



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Heavy rains and floods killed 18 people in Indonesia. Torrential downpours since 25 August 2024 have hit central-eastern Indonesia, especially the Maluku Islands, causing flash floods and fatalities. As of 28 August 2024, there were 18 dead, one missing, and 15 others injured in Ternate regency, North Maluku province. Flooding also affected about 600 people and damaged 25 houses. More heavy rainfall was forecast to continue over the island.

Sources: Relief Web. (2024, Aug 26). *Indonesia - Flash floods, update (ADINet, BMKG) (ECHO Daily Flash of 28 August 2024)*

Lao PDR

Rapidly rising water in the Mekong River affected people in Lao PDR. The water level of Mekong River section in Lao PDR's Vientiane rapidly rose to over the warning level of 11.5 metres on 28 August 2024, and flooded residential areas. More than 70 families in Sikhottabong district, and about 200 cattle and goats were affected. Local authorities helped those affected to move to a higher ground, and put their efforts to

prevent more flood by laying sandbags along the riverbank where flooding was most likely to occur. Also, they would monitor the river level closely.

Sources: Vientiane Times. (2024, Aug 30). *Sandbag wall erected as Mekong reaches dangerous level.*

Philippines

Tropical Storm Yagi left at least 14 people dead. Tropical Storm Yagi, locally known as Enteng, made landfall in Aurora province, the Philippines's Luzon region on 2 September 2024, lashing the area with strong winds and torrential rains. At least 14 people were killed while floods and landslides were reported in many areas. Meanwhile, government work and classes in Manila were suspended due to the storm. The tropical storm enhanced seasonal monsoon rains and continued to batter the region.

Sources: Fox Weather. (2024, Sep 3). *Tropical Storm Yagi triggers landslides, flooding in Philippines leaving at least 14 dead.*

Thailand

Severe inundation affected almost 4,000 people in four provinces of Thailand. Flooding continued in four provinces of Thailand including Chiang Rai, Phitsanulok, and Sukhothai in the north, and Nong Khai in the northeast. There were 3,979 families in 223 villages affected as of 1 September 2024. One earlier, run-off from mountainous area of Chiang Rai struck seven villages. Residents and visitors had to briefly evacuate. Since 16 August 2024, flooding and run-off have affected 23 provinces killing 22 people and injuring 19 others.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2024, Sep 1). *Flooding continues in 4 Thai provinces.*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam experienced extreme weather. Heavy rainfall caused widespread flooding across Binh Thuan province, southern Viet Nam on 27 – 28 August 2024. Almost 200 people had to relocate and more than 900 people were affected. Besides, 231 houses and 420 hectares of crops were flooded. Moderate rainfall was expected across parts of the province. Moreover, some parts of southern and northern Viet Nam had experienced widespread intense heat throughout August with a daily maximum temperature of over 39 degrees Celsius. Also, the heat waves were most likely to occur in central Viet Nam in September but less severe.

Sources: Relief Web. (2024, Aug 30). *Vietnam - Floods (ADINet, NOAA-CPC, media) (ECHO Daily Flash of 30 August 2024)*; Vietnam Net. (2024, Sep 1). *August 2024 sees hot weather break record, say meteorologists.*

China

Intense rainfalls in China claimed six lives. Extreme rainfalls badly hit Shinaihai township, China's Qinghai province on 2 September 2024, causing floods and six fatalities. A road culvert in the township was also destroyed while search and rescue efforts were underway. Furthermore, south China's Hainan province activated a level IV emergency response after typhoon Yagi was forecast to make landfall along the east coast of Hainan province and the west coast of Guangdong province on 6 September 2024. The coastal areas might experience strong gusts and heavy rainstorms during 3 – 8 September 2024.

Sources: Xinhua. (2024, Sep 2). *Rain-triggered flood kills 6 in northwest China*; Xinhua. (2024, Sep 3). *South China province on alert as typhoon Yagi approaches.*

Japan

Influences of Typhoon Shanshan caused casualties in Japan. At least seven people were confirmed dead as a result of the impacts of Typhoon Shanshan after making landfall on Kyushu Island on 29 August 2024. More than 120 people were injured while over 1,000 houses were damaged. Flooding and landslides were also reported. Although typhoon Shanshan weakened to a tropical storm on 1 September 2024, heavy rains still disrupted transportation in the region. Meanwhile, the officials warned residents to be aware of landslides and overflowing rivers.

Sources: Kyodo News. (2024, Sep 1). *Typhoon Shanshan weakens to tropical storm as central Japan soaks.*

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