



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### Indonesia

**Many parts of Indonesia experienced severe floods and strong winds.** As of 29 January 2024, parts of Sumatra and Java Islands were affected by heavy rains and strong winds causing floods, and widespread damages. Downpours also forced nearly 1,200 people in Sumatra Island to flee their homes, and affected more than 19,000 people. Also, tornadoes were reported in Sleman Regency, Yogyakarta Special Administrative Region, and Java Island. There were almost 300 people affected; one person died while 10 others were displaced.

**Sources:** Reliefweb. (2024, Jan 29). *Indonesia - Floods and strong winds (BMKG, ADINet, ADINet) (ECHO Daily Flash of 29 January 2024)*.

### Malaysia

**Flash flood hit Malaysia's Johor Bahru city.** Heavy downpour triggered flash flood in Johor Bahru city, Johor state of Malaysia on 24 January 2024. The floodwater led to an evacuation of a couple. Fire and rescue teams rushed to the flood-hit area to help

those affected. Yet, no injury was reported. An hour later after the rain stopped, the floodwater gradually receded.

**Sources:** New Straits Times. (2024, Jan 24). *Heavy rain triggers flash flood in JB neighbourhood.*

### China

**Light to moderate earthquakes struck northwest China.** A 5.7-magnitude earthquake jolted Akqi County of Uygur Autonomous Region, China on 30 January 2024 at a depth of 10 kilometres. The epicenter was 33 kilometres away from the Akqi County, and 47 kilometres away from Wushi County. Still, there were no report of casualties. The region earlier was shaken by the earthquakes of magnitude 5.2 and 5.6 during 25 – 26 January 2024.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2024, Jan 25). *5.2-magnitude quake hits northwest China's Xinjiang*; Xinhua. (2024, Jan 26). *5.6-magnitude quake hits northwest China's Xinjiang*; Xinhua. (2024, Jan 30). *5.7-magnitude quake hits northwest China's Xinjiang, no casualties reported.*

### Japan

**An earthquake disrupted Japan's public transportation.** An earthquake of preliminary magnitude 4.8 struck Tokyo, Kanagawa prefecture, and other areas of eastern Japan on 28 January 2024. The quake did not cause any casualties or damages; however, it caused public transportation services in metropolitan area to be slightly delayed. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, the intensity of the quake was registered 4 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 at a depth of 80 kilometres in Tokyo Bay.

**Sources:** Japan Today. (2024, Jan 28). *M4.8 quake jolts Tokyo, Kanagawa, other eastern areas.*

## **Republic of Korea**

**Freezing temperatures blanketed most areas of Korea.** Extreme cold weather continued to grip Korea with the temperatures below zero degree Celsius on 24 January 2024. The temperatures were recorded from below minus 15 to 3 degree Celsius in Seoul and surrounding areas, and parts of Gyeonggi, and Gangwon provinces. Moreover, the cold wave since 22 January 2024 disrupted public transportation operations, and caused 346 flights to be cancelled.

**Sources:** The Korea Times. (2024, Jan 25). *Cold wave continues; Seoul's morning low at minus 11.2 C.*

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