



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Floods and a shallow earthquake hit Indonesia. Heavy rain began on 2 March 2025, triggering floods and overflowing rivers in Java, Sumatra and Kalimantan Islands, Indonesia. As of 3 March 2025, one person was reportedly dead, and four people were injured in Bogor regency, West Java province. At least 376 people had to evacuate. Flooding also affected 12,408 people and 3,203 houses across the provinces of Banten, Jakarta, West Java, South Kalimantan, and West Sumatra. Earlier, a shallow magnitude 6.1 earthquake jolted North Sulawesi province on 26 February 2025 at a depth of 10 kilometres with the epicentre offshore near the province. However, no damages or casualties were reported.

Sources: The Jakarta Post. (2025, Feb 26). *North Sulawesi residents run outside as shallow quake hits*; Reliefweb. (2025, Mar 4). *Indonesia - Floods (ADINet, BMKG) (ECHO Daily Flash of 04 March 2025)*.

The Philippines

A mild earthquake struck the Philippines' Davao del Sur province. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and

Seismology (PHIVOLCS), a magnitude 5 earthquake was detected in Davao del Sur province of the Philippines on 4 March 2025. The tectonic quake struck 5 kilometres southwest of Matanao city at a depth of 15 kilometres. Meanwhile, intensity V was felt in the cities of Digos, Magsaysay, Matanao and Bansalan, Davao del Sur. Damage was not expected from this incident, yet aftershocks were likely to occur.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2025, Mar 4). *Magnitude 5 earthquake shakes Davao del Sur*.

Republic of Korea

Heavy snow disrupted transportation services in South Korea. During 2 – 3 March 2025, heavy snow adversely battered South Korea, cancelling three flights and about 77 ferries. Meanwhile, icy roads led to car accidents. The snow accumulation in Gangwon province exceeded 50 centimetres while 10 - 30 centimetres was seen in many areas. The authority rescued eight people due to the heavy snowfall. Also, Mounts Seorak, Chiak, and Taebaek together with roads in coastal regions were closed for safety measures. The Korea Meteorological Administration's Jeju branch later issued a strong wind warning on most of Jeju, and Chuja Islands, and reported on damages.

Sources: Korea JoongAng Daily. (2025, Mar 3). *Heavy snow in March brings multiple ferries and flights to a halt*.

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