



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Natural disasters continued to hit Indonesia. Heavy rainfall during 15 – 20 October 2024 triggered severe flooding in Aceh province, Indonesia. About 25,000 people were affected, 2,000 of which had to temporarily displace. The heavy rains also caused the Barito River in Central Kalimantan province to overflow. This led to floods with water levels rising over two metres. There were 4,875 people affected while 2,192 homes, nine public facilities and nine places of worship were inundated by floodwaters. Local government agencies provided assistances to those affected. Apart from that, an earthquake of magnitude 5.8 at a depth of 16 kilometres struck Tapat Island in eastern North Maluku province on 21 October 2024. Meanwhile, the aftershocks with a magnitude between 4.5 to 5.7 were later detected in the same area. No reports of any damages or casualties from this incident.

Sources: OCHA. (2024, Oct 22). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (15 - 21 October 2024)*; Reliefweb. (2024, Oct 22). *Indonesia - Earthquakes (GDACS, USGS, media)* (ECHO Daily Flash of 22 October 2024).

Philippines

Tropical Storm Kristine wreaked havoc in the Philippines. Many areas of the Philippines had faced the impacts of tropical storm Kristine, internationally known as Trami. As of 22 October 2024, the entire province of Albay was declared under the state of calamity due to massive flooding and landslides caused by the storm. About 1,000 people were evacuated to avoid the possible threat of lahar from Mayon Volcano. Meanwhile, residents living in high-risk areas especially on the slope of the volcano were also ordered to evacuate. Some residential houses in the province were swept away by flash floods. Besides, there were 740 people in the provinces of Camarines Sur, Masbate, Catanduanes, Camarines Norte, and Naga city displaced, and a total of 2,354 people were affected.

Sources: Manila Bulletin. (2024, Oct 22). *Albay under state of calamity due to 'Kristine'*.

Thailand

Flooding remained in five provinces of Thailand. According to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of Thailand as of 20 October 2024, five provinces of Thailand namely Ayutthaya, Lamphun, Nakhon Pathom, Suphan Buri, and Uthai Thani still experienced flooding. More than 31,500 families in over 770 villages were affected. During 19 August – 20 October 2024, floods hit 47 provinces across the country, killing 57 people and injuring 28 others while about 256,400 families were affected.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2024, Oct 20). *Flooding continues in five Thai provinces*.

Viet Nam

Floods and landslides hit many parts of Viet Nam. Torrential rain struck north western and south eastern Viet Nam since 16 October 2024 triggering floods and landslides in many provinces. As of 18 October 2024, there were 150 people evacuated while about 700 people in Yen Bai, Lao Cai, Binh Thuan and An Giang provinces were affected. Also, over 170 houses and 18 bridges were reportedly damaged. More rainfall was forecast over most part of the country.

Sources: Reliefweb. (2024, Oct 19). *Vietnam - Floods and landslides (ADINet, NCHMF) (ECHO Daily Flash of 18 October 2024).*

China

Mild earthquakes jolted northwest China. An earthquake of magnitude 5.3 at a depth of 10 kilometres struck Akqi county in Kizilsu Kirgiz Autonomous prefecture in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on 17 October 2024. The tremor was felt in both Akqi and Wushi counties while rescuers rushed to quake hit area. Earlier, the region was shaken by a 4.9-magnitude earthquake on 16 October 2024. However, there were no reports of casualties or damages.

Sources: Xinhua. (2024, Oct 16). *4.9-magnitude quake hits China's Xinjiang: CENC*; Xinhua. (2024, Oct 17). *5.3-magnitude quake hits Xinjiang, no casualties reported.*

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