



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Floods hit several parts of Indonesia. Heavy rain over a whole day on 15 December 2024 triggered severe flooding in four districts of Makassar city, South Sulawesi province, Indonesia. A hospital was submerged resulting in an evacuation of dozens of patients. Meanwhile, a large fallen tree caused traffic congestion in the city. On the same day, heavy rainfall combined with the collapse of the Ngasinan River embankment caused floods and landslides in eight districts of Trenggalek regency, East Java province. There were 1,948 residents, 541 homes, and infrastructure affected. Besides, the water level in Kelutan subdistrict reached 1 to 1.5 metres while floodwater along the main road rose to 80 – 90 centimetres, completely blocking vehicle passage. Officials urged the public to remain alert to the potential flood risks.

Sources: The Jakarta Post. (2024, Dec 16). *Makassar hit with flood after heavy rainfall on Sunday*; The Jakarta Post. (2024, Dec 16). *Flood in Trenggalek cuts national road access*.

Malaysia

Minor earthquakes struck Malaysia's Sabah state. A 3.1-magnitude earthquake was reported in Ranau town of Sabah state, Malaysia on 17 December 2024. The earthquake occurred 14 kilometres west of Ranau town at a depth of 10 kilometres, causing tremors in the town. One day earlier, a minor earthquake with magnitude of 2.8 was also recorded. However, no damages or injuries were reported from these incidents.

Sources: Malay Mail. (2024, Dec 17). *Ranau hit by second weak earthquake in two days, tremors felt but no damage reported*.

Philippines

Kanlaon volcano eruption in the Philippines affected over 40,000 people. Following an eruption of Kanlaon volcano in the Philippines on 9 December 2024, there were 1,791 families or 40,489 people in 26 villages of Western Visayas and Central Visayas regions affected as of 13 December 2024. About 15,440 people had to shelter in 27 evacuation centres while 2,522 people were being aided outside. Besides, the eruption damaged agriculture with the production loss over PHP 1 million or around USD 17,000. Volcano's alert level remained at level 3 indicating more explosive eruptions could still follow.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2024, Dec 13). *Gov't aid for Kanlaon-affected families tops P7.3-M*; Philippine News Agency. (2024, Dec 16). *Total evacuation within Kanlaon permanent danger zone ordered*; Philippine News Agency. (2024, Dec 17). *DA: Over P1-M agri damage due to Kanlaon eruption*.

Thailand

Flooding in five provinces of southern Thailand left eight dead. Severe flooding in Nakhon Si Thammarat, Surat Thani, Chumphon, Ranong and Phatthalung provinces in the south of Thailand claimed eight lives and affected more than 128,000 households as of 17 December 2024. Meanwhile, Trang, Satun, Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, and Narathiwat remained flooded but to a lesser degree. Totally, 11 provinces were submerged. The floods ravaged 5,050 villages, killed 35 people, and affected 737,091 households. Many roads were impassable while schools were closed. Tourists were also advised to make extra time to reach airports and ferry terminals. Further, a landslide was also reported. Officials provided necessary support to those affected.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2024, Dec 17). *Floods worsen, death toll rises.*

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