



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Prolonged inundation damaged over 12,000 hectares of rice fields in Cambodia. As of 27 September 2024, floods since the beginning of September had submerged 12,008 hectares of paddy field and almost 1,300 hectares of other crops in seven provinces of Cambodia namely Kratie, Stung Treng, Mondulhiri, Tboung Khmum, Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, and Siem Reap. Meanwhile, 390 families and about 430 hectares of paddy in Prey Veng were also affected. Relevant agencies allocated food supplies and necessary resources for those affected, and monitor the flood situation closely.

Sources: Khmer Times. (2024, Sep 26). *Floods in Prey Veng province impact 3 districts, 390 families, and over 43,000 hectares of rice fields*; Khmer Times. (2024, Sep 30). *Severe flooding devastates crops across 7 provinces*.

Lao PDR

A landslide caused the death of one person in Lao PDR. A landslide, triggered by heavy rains on 21 – 22 September 2024, killed one person and left two missing in

Huaphan province, Lao PDR. Meanwhile, another person was injured, and a herd of cattle died as a result of this incident. Heavy rainfall also caused rivers in the province to burst their banks and submerge several areas. The authority warned people living alongside the Mekong River and its tributaries as well as in low-lying areas to prepare for possible flooding.

Sources: Xinhua. (2024, Sep 25). *1 dead, 2 missing in landslide in northern Laos*.

Malaysia

Flooding continued to hit Malaysia. After persistent rains battered several areas of Malaysia on 30 September 2024, three families in Charuk Tenang village in Kedah state were trapped by waist-height floodwaters in their homes. In the meantime, several villages were affected by flash floods. Those three families were later rescued safely while some families sought of temporary shelter. Fortunately, on 1 October 2024, the flood victims were able to return homes

Sources: Malaymail. (2024, Oct 1). *Civil Defence evacuates parts of Sik over flash floods from torrential rain in Kedah*.

Philippines

Natural hazards wreaked havoc the Philippines. A magnitude 4.6 earthquake at a depth of 43 kilometres jolted Occidental Mindoro province of the Philippines on 25 September 2024. On the same day, a minor phreatic eruption in Taal Volcano was also recorded. The eruption produced 2,400-meter-high plume. The volcano remained under the alert Level 1 (abnormal condition), meaning volcanic activities could occur and

threaten nearby areas anytime. Moreover, Tropical cyclone, Julian, international known as Krathon, intensified into a super typhoon on 1 October 2024, bringing powerful winds and heavy rains to northern Luzon before slowly moving west-northwest. Tropical cyclone wind signals were also raised in Babuyan Islands, Ilocos Norte, northern part of Apayao, and northwestern part of Cagayan. There were about 22,645 families affected. Still, there were no reports of casualties so far.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2024, Sep 25). *Magnitude 4.6 quake jolts Occidental Mindoro*; Philippine News Agency. (2024, Sep 26). *Minor phreatic eruption recorded in Taal Volcano anew*; Philstar. (2024, Oct 1). *'Julian' now a super typhoon*.

Thailand

Many parts of Thailand still suffered from serious flooding. The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of Thailand reported that flooding remained in 17 provinces, mostly in the north and northeast Thailand, as of 29 September 2024. About 40,000 families were affected. While flooding was receding in the most province, water levels were rising in Phitsanulok and Ayutthaya, and remained unchanged in Maha Sarakham. Since 16 August 2024, floods affected about 181,000 households in Thailand, killed 49 people and injured 28 others in 37 provinces across the country. The authorities warned of thunderstorms and windstorms in all provinces of the north, northeast, and the central plain, along with the southern province of Chumphon until early October 2024.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2024, Sep 29). *Storm warning for most parts of Thailand this week*.

Viet Nam

Death roll from Super Typhoon Yagi in Viet Nam claimed to 318. As of 30 September 2024, Super Typhoon Yagi killed 318 people and 26 others remained missing across Viet Nam. The typhoon also injured 1,976 people and caused severe psychological trauma to many people. Around 282,000 houses and 3,755 schools were damaged. Meanwhile, 285,000 hectares of crops, 189,982 hectares of forest, and 11,832 aquaculture cages were submerged or destroyed. Besides, about 5.6 million livestock and poultry were killed and many infrastructure facilities were collapsed. There were 796 dike breach incidents and 820 damaged locations on national highways, along with many provincial roads damaged from landslides. Additionally, 3,517 irrigation and water supply projects were destroyed. The total estimated economic damage was approximately USD 3.3 billion. Several measures have been implemented to mitigate the aftermath of typhoon.

Sources: Viet Nam News. (2024, Sep 30). *Typhoon Yagi killed 318 people, damage reaches \$3.3 billion*.

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