



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Deadly floods and landslides in Indonesia claimed many lives. Floods and landslides, caused by torrential rains on 20 January 2025, killed at least 21 people and left about 13 people to be injured on Indonesia's main island of Java. Nearly 300 people had to relocate to temporary government shelters. Meanwhile, 25 houses, a dam, and three main bridges connecting villages in Pekalongan city were destroyed. A landslide was also reported in Bali province hitting five houses and leaving four dead and one missing. Moreover, heavy rainfall, storm winds, and thunderstorms on 25 January 2025 triggered flooding and landslides in southern Indonesia. As of 28 January 2025, four fatalities and four injured were recorded in West Sulawesi province while one more body was found in West Java province due to landslides. Also, a total of 774 families were affected by floods across West Nusa Tenggara and Lampung provinces.

Sources: AP. (2025, Jan 23). *Death toll in deadly flooding and landslides in Indonesia rises to 21*; Reliefweb. (2025, Jan 28). *Indonesia - Landslides and floods (BNPB, BMKG) (ECHO Daily Flash of 28 January 2025)*.

Malaysia

Floods remained in many parts of Malaysia. Continuous heavy rains triggered flooding in Larut Matang, and Selama districts of Perak state, Malaysia on 25 January 2025. There were 42 people from 15 families were forced to evacuate. Meanwhile, Bidor River in Hilir Perak district reached the alert level. Likewise, 25 families in Beaufort district of Sabah state had to flee their homes due to flash floods on 27 January 2025 keeping authorities on high alert. Floods in Sarawak state also spread to the southern part resulting in five relief centres to be opened on 28 January 2025 while the relocation process was ongoing. Besides, a landslide in Miri district of the state caused the evacuation of 169 people from 29 families while the number of flood victims in Tatau district was at 34 from 13 families.

Sources: The Star. (2025, Jan 25). *Floods in Larut Matang and Selama force evacuation of 42 people*; The Star. (2025, Jan 27). *Floods: 25 families evacuated in Beaufort*; The Star. (2025, Jan 28). *Floods spread to Southern Sarawak, five relief centres activated*.

Philippines

The Philippines was jolted by two earthquakes on the same day. On 23 January 2025, a 5.4-magnitude earthquake struck Zamboanga Del Norte province of the Philippines which was measured at a depth of 43 kilometres. The intensity V was felt in Zamboanga Del Norte, Zamboanga Sibugay, and Basilan provinces. Earlier, A magnitude 5.8 earthquake also shook Southern Leyte province on the same day. The tectonic quake struck 10.01 kilometres southeast of San Francisco municipality at a depth of 14

kilometres. Aftershocks were likely to occur after the two earthquakes.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2025, Jan 23). *Magnitude 5.8 quake jolts Southern Leyte*; Philippine News Agency. (2025, Jan 20). *Magnitude 5.4 quake shakes Zambo del Norte*.

Vite Nam

Freezing cold hit Northwest region of Viet Nam. The high-altitude Mu Cang Chai district in Yen Bai province, Viet Nam's northwest region was blanketed by freezing temperatures with ice and frost forming atop its highest peaks on 26 January 2025. Since a strong cold front swept through the region, temperatures in the district dropped below 10 degrees Celsius. Local authorities urged residents to take proactive measures to protect livestock and poultry from the harsh weather. Farmers were advised to ensure adequate shelter and food supplies for their animals. Also, residents were reminded to dress warmly when going outside during this bitterly cold spell.

Sources: Viet Nam News. (2025, Jan 27). *Bitter cold grips Mù Cang Chải as ice covers mountain peaks*.

Japan

An earthquake struck Japan's Fukushima prefecture. An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.2 hit Fukushima prefecture, Japan and nearby areas on 23 January 2025. The quake occurred at a depth of 4 kilometres beneath the area of Aizu city which was measured lower 5 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 in Hinoemata village. However, no tsunami warning was issued,

and no abnormalities were detected at the nuclear power plants.

Sources: Kyodo News. (2025, Jan 23). *M5.2 quake hits Japan's Fukushima, nearby areas*.

Republic of Korea

Heavy snow disrupted transportation in South Korea. Heavy snow blanketed South Korea for two days since on 27 January 2025. Transportation services and traffic nationwide were disrupted. A total of 111 flights were canceled. Meanwhile, fishing vessels and passenger ships connecting islands to inland ports were suspended. Car accidents due to heavy snow were seen across the nation. In Jeju Island, 130 centimetres of snow piled up on Mount Halla while several regions were placed under cold wave warnings.

Sources: Yonhap News. (2025, Jan 28). *(2nd LD) Heavy snow blankets S. Korea on Lunar New Year holiday*.

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