



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Floods severely hit Cambodia's Poipet city. On 10 May 2025, intense rainfall triggered the worst flooding in 20 years in Poipet city, Banteay Meanchey province of Cambodia. All roads in the city were inundated. Meanwhile, some areas were impassable. Polices and traffic officers were deployed to help manage the situation.

Source: Khmer Times. (2025, May 12). *Heavy rain causes flooding in Poipet City: Poipet hit by heavy floods.*

Thailand

Summer storm struck many parts of Thailand. Heavy rains intensified by summer storm on 10 May 2025 badly hit across Bangkok city, Thailand and later expanded in Samut Prakan, Chachoengsao, Nakhon Nayok, Nonthaburi, and Pathum Thani provinces. This resulted in widespread flash flooding in multiple areas. Further, overnight downpours in the eastern province of Rayong caused several areas to be submerged on 13 May 2025. Some roads

were impassable to small vehicles. The Meteorological Department also issued a specific warning for Rayong, highlighting the risk of flash flooding in the area.

Source: The Nation. (2025, May 11). *Severe summer storm batters Bangkok with heavy rain and flooding;* The Nation. (2025, May 13). *Rayong roads flooded following heavy rains.*

Viet Nam

Heavy rains and storm in Viet Nam claimed one life. Prolonged heavy rains and thunderstorms devastated northern Lao Cai and central Ha Tinh provinces of Viet Nam during 9 - 11 May 2025. There was one death in Lao Cai province after being swept away by floodwaters. The storm also destroyed 35 homes in the province while schools, irrigation systems, cultural facilities, and rural roads were damaged by landslides and flash floods. Moreover, the strong winds and heavy rain damaged 25 homes, and flattened more than 390 hectares of rice crops in Ha Tinh province. Power poles and trees were toppled. Also, crop losses were reported in neighbouring areas. Authorities in both provinces mobilised forces to help affected households and urged residents to stay vigilant.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2025, May 12). *Heavy rains and storms wreak havoc in Lào Cai and Hà Tĩnh.*

China

A series of disasters wreaked havoc in China. Widespread downpours and severe convective weather had battered many parts of China since 7 May 2025. The provincial meteorological bureau of Hubei province had to activate an emergency response after facing intense rainfall.

Meanwhile, eastern parts of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region were lashed by moderate to heavy precipitation. Also, heavy rainfall had disrupted rail services in Hunan province. Local governments implemented swift measures to safeguard urban operations and public safety. Moreover, a magnitude 5.5 earthquake at a depth of 10 kilometres struck Lhaze county in Xigaze city, Xizang Autonomous Region on 12 May 2025. Yet, no casualties reported.

Source: Xinhua. (2025, May 8). *China braces for heavy rainfall*; Xinhua. (2025, May 12). *5.5-magnitude quake hits China's Xizang, no casualties reported*.

Republic of Korea

Minor earthquakes jolted parts of South Korea. On 10 May 2025, a 3.3-magnitude earthquake hit the northern border county of Yeoncheon in Gyeonggi province, South Korea, with the epicentre estimated at a depth of 9 kilometres. Later, a magnitude 2.5 earthquake was observed 4 kilometres north-northeast of the county. No damage was reported, whereas the National Fire Agency had received about a dozen reports of tremors.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2025, May 10). *(LEAD) 3.3 magnitude earthquake strikes border county north of Seoul: weather agency*.

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