



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### **Malaysia**

**Flood displaced hundreds of people in Malaysia.** Continuous downpours on 11 August 2024 hit the states of Malacca and Negri Sembilan, and the Federal Territory of Labuan causing extensive flooding. Nearly 500 people in the two states were evacuated to various flood relief centres while residents in Labuan had to move to higher ground. Also, some areas faced with waist-high floodwaters. The Malacca government immediately prepared a relief fund to help those affected. Later, the floodwaters gradually receded on 12 August 2024.

**Sources:** The Star. (2024, Aug 13). *Over 400 evacuated after floods.*

### **Myanmar**

**Monsoon flooding severely struck Myanmar.** Prolonged heavy rainfall in monsoon season of Myanmar led to severe flooding in 10 states/regions of the country. As of a report on 6 August 2024, two people in Kayin state and Sagaing region died from this incident. Meanwhile, 240,000

people were affected, 110,000 of which still sheltered in 399 temporary evacuation centres or their relative homes. Involved agencies provided food and non-food items to the flood victims and continuously monitored the situation and weather conditions.

**Sources:** AHA Centre. (2024, Aug 7). *FLASH UPDATE: No. 02 – Monsoonal Flooding, Myanmar – 7 August 2024.*

### **Viet Nam**

**Landslides and floods in Viet Nam caused nine dead.** Landslides and floods triggered by torrential rains during the first week of August killed nine people and injured seven others in Viet Nam's northern mountainous region. More than 120 houses were damaged while about 170 locations in the region were eroded causing traffic congestion. According to the National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting, heavy rain was forecast to continue until 17 August 2024.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2024, Aug 8). *Landslides, floods kill 9 in Vietnam's mountainous north.*

### **China**

**Extreme weather killed six people in China.** A lightning strike destroyed a park pavilion in Changzhou city, China's Jiangsu province on 11 August 2024. There were six people died and 10 others injured from this incident. An investigation by a local authority was underway. Earlier, flash floods caused by rainstorms since 9 August 2024 forced over 80,000 people in Sichuan province to evacuate while several houses were damaged. However, no casualties or injuries were reported. The authorities

prepared for reducing potential risks of heavy rains.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2024, Aug 11). *China's Sichuan evacuates 80,000 people amid heavy rains*; Xinhua. (2024, Aug 12). *6 dead, 10 injured after lightning-caused pavilion collapse in east China's Jiangsu*.

## **Japan**

**A powerful earthquake triggered Japan's first-ever megaquake advisory.** Japan's Meteorological Agency issued the country's first-ever alert of a possible Nankai Trough megaquake on 8 August 2024, after a powerful earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.1 hit off the eastern coast of Japan's Kyushu Island earlier in the day, triggering a tsunami alert. Tsunami waves of up to 50 centimetres were detected along parts of Kyushu and Shikoku islands. Meanwhile, the tremor was strongly felt in Nichinan city and nearby areas of Miyazaki prefecture. However, there was no report of major damage. The large quakes in the Nankai Trough were taken place in the past, roughly 100-150-year cycles, and it has already been 78 years since the last major quake occurred. The officials, therefore, closely monitored the situation.

**Sources:** The Guardian. (2024, Aug 8). *Earthquake strikes off Japan's coast and triggers tsunami warning*, The Japan Times (2024, Aug 9). *Japan issued its first-ever megaquake alert. What does that mean?*

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