



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### **Brunei Darussalam**

**Flash floods hit Brunei Darussalam affecting the hospital.** Several low-lying areas in Belait district, Brunei Darussalam were hit by flash floods on 29 April 2024. The floods also affected 15 clinics of Suri Seri Begawan (SSB) Hospital causing one-day temporary closure for cleaning and ensuring the operations. Likewise, the capital city, Bandar Seri Begawan, also experienced heavy downpours on the same day.

**Sources:** Borneo Bulletin. (2024, Apr 30). *Belait hospital hit by flash floods.*

### **Cambodia**

**Strong winds and rains destroyed over 50 houses in Cambodia.** While a heatwave was covering most parts of Cambodia, Kampong Chhnang province was hit by strong winds and rains on 26 April 2024. The disaster damaged 56 houses in Trapeang Chan commune, Boribo district of the province. The commune authorities put a lot of effort into helping those affected.

**Sources:** Khmer Times. (2024, Apr 28). *In Pictures: 50 houses damaged by rain and strong winds.*

### **Indonesia**

**Multiple disasters inflicted great damages in Indonesia.** On 24 April 2024, floods triggered by torrential rains caused the Badua river in Kapuas Hulu district, West Kalimantan province of Indonesia to overflow. Around 350 houses, roads and public facilities were submerged. Residents were warned of various potential disasters. Meanwhile, 11 people were injured after a strong earthquake of magnitude 6.2 struck Garut district, West Java province on 27 April 2024. At least 267 houses, and public facilities were also damaged. Further, Mount Ruang in Indonesia's North Sulawesi province erupted on 28 April 2024 which was the second time this month. Ash clouds, lava and rocks were spewed out as high as two kilometres into the sky. The geological agency of Indonesia raised the alert level to its highest level while the authorities ordered an evacuation and forced a nearby airport to close for safety measures.

**Sources:** Antara. (2024, Apr 25). *Floods affect 350 houses in Indonesia-Malaysia border in W Kalimantan*; Antara. (2024, Apr 29). *BNPB records 267 houses damaged following Garut's M6.2 earthquake*; The Voice of America. (2024, Apr 30). *Indonesia's Mount Ruang volcano erupts again Tuesday.*

### **The Philippines**

**The Philippines suspended face-to-face classes due to an extreme heat.** All on-site school classes in General Luna town, Quezon province of the Philippines were suspended from 24 April 2024 until further notice to protect students and teaches from an intense heat. The town experienced adverse effects of El Nino which exacerbated the intensity of heatwaves. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) also warned people of the heat index that might

hit the extreme danger level in the coming days.

**Sources:** Inquirer.Net. (2024, Apr 24). *Schools in Quezon town shift to distance learning due to extreme heat.*

## **China**

**Rainstorms pummeled Guangdong province causing three dead.** The endless heavy rains hit south China's Guangdong province in the past few days. As of 22 April 2024, three people were found dead and 11 people went missing in the cities of Zhaoqing, Shaoguan, and Qingyuan. Also, Guangzhou, Heyuan, Meizhou, and Huizhou cities were affected. A total of 53,741 people across the province were relocated while over 80 houses were damaged. Likewise, 30,000 people in Ganzhou city of east China's Jiangxi province had suffered from heavy rains since 20 April 2024. Yet, the situation was under control.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2024, Apr 22). *3 dead, 11 missing in Guangdong rainstorm*; Xinhua. (2024, Apr 22). *30,000 affected by heavy rainfall in Jiangxi.*

## **Japan**

**A powerful earthquake struck western Japan.** An estimated magnitude of 6.6 powerful earthquake rocked western Japan on 17 April 2024; however, no tsunami was reported. The epicentre of the quake was detected between Ehime prefecture in Shikoku region and Oita prefecture in Kyushu region at a depth of 39 kilometres. There were 10 people injured, and several roads blocked by fallen rocks and trees. Water supply in some areas were cut-off while train services on some sections in Ehime and Kochi prefectures were suspended or cancelled on 18 April 2024. The Prime Minister issued instructions to assess the damage, and the Japan

Meteorological Agency urged the public to be alert for earthquakes for about a week.

**Sources:** The Japan News. (2024, Apr 18). *No Tsunami as Strong Earthquake Strikes Western Japan; Blocked Roads, Burst Water Pipes Reported (Update 1).*

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