



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Mount Merapi in Indonesia's West Sumatra erupted. Mount Merapi, Indonesia's most active volcano in the province of West Sumatra, erupted four times on 27 October 2024 prompting the report of an increase in volcanic tremors from the Center for Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation (PVMBG). The columns of ash were seen rising from Mount Merapi. However, there were no reports of casualties or damage to infrastructure. Authorities prohibited residents and tourists from hiking within a three-kilometer radius of its crater.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2024, Oct 28). *Indonesia's Mount Merapi erupts, spews ash.*

Philippines

Deadly Tropical Storm Trami wreaked havoc in the Philippines. Tropical Storm Trami claimed 111 lives in the Philippines as of 29 October 2024. Its impacts increasingly intensified when combined with Typhoon Kong-Rey, rising the number of affected individuals to 7,134,954 in 17 regions nationwide. Almost one million people had to

relocate to 5,872 evacuation centres. Meanwhile, 83,777 homes in 16 regions were damaged and destruction to infrastructure and agriculture were also reported.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2024, Oct 29). *111 dead, 1.7M families affected by twin cyclones.*

Viet Nam

Tropical Storm Trami triggered severe floods in central Viet Nam. Continuous heavy rains due to the combined impacts of Tropical storm Trami and a cold front from the north hard hit Quang Binh province, central Viet Nam. About 84 locations were flooded while Le Thuy district was the hardest hit area with floodwaters reaching rooftop levels. Three people were dead and one missing. Meanwhile, over 28,340 households were affected and 15,800 homes in the district were submerged as of 25 October 2024. All schools in the district were closed. Local forces together with soldiers and militia helped those affected to evacuate. This marked the second major flood to hit Quang Binh province.

Sources: VN Express. (2024, Oct 28). *Storm Trami floodwaters near rooftops in central Vietnam.*

China

Mild earthquake jolted China while a massive evacuation occurred in light of typhoon. A 5.5-magnitude earthquake hit Kuqa city in Aksu prefecture of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous region, northwest China on 26 October 2024 at a depth of 10 kilometres. However, no reports of any damages. In the meantime, over 50,000 people in Hainan, China's southernmost island province, were evacuated as Typhoon Trami strengthened its intensity. The

warning level was upgraded while the emergency response was activated. Typhoon Trami had made landfall in China since 24 October 2024 triggering heavy rainfalls and strong gales in many parts of the country.

Sources: Xinhua. (2024, Oct 26). *5.5-magnitude quake hits China's Xinjiang*; CENC, The Sun. (2024, Oct 26). *Over 50,000 in China's Hainan evacuated as Typhoon Trami intensifies*.

Japan

Torrential rains left two missing in Japan. Record-breaking rains struck Miyazaki prefecture on Japan's Kyushu Island during 22 – 23 October 2024 causing a landslide and strong current. There were two people reportedly missing; one was caught in a landslide and another went missing after their car was swept away by a river. Besides, the large typhoon Kong-Rey was likely to develop into a very strong typhoon and pass near the Sakishima Island in Okinawa prefecture on 24 October 2024. There was a high risk of rough seas with high waves and storms in Okinawa.

Sources: The Japan News. (2024, Oct 23). *2 Missing After Landslide in Miyazaki Pref.; Car Swept Away in Following Record Rainfall*; The Japan News. (2024, Oct 29). *Typhoon Kong-rey to Approach Okinawa's Sakishima Islands on Thursday*.

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