



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Flash floods and landslides in Indonesia left 10 dead. Torrential rains since last week had triggered flash floods and landslides in West Java province of Indonesia. Several rivers also burst their banks tearing through 172 villages. There were 10 people reportedly dead, and two others still missing as of 9 December 2024. Meanwhile, more than 3,000 people were forced to evacuate. The disasters also damaged more than 4,000 houses and buildings while about 31 bridges, 81 roads, and 539 hectares of rice fields were destroyed. The rescuers were underway to search for those missing.

Sources: AP. (2024, Dec 10). *Landslides and flash floods hit Indonesia's Java Island, leaving 10 dead and 2 missing.*

Malaysia

Flash floods hit Malaysia's Putrajaya city. An hour of heavy rain on 8 December 2024 caused flash floods in Putrajaya city, Malaysia. Several roads were flooded while about 20 vehicles were submerged by floodwaters. Fire engines with 13 firefighters were dispatched to the area for monitoring

the situation and clearing blocked drains. Besides, the flood situation in seven states, namely Kelantan, Kedah, Terengganu, Johor, Perak, Pahang, and Melaka continued to improve with a decreasing number of flood victims sheltering in different temporary relief centres.

Sources: Malay Mail. (2024, Dec 5). *Flood conditions improve across seven states;* Malay Mail. (2024, Dec 8). *One-hour rainfall floods Putrajaya, submerges cars; waters go down after Bomba clears drains (VIDEO).*

Philippines

Philippines' Kanlaon volcano erupted. Kanlaon volcano on the island of Negros, central Philippines erupted on 9 December 2024 spewing a huge column of ash about 3,000 meters high into the sky. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology raised the alert level to level 3, indicating magmatic unrest, and warned of lahar. Meanwhile, an urgent evacuation operation was underway for about 87,000 residents in the surrounding areas, especially those living in the 6-kilometer danger zone. The government immediately focused on safeguarding health and safety of those affected by the volcanic activity.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2024, Dec 9). *Phivolcs warns vs. possible lahar from Kanlaon Volcano;* Philippine News Agency. (2024, Dec 9). *Urgent evacuation of 87K residents in Kanlaon area underway.*

Thailand

Flooding remained in southern Thailand. As of 5 December 2024, floodwaters in some areas of southern Thailand begun to recede; however, five provinces including Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung, Songkhla, Pattani and Narathiwat were still inundated. Meanwhile, water levels in three major rivers, which drained Narathiwat, started to drop.

The officials closely monitored the situation. Besides, more than 297,000 households affected by this year's flooding in 57 provinces across the country received financial aid from the government.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2024, Dec 6). *Floods yet to recede in five provinces.*

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