



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Indonesia's Mount Lewotobi in East Nusa Tenggara erupted while South Sulawesi faced flooding. Mount Lewotobi in Indonesia's East Nusa Tenggara province erupted on 28 December 2024. The eruption released a tower of thick ash up to 2,000 metres into the sky. The second-highest flight warning was issued prohibiting flights within a 5-kilometre altitude around the volcano while aircraft were advised to be cautious of ash clouds. Mount Lewotobi was on the highest alert level in East Flores regency designated danger zone extending 5 kilometres around the volcano and up to 6 kilometres in the southwest and northeast of the crater. Earlier, heavy rain on 24 December 2024 badly hit Makassar city of South Sulawesi province triggering floods and landslides in several areas. Many houses were submerged by floodwater.

Sources: Xinhua. (2024, Dec 25). *Floods, landslides hit several regions of Indonesia*; Xinhua. (2024, Dec 28). *Mount Lewotobi in Indonesia's East Nusa Tenggara erupts, flight alert issued*.

Thailand

Heavy rain pounded Thailand's southern province. On 28 December 2024, heavy rain struck several districts of southern Thailand's Surat Thani province, and triggered runoff from surrounding hills on Koh Phangan Island. A pickup truck and other household items were swept away by the current while the road was impassable for small vehicles. The water also surrounded government offices and inundated a school. Officials rushed to survey the damage after the rain stopped. Likewise, other districts of the province had to deal with flooding and forest runoff. However, no casualty or injury was reported.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2024, Dec 28). *Heavy rain and runoff hit Koh Phangan*.

Japan

Heavy snow in Japan disrupted air traffic. Heavy snow in Hokkaido, Japan's northern region, forced airlines to cancel almost 60 flights on 31 December 2024. More than 7,000 passengers were affected. Also, Hokkaido and communities along northern coastlines facing the Sea of Japan were experiencing strong winds and heavy snow. Meanwhile, more than 20 centimetres of snow were seen in some areas of Hokkaido.

Sources: CNA. (2024, Dec 31). *Heavy snow in Japan disrupts holiday air traffic*.

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