



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Flooding in Indonesia caused casualties while a minor earthquake was detected in Sumatra Island. Heavy rainfall and strong winds since 24 March 2025 had triggered floods and severe weather-related incidents in Java Island and Central Kalimantan province, Indonesia. As of 26 March 2025, one person died, and another was injured in East Java province. There were 23 houses damaged. The overflow of the Silugonggo River in Central Java province affected 796 people. Meanwhile, 28 houses in Central Kalimantan province were affected. Later, 4.1-magnitude earthquake was recorded in northern Sumatra Island on 29 March 2025. This quake was unrelated to Myanmar's powerful earthquake, and did not trigger tsunami or cause any damage.

Sources: Reliefweb. (2025, Mar 26). *Indonesia - Severe weather and floods (BNPB, BMKG) (ECHO Daily Flash of 26 March 2025)*; The Nation. (2025, Mar 30). *Indonesia earthquake unrelated to Myanmar quake, says TMD*.

Myanmar

Powerful earthquake devastated Myanmar, claiming over 2,700 lives. A destructive 7.7-magnitude earthquake at a depth of 10 kilometres struck Mandalay, Myanmar on 28 March 2025, followed by a major aftershock with magnitude 6.4. The death toll as of 1 April 2025 surged to 2,719 while 4,521 people were injured and 441 others went missing. The quake severely damaged properties and infrastructures. Meanwhile, electricity, water supply, and communication services were disrupted. A state of emergency was declared in six-worst affected areas, namely Mandalay, Sagaing Magway, Shan, Naypyidaw, and Bago. Search and rescue efforts were underway to race against time. The tremors also affected neighbouring countries.

Sources: Reliefweb. (2025, Apr 1). *Situation Update No. 2 - M7.7 Earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand (Monday, 31 March 2025, 2300 HRS (UTC+7))*; Myanmar Now. (2025, Apr 1). *Myanmar earthquake causes havoc, blackouts, and infrastructure collapse*; Xinhua. (2025, Apr 1). *Death toll surges to over 2,700 in Myanmar earthquake*.

Thailand

Thailand was hit by Myanmar's quake, resulting in fatalities. Thailand was affected by a massive earthquake that struck central Myanmar on 28 March 2025, causing widespread tremors and severe shaking across 63 provinces with significant impacts reported in 18 provinces and Bangkok. The quake damaged residential buildings, hospitals, schools, temples, and government facilities. Meanwhile, a building under construction in Bangkok was collapsed trapping many workers. As of 31 March 2025, the death toll reached 13 with 9 people

injured and 73 still missing. All teams involved in the search put their full efforts to move the mission forward. The governor also declared Bangkok a level 2 disaster zone to enable relevant agencies to fully respond according to their responsibilities.

Sources: The Nation. (2025, Mar 28). *Bangkok declared disaster zone after Myanmar quake rocks Thailand*; The Nation. (2025, Apr 1). *Scanner detects six more bodies under collapsed Bangkok building*; Reliefweb. (2025, Apr 1). *Situation Update No. 2 - M7.7 Earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand (Monday, 31 March 2025, 2300 HRS (UTC+7))*.

Viet Nam

Major cities in Viet Nam were shaken by Myanmar's deadly earthquake. A powerful 7.7-magnitude earthquake in Myanmar on 28 March 2025 followed by a strong aftershock sent tremors across Viet Nam including major cities of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh. The quake caused high buildings to sway, prompting brief panic among residents. However, no damage or injuries were reported. Moreover, four minor earthquakes with magnitude between 2.6 – 3.1 struck Kon Plong district, Kon Tum province on 31 March 2025. The level of disaster risk was zero. Still, the authorities continued to monitor the situation closely.

Sources: TTW. (2025, Mar 28). *Thailand, Vietnam Grippled By Myanmar Earthquake Chaos As High-Rises Sway And Travel Systems Reel From Sudden Shock*; The Star. (2025, Mar 31). *Four earthquakes strike Vietnam's Kon Tum province*.

China

China felt the shockwaves of Myanmar's devastating earthquake. Southwest China's Yunnan province, which shares border with Myanmar, activated an emergency response mechanism for

oversea earthquakes after a powerful earthquake hit Myanmar on 28 March 2025. There were two people injured but no casualties or building collapses were reported. The tremors were felt across the province. Earlier, a 4.2-magnitude earthquake struck Yongqing county in Hebei province on 26 March 2025 at a depth of 20 kilometres. The earthquake was also felt in most parts of the capital Beijing. However, the quake did not cause casualties or any damages.

Sources: Xinhua. (2025, Mar 26). *4.2-magnitude quake rocks Hebei in north China, tremor felt in Beijing*; Xinhua. (2025, Mar 28). *Two people injured in China's Yunnan after Myanmar quake*.

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