



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### Indonesia

**Severe floods caused population displacement in central Indonesia.** Lashing rains since 4 February 2024 had triggered floods and the Kumisik River to overflow affecting central Indonesia, especially in the southern Sumatra Island, and the neighbouring western Java Island. Population displacement and damages were reported. According to the ASEAN Disaster Information Network (ADINet), there were nearly 1,000 affected people and more than 250 flooded buildings across Ogan Ilir regency, South Sumatra province. Meanwhile, 1,450 people including a number of displaced, and 75 houses in Tegal regency, Central Java province were affected.

**Sources:** Reliefweb. (2024, Feb 6). *Indonesia - Floods (BMKG, ADINet) (ECHO Daily Flash of 06 February 2024)*.

### The Philippines

**Torrential rains claimed at least 20 lives in the Philippines.** Heavy downpours in

southern Philippines' Mindanao region triggered severe floods and landslides. As of 5 February 2024, at least 20 people died and two went missing. More than 812,000 people were also affected; around 85,000 of which had to live in evacuation centres. The torrential rains had been influenced by a northeast monsoon and trough of a low-pressure area for the period from 28 January to 2 February 2024.

**Sources:** NDTV World. (2024, Feb 5). *Deadly Floods, Landslides Kill At Least 20 In Philippines*.

### China

**Heavy snow disrupted transportation in China.** Some areas of central and eastern China had been covered by heavy snowfall since 31 January 2024 resulting in transportation disruption in Hubei, Hunan and Anhui provinces. Over 95 toll highways in Anhui province refused entry to vehicles. The airports in Hubei province were also closed for snow and ice removal. Besides, the railway authority imposed temporary speed restriction for high-speed railways in the neighboring Hunan province causing a delay for some trains while 20 high-speed train services passing through the province were also suspended.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2024, Feb 4). *Snowfall disrupts transport in central, eastern China amid travel rush*.

### Japan

**Over 140 people in Tokyo were injured due to heavy snowfall.** On 6 February 2024, heavy snowfall in eastern Japan caused more than 140 people to be injured and taken to hospitals in Tokyo. There were also many snow-stricken injuries in

neighbouring Kanagawa and Saitama prefectures. The Japan Meteorological Agency lifted its heavy snow warnings across nine prefectures while snowfall and rain continued in some areas. Trains and flight services were disrupted affecting over 190,000 passengers. Earlier, the highest amount of snow at 11 centimetres was recorded in Maebashi of Gunma prefecture, and eight centimetres of snowfall were seen in central Tokyo and a city of Saitama.

**Sources:** Kyoto News. (2024, Feb 6). *Heavy snow leaves more than 140 injured in Tokyo.*

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