



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Powerful storms wreaked havoc in Cambodia's Banteay Meanchey province.

Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning hit Banteay Meanchey province of Cambodia on 5 May 2024. There were around 14 houses in In Thmar Puok commune destroyed. Team of the district governor and involved authorities later went to affected area to help repair damaged houses.

Sources: Khmer Times. (May 6, 2024). *Houses damaged in severe storms.*

Indonesia

Tremendous disasters claimed at least 15 lives in South Sulawesi province.

Heavy rains triggered landslides and floods in South Sulawesi province, Indonesia on 3 May 2024. There were at least 15 people killed and 115 people forced to evacuate. More than 1,300 families were affected. Besides, over 140 houses were seriously damaged while four roads and a bridge were destroyed. The extreme weather events

during rainy season were likely to be caused by climate change.

Sources: Aljazeera. (May 4, 2024). *Landslides, floods sweep Indonesia's South Sulawesi, killing 15 people.*

Malaysia

A freak storm ravaged Penang Island of Malaysia.

A freak storm on 6 May 2024 hit 10 locations on Malaysia's Penang Island. The Penang Island City Council rushed to the affected areas to clear the debris and fallen trees, and cooperated with involved agencies for expediting the recovery actions. Meanwhile, strong winds were also reported in several places. Yet, no casualties or damages were reported from this incident.

Sources: The Star. (May 7, 2024). *Freak storm wreaks havoc on Penang Island.*

The Philippines

A moderate earthquake injured two people on Leyte Island.

An earthquake of magnitude 5.8 jolted parts of Leyte Island, the Philippines, on 3 May 2024, leaving two people injured. Residents living in the coastal areas evacuated to a higher ground to avoid the risks of tsunami. Later, they were ordered to return home after no tsunami warning was issued. The epicentre of the quake was detected 39 kilometers northeast of Abuyog municipality where the tremor was felt at Intensity 6 (very strong).

Sources: Philstar (May 5, 2024). *Magnitude 5.8 quake shakes Leyte; 2 injured.*

Thailand

Violent storms left trail of destruction and death in Thailand.

Powerful storms slammed health facilities in Uttaradit and

Phrae provinces on 3 May 2024. Many people were injured while several buildings were damaged. Moreover, there were four people killed: three in Bung Kan province and another one in Khon Kaen province. In the meantime, a hailstorm uprooted trees damaging at least 750 houses and causing widespread blackouts in Nong Bua Lam Phu province. The storms later swept through several areas of Ubon Ratchathani province on 6 May 2024 resulting in a death of a child, and serious injury to another girl. The intense heat and summer storms were forecast to prevail over the north and northeast of Thailand until 9 May 2024.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (May 5, 2024). *Freak storm ravages the Northeast*; The Thaiger. (May 7, 2024). *Ubon Ratchathani storm left homes damaged and child deceased*.

Viet Nam

A lightning strike killed a man in Viet Nam. Long An province and some localities of southern Viet Nam faced thunderstorms and downpours on 3 May 2024. As a result, a man was killed by a lightning while catching frogs in Vinh Hung district. The southern weather centre also issued warnings against thunder, lightning, powerful winds, heavy rain and hailstorm in the region on the same day.

Sources: Tuoi Tre News. (May 4, 2024). *Lightning kills man in southern Vietnam*.

China

Downpours ravaged various parts of China. Continuous heavy rains caused flash floods in China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and killed two people on 6 May 2024. Meanwhile, rescue efforts were underway. Earlier, torrential rains hit Zhongshan and Zhuhai cities in Guangdong

province prompting 58 rainstorm alerts to be issued across the province on 4 May 2024. A red alert representing the most severe warning was set for rainstorms in Zhongshan city while a transportation in Zhuhai city was disrupted by an extreme weather. The provincial authorities ordered precautions for possible natural disasters in coming days.

Sources: Xinhua. (May 5, 2024). *Torrential rains lash multiple cities in China's Guangdong*; Xinhua. (May 7, 2024). *2 killed in rain-triggered flood in south China*.

Republic of Korea

Flights on South Korea's Jeju Island were cancelled due to adverse weather. Rains lashed most parts of South Korea, especially Jeju Island while some areas also faced gusty wind, thunder, and lightning. The bad weather caused 63 flights on Jeju Island to be cancelled on 5 May 2024. Strong wind warnings were issued for the island with an advisory for wind shear. Air passengers were warned to check flight schedules in advance due to the weather conditions.

Sources: Yonhap News Agency. (May 5, 2024). (2nd LD) *63 flights canceled on Jeju Island due to bad weather*.

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