



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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### Indonesia

#### **Dreadful disasters claimed 16 lives and caused mass evacuation in Indonesia.**

A landslide triggered by heavy rains in Central Java province of Indonesia on 20 January 2025 killed at least 16 people, and injured 10 people. Meanwhile, about five people went missing. Local volunteers joined cooperated with rescue workers to search for those missing. In addition, Mount Ibu on Halmahera Island has erupted at least a thousand times since 1 January 2025. The latest big eruption occurred on 19 January 2025, spewing a tower cloud of ash 1.5 kilometres into the sky. Officials raised the volcano alert status to the highest level and called for the evacuation of 3,000 people living in six nearby villages. Residents living near Mount Ibu and tourists were advised to avoid a five- to six-kilometre exclusion zone, and to wear face mask in case of falling ash.

**Sources:** The Jakarta Post. (2025, Jan 20). *Mount Ibu erupts more than 1,000 times this month*; The Jakarta Post. (2025, Jan 20). *Landslide kills 16 in Central Java*.

### Malaysia

#### **Floods affected many parts of Malaysia.**

Continuous heavy rains triggered floods in Sabah, Pahang, and Sarawak states of Malaysia. As of 20 January 2025, almost a thousand of people in the three states were affected, and had to evacuate to the relief centres in different areas according to the State Disaster Management Committee Secretariat. Yet, there were no casualties or injuries reported.

**Sources:** The Star. (2025, Jan 17). *Floods: Pahang and Sabah hit in the early morning*; The Star. (2025, Jan 20). *Floods: More evacuees in Sarawak, situation unchanged in Sabah*; The Star. (2025, Jan 20). *Sarawak floods: Number of evacuees increase as of 8pm*.

### Philippines

**A magnitude 5.5 earthquake struck the Philippines.** On 20 January 2025, a 5.5-magnitude earthquake jolted Occidental Mindoro province of the Philippines at a depth of 116 kilometres. The intensity IV (moderately strong) was also felt in Lubang Island. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, damage was not expected, but aftershocks were possible from this incident.

**Sources:** Philippine News Agency. (2025, Jan 20). *Magnitude 5.5 quake jolts Occidental Mindoro*.

### China

**A mild earthquake jolted southwest China.** An earthquake with a magnitude of 4.9 at a depth of 8 kilometres hit Hongyuan county in Sichuan province of southwest China on 20 January 2025. However, there

was no report of casualty. Meanwhile, the provincial and county authorities immediately activated emergency services and dispatched teams to carry out rescue operations, disaster assessments, and inspections.

**Sources:** Xinhua. (2025, Jan 20). *No casualties reported after 4.9-magnitude quake jolts China's Sichuan.*

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