



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Lao PDR

Torrential rains triggered severe flooding in Vientiane Capital province. Torrential rains on 9 – 10 June 2024 triggered flooding in Xaythany district in Vientiane Capital province and Bolikhamxay province. The knee-level flooding submerged Dongdok village, causing traffic congestion. A car navigated through floodwaters in Phakhao village.

Sources: Laotian Times. (2024, Jun 10). *Severe Flooding Hits Vientiane Capital After Heavy Rains.*

The Philippines

Lightning strike claimed life in Eastern Samar province and left seven injured. Lightning accompanied by heavy rains struck on Homonhon Island, Guiuan town, Eastern Samar province on 10 June 2024. The lightning killed one mine worker and injured seven others. After the incident, the company organised swift transportation to a private hospital in Guiuan and covered all medical expenses.

Sources: Inquirer. (2024, Jun 11). *Worker dead, 7 others hurt when lightning hit them in East Samar.*

Viet Nam

Deluges killed three people in submerged Ha Giang province. Incessant rain hit Ha Giang province from the night of 9 June 2024 to 10 June 2024, resulting in flash floods and landslides in Meo Vac district and Ha Giang city. Unfortunately, at least three people died. Many properties were damaged. The roads became impassable, leaving vehicles stranded and prompting evacuations. The National Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention assisted affected communities and evaluated erosion risks.

Sources: VN Express. (2024, Jun 9). *Three killed as downpours trigger flash floods in Ha Giang,* Viet Nam News. (2024, Jun 10). *Prolonged heavy rain kills 3, causes damage in northern provinces.*

China

Heavy rains prompted flood warnings across Southern China. China's Ministry of Water Resources issued a warning on 10 June 2024, cautioning about potential floods exceeding alert levels across southern regions due to anticipated heavy downpours. The local water resource authorities implemented precautionary measures, especially in construction sites and tourist destinations. One day earlier, the ministry and the China Meteorological Administration issued a yellow alert for mountain torrents, indicating likely impacts in some areas of Zhejiang, Fujian, and Jiangxi provinces.

Sources: Xinhua. (2024, Jun 10). *China warns of floods in southern regions.*

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