



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

A landslide in Indonesia left 10 dead while an earthquake was also reported. On 3 April 2025, a landslide on a road connecting Mojokerto district and Batu city in East Java province, Indonesia killed 10 people. The debris from the landslide caused the road to be impassable. Relevant authorities deployed personnel to handle the disaster. Later, a 5.9-magnitude earthquake was detected off the coast of Aceh province on 8 April 2025 at a depth of 30 kilometres beneath the seabed. However, no reports of casualties or damage, and a tsunami warning from this incident.

Sources: Antara. (2025, Apr 4). *Landslide on Mojokerto-Batu route in E Java claims 10 lives*; Vietnam Plus. (2025, Apr 8). *Earthquake strikes off Indonesia's Aceh province*.

Myanmar

Torrential rain worsened conditions in earthquake-hit areas of Myanmar. On 6 April 2025, heavy rainfall compounded with strong wind struck the areas of Myanmar,

where devastated by the last month's massive earthquake. This caused a major complication of challenging tasks in delivering aid. Additionally, there is growing concern over disease outbreaks, especially to those displaced in temporary shelters, as the combination of unseasonal rainfall and intense heat poses significant health risks. As of 7 April 2025, the number of fatalities from the devastating earthquake reached over 3,600, with 5,017 injured and 160 still unaccounted for. Meanwhile, Myanmar experienced a total of 98 aftershocks, ranging between magnitude from 2.8 to 7.5, after the initial earthquake.

Sources: The Nation. (2025, Apr 7). *Myanmar Earthquake: Heavy Rains Compound Misery for Survivors*; China Daily. (2025, Apr 8). *Myanmar struck by 98 aftershocks in 11 days following quake*.

The Philippines

One of the Philippines' most active volcanoes erupted. Mount Kanlaon on Negros Island, the Philippines erupted on 8 April 2025, spewing a 4-kilometre plume of ash and debris into the sky. The authorities had to suspend school classes in four villages due to the ashfall. People were advised to remain vigilant and stay away from a 6-kilometre danger zone around the volcano. Last eruption of the volcano was in December 2024, prompting the evacuation of thousands of people, many of whom remained in the emergency shelters.

Sources: Borneo Bulletin. (2025, Apr 8). *Philippine volcano spews ash plume into the sky, prompting school closures*.

Thailand

Downpours and minor earthquakes struck Thailand. Heavy rains hit Thailand's Samut Prakan province on 7 April 2025. A part of the main road was submerged by about 60 centimetres of floodwater. Consequently, many vehicles were stranded with stalled engines, resulting in heavy traffic congestion. On the same day, northern Thailand was shaken by a series of earthquakes with the strongest registering a magnitude of 3.8 in Pai district, Mae Hong Son province. Besides, a total of 21 people were confirmed dead while 73 others were still missing following the collapse of a building in Bangkok due to the impact of the powerful earthquake in Myanmar on 28 March 2025.

Sources: The Nation. (2025, Apr 7). *Heavy downpours cause flooding in Samut Prakan Monday morning*; The Nation. (2025, Apr 7). *Morning Quakes Rock Northern Thailand*; Reliefweb. (2025, Apr 8). *Day 12 of search and rescue: Death toll climbs to 21, 73 still missing*.

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