



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### Indonesia

**Indonesia's Mount Merapi unleashed large lava and pyroclastic flows.** Mount Merapi on the island of Java, Indonesia erupted on 20 July 2024 releasing 19 lava flows and pyroclastic flows with a maximum glide distance of 1.7 kilometres. The alert level of Mount Merapi remained at the third highest of four alert levels. Also, the public was warned to stay 3 – 7 kilometres away from the summit.

**Sources:** The Watchers. (2024, July 21). *Strong eruption, large pyroclastic flow at Mount Merapi, Indonesia.*

### The Philippines

**Floods displaced over 40,000 families in the Philippines.** As of 18 July 2024, prolonged rainfalls triggered devastating floods and landslides in Soccsksargen region displacing more than 40,000 families. Agriculture and infrastructure were also damaged. Local authorities conducted rescue and relief operations to help those affected. Likewise, heavy downpour

influenced by the southwest monsoon caused severe flooding in various parts of Davao Region on 16 July 2024. At least 200 families in five villages of Davao city had to evacuate.

**Sources:** Rappler. (2024, July 17). *Floods force 200 families to flee homes in 5 villages in Davao*; Rappler. (2024, July 18). *Soccsksargen on alert as region battles floods, landslides amid heavy rain.*

### Thailand

**Floods hit eastern Thailand's province.** On 22 July 2024, severe floods struck Muang and Khao Saming districts in Trat province, eastern Thailand, after three days of heavy rains starting from 19 July 2024. About 900 households were affected while some of them had to leave their inundated homes for safety. Besides, many roads were impassible, and some areas of Muang district were submerged by about one metre of floodwater. Provincial authorities provided assistance to flood victims and the two districts later were declared as the disaster areas.

**Sources:** Bangkok Post. (2024, July 22). *Major flooding in Trat, still raining.*

### China

**Torrential rains in China left dozens dead.** Heavy downpours lashed Baoji city, Shaanxi Province of China on 16 July 2024 killing five people while eight others were still missing. A total of 7,848 people had to relocate. The downpours also caused mountain torrents and damaged roads. Moreover, torrential rains on 19 July 2024 triggered flash floods in Sichuan Province. There were 14 people

dead and 25 missing. Over 40 houses were seriously damaged. Additionally, Typhoon Prapiroon, which made landfall in Wanning city, Hainan Province on 22 July 2024, brought heavy rains and strong winds to many parts of south China. The emergency response level for a major meteorological disaster was elevated from Level 4 to Level 3, with Level 1 being the most urgent response, and the yellow alert for a typhoon remained unchanged. The typhoon later moved northwestward and possibly made a second landfall between Qinzhou city of China and Haiphong city of Viet Nam.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2024, July 19). *5 killed, 8 missing after torrential rains hit northwest China's Shaanxi*; Xinhua. (2024, July 22). *Death toll rises to 14 after flash flood in southwest China*; Xinhua. (2024, July 22). *Typhoon Prapiroon brings rainstorms, strong gusts to south China*.

## **Republic of Korea**

**Heavy rain alert was issued in several parts of South Korea.** Torrential rain struck southern regions of South Korea on 20 July 2024 prompting heavy rain alert to be issued for some areas in North and South Jeolla provinces. Meanwhile, southwestern city of Gimje had experienced over 90 millimetres of rainfall per hour. However, no casualties or damages were reported. The officials warned people to prepare for flooding, landslides and possible damages.

**Sources:** Yonhap. (2024, July 20). *Torrential rain alerts issued across southern regions*.

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