



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Floods struck Riau Islands of Indonesia.

Continuous heavy rains accompanied by strong winds caused floods in Batam city, Indonesia's Riau Islands province on 5 May 2025. Many roads and neighboring areas were inundated by thigh-level floodwaters, bringing traffic to a halt. Moreover, flooding led to economic disruptions to local vendors and small business owners. The Batam Disaster Management Agency issued warnings and early alerts, and advised people to stay vigilant.

Source: Batam News Asia. (2025, May 6). *Heavy Rain Hits Batam: Flood Submerges Bengkong, Botania, and Triggers Strong Winds.*

Malaysia

Severe floods shut down many schools in Sabah state, Malaysia.

As of 6 May 2025, there were 22 schools in Beaufort town, southwestern Sabah state of Malaysia forced to close after days of heavy rains and bad weather. According to the Sabah Education Department, some school grounds were underwater or roads

leading to schools were cut off. Meanwhile, furniture and textbooks were also submerged and ruined by floodwaters.

Source: The Star. (2025, May 6). *Floods: 22 schools in Beaufort forced to close.*

Thailand

Heavy rains caused floods in several provinces of Thailand.

Intense rainfall triggered flooding in Thailand's capital, Bangkok, and its surrounding provinces on 6 May 2025. Meanwhile, a downpour lasting over three hours battered Pattaya city, Chonburi province on 3 May 2025, causing multiple areas be underwater. Many vehicles were found submerged and damaged. Local authorities issued public announcements advising drivers to avoid flooded streets to prevent vehicle damage and protect public property. Furthermore, Samut Prakan province faced widespread flooding on 1 May 2025 due to heavy rains, leading to severe traffic congestion and difficult driving conditions. Residents in Bangkok and neighbouring provinces were advised to monitor weather updates closely and avoid flood-prone or heavily congested routes.

Source: The Nation. (2025, May 1). *Heavy rains cause flooding and traffic jams in Samut Prakan on Labor Day;* The Nation. (2025, May 3). *Several vehicles damaged as 3-hour downpour floods Pattaya;* The Nation. (2025, May 6). *Heavy rains cause flooding in Bangkok and surrounding areas.*

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