



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Lightning strike claimed one life and injured another in Siem Reap province. A lightning strike occurred at the Kbal Krabei pond in Romduol village, Reul commune, Puok district, Siem Reap province of Cambodia on 8 May 2024. The lightning strike killed a teenager and left one another seriously injured. The National Committee for Disaster Management warned of more lightning storm occurrences in 2024 than last year.

Sources: Khmer Times. (2024, May 9). *1 killed, 1 injured in Siem Reap lightning strike*, The Start. (2024, May 10). *Cambodian gov't issues warning for people to be alert as wet season approaches; lightning storms likely to jump in 2024*.

Indonesia

Flash floods wreaked deadly havoc in West Sumatra province. Flash floods engulfed Agam district, Tanah Datar district, and Padang Panjang city in West Sumatra province of Indonesia on 11 May 2024. There were 27 people confirmed dead. The floods damaged residential areas, forcing

many people to flee their homes to safer places, and disrupted transportation routes. The governors instructed provincial authorities to closely work with district authorities for providing a swift response to those affected.

Sources: Antara. (2024, May 12). *Authority confirms 27 killed in West Sumatra flash flood*.

Malaysia

Devastating rains and winds caused severe destruction in Kuala Lumpur. Heavy rain and strong winds uprooted several trees in many areas of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The fallen trees damaged a total of 10 vehicles including five cars and five motorcycles. The traffic on Rahmah Road was disrupted while a house roof along Selesa 1 Road was destroyed. Later, the Fire Department teamed up with Kuala Lumpur City Hall to conduct tree-cutting and cleaning operations in affected areas.

Sources: New Strait Times. (2024, May 13). *Five cars, five motorcycles and property damaged after several trees uprooted in the city [NSTTV]*.

Thailand

Violent storm ravaged Nong Khai province. On 13 May 2024, a storm hit several areas of Nong Khai province, Thailand. Houses, infrastructure, crops, livestock, and temples were damaged. Electricity poles were fallen, leading to a widespread power outage. Local authorities and village leaders promptly provided assistance to those affected and restored power.

Sources: Thaiger. (2024, May 14). *Nong Khai battered by fierce storm, homes and temple ravaged*.

Viet Nam

Heavy rainfall devastated several parts of northern Viet Nam. On 10 May 2024, flash flood and landslide triggered by heavy rainfalls caused damages in Dien Bien Dong district of Dien Bien province and Ba Vi district of Hanoi, northern Viet Nam on 12 May 2024. In Phi Nhu commune, Dien Bien Dong district, a house completely collapsed, and around 30 others were submerged in mud. Besides, the landslide in Ba Trai commune, Ba Vi district caused rocks and soil to tumble down onto an indoor playground, tragically claiming the lives of three children.

Sources: Toui Tre News. (2024, May 11). *Flash flood damages 30 homes in northern Vietnam*; VN Express. (2024, May 12). *Landslide in Hanoi Kills Three Children at Indoor Playground After Heavy Rains*.

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