.1-magnitude quake in China's Xinjiang.*

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