



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki in Indonesia erupted for two consecutive days, reaching an 18,000-metre-high ash column. Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki in East Nusa Tenggara province in Indonesia erupted twice on 1 and 2 August 2025, with the highest alert level at IV. The first eruption produced an ash column about 10,000 metres high while the second sent ash reaching around 18,000 metres. The volcanic ash moved to the southwest, west and northwest. Nearby residents and travelers were warned of the rain-triggered lahar floods and advised to stay outside a 6-kilometre radius of the crater and a 7-kilometre sector in the southwest-northeast of the eruption centre. They also were instructed to wear mask to protect against the health hazards of volcanic ash.

Source: Xinhua. (2025, Aug 2). *Mt. Lewotobi Laki-laki erupts again in Indonesia, spewing ash up to 18 km.*

Viet Nam

Prolonged torrential rains submerged Viet Nam's northern mountainous province. As of 1 August 2025, heavy rains from 31 July to 1 August 2025 caused flash floods and landslides and in several communes of northern mountainous

province of Dien Bien in Viet Nam. Authorities confirmed at least two fatalities, eight people missing. Many villages were isolated, with hundreds of households evacuated. Several national and provincial roads were impassible due to the landslide.

Source: VietnamPlus. (2025, Aug 1). *Flash floods, landslides leave 10 dead or missing in Dien Bien.*

Japan

A series of natural disaster hit across Japan. On 1 August 2025, Japan triggered tsunami warnings in many parts of the country after a magnitude 8.7 quake struck the east coast of Kamchatka in Russia early morning. Many people were advised to evacuate while train and air traffic were disrupted across country. Tsunami waves were founded in Iwate, Hokkaido and Miyagi prefectures while high waves were observed in Tohoku and Kanto regions. Later, the tsunami warning was switched to advisories on the same day. Meanwhile, Shinmoedake volcano located on the border between Kagoshima and Miyazaki prefectures erupted on 10 August 2025, sending an ash plume up to 3,000 metres above the crater. However, the eruption alert remained at level 3, advising to alert for large volcanic rocks within 3 kilometres of the crater and pyroclastic within 2 kilometres. The following day, torrential rains on Kyushu Island caused flooding and mudslides, disrupting travel and affecting numerous residents. Evacuation advisories were issued for a large number of people in Kumamoto Prefecture and six other prefectures to move to safe locations.

Source: NHK. (2025, Aug 1). *Japan's tsunami warnings switched to advisories;* China Daily. (2025, Aug 10). *Japan's Shinmoedake volcano erupt, sending ash plume;* The Star. (2025, Aug 11), *Torrential rains in southern Japan cause flooding, mudslides and travel disruptions.*

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