



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### **Cambodia**

**Destructive winds wreaked havoc in southeastern Cambodia.** Strong winds struck Kien Svay district, Kandal province of Cambodia on 18 June 2024. A whole wooden house in Prek Takeo village was destroyed. However, the house owner and his five children were not injured.

**Sources:** Khmer Times. (2024, Jun 20). *Heavy winds topple house.*

### **Malaysia**

**Extreme weather caused evacuation and damages in Malaysia.** Continuous rains since 20 June 2024 had triggered heavy floods in several areas of Membakut district, Sabha state of Malaysia, forcing 114 people to flee to a relief centre in Beaufort district. Moreover, 55 houses in Perlis and Kedah state were reportedly destroyed as of 23 June 2024. Several trees were toppled by a storm blocking the traffic. The authorities put their efforts to make the situation back to normal.

**Sources:** Bernama. (2024, Jun 23). *48 houses damaged by storm in Perlis*; Bernama. (2024, Jun 24). *Flood evacuees rise to 114 in Membakut.*

### **The Philippines**

**Severe floods affected about 50,000 people in the Philippines.** The southwest monsoon brought heavy floods to the province of Maguindanao del Sur, the Philippines. As of 25 June 2024, around 50,000 people from 10,024 families in Pagalungan and Datu Montawal towns were affected. The provincial government distributed food aid to those affected, and the disaster officers intensified the monitoring and early warning signals in the identified flash-flood prone areas.

**Sources:** Inquirer. (2024, Jun 25). *50,000 residents affected by floods in 2 Maguindanao del Sur towns.*

### **China**

**Rainstorms left widespread destruction in central China.** Torrential rains since 22 June 2024 had triggered mountain torrents, mudslides, and severe waterlogging in parts of Hunan province, China. As of 24 June 2024, 12 people were killed and one was missing. The authorities activated emergency response and organised efforts to ensure the necessary supplies, and restore power, telecommunications and transportation services. Meanwhile, the province's flood control and drought relief headquarter upgraded the emergency response for floods from Level 4, the lowest in a four-tier, to Level 3.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2024, Jun 24). *4 dead, 1 missing in central China rainstorms.*

## Japan

### **Torrential rain hit Kyushu Island of Japan.**

Heavy rains struck some parts of Kagoshima prefecture of Kyushu region in Japan on 21 June 2024. A mudslide alert was issued in several areas of Kagoshima. Meanwhile, the officials urged people in the prefecture and other parts of region to stay vigilant to rain-related hazards. Also, thunderstorms were forecast to continue to affect southern Kyushu.

**Sources:** NHK World Japan. (2024, Jun 21). *Torrential rain pounds Japan's Kyushu region.*

## Republic of Korea

**Heavy downpour pounded southern South Korea.** Southern regions of South Korea were lashed by severe rainfall on 22 June 2024 prompting heavy rain advisories to be issued in many areas. Besides, the Level 1 operation of the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasures Headquarters was set to deal with the heavy rains, and warning level was lifted from attention to caution. The officials warned residents to avoid visiting the places where the advisories were issued and instructed related agencies to prepare for any potential damages.

**Sources:** Yonhap News Agency. (2024, Jun 22). *Heavy rain hits southern S. Korea; gov't activates counter-disaster team.*

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