



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Indonesia experienced a series of natural disasters in a week. Mount Semeru erupted on 13 August 2025, sending a column of smoke and ash about 1,000 metres above its peak in East Java in Indonesia, while alert level remained at II and all activities in the southeast sector along Besuk Kobokan within 8 kilometres of the summit were banned. As of 14 August 2025, prolonged rainfall and strong wind caused flood and several severe-weather related incidents in Central Indonesia, particularly Java Island. A total of 308 people were evacuated, nearly 3,300 people across the Bogor regency, West Java province were affected and 665 houses were damaged. In addition, on 17 August 2025, a 5.8-magnitude undersea earthquake hit north of the Poso district in the Central Sulawesi province without issuing tsunami alert. This quake injured 29 people, two of them are in critical condition. At least 15 aftershocks were recorded following the quake.

Source: Anadolu Agency. (2025, August 13). *Mount Semeru erupts again in southern Indonesia*; Reliefweb. (2025, August 14). *Indonesia-Severe weather and floods (ADINet, BMKG)(Echo Daily Flash of 14 August 2025)*; Euro News. (2025, August 17). *Magnitude 5.8 earthquake rocks Indonesia's Sulawesi island*.

China

A flash flood left 10 people dead in China. As of 17 August 2025, heavy rainfall brought by the East Asian monsoon triggered a flash flood in camping area on the outskirts of Bayannur City, Inner Mongolia, northern China. Reports indicated that 10 people were dead, two were missing and one was rescued. Local authorities were deployed to monitor evacuation operations.

Source: Tempo. (2025, August 17). *Deadly Flash Flood in Northern China Claims 10 Lives, 2 Missing*.

Japan

No tsunami warning issued after 5.8 magnitudes earthquake hit Japan. A 5.8 magnitude earthquake struck Miyazaki Prefecture and other prefectures in Japan on 17 August 2025 with intensity levels ranging from 3 to 4, while Shikoku and Hiroshima Prefecture in Honshu Island felt tremors of 1 to 2. This incident caused minor water level fluctuations of up to 20 centimetres, which would not develop into a tsunami and no damage or casualties were reported. Still, the officials continued closely monitor the situation.

Source: The Standard. (2025, August 17). *Kyushu's Miyazaki Prefecture hit by 5.8 magnitude earthquake, no tsunami warning issued*.

Republic of Korea

Torrential downpour submerged parts of South Korea, leaving one dead. Beginning on 13 August 2025, heavy rainfall triggered flooding in South Korea's capital Seoul and nearby cities, damaging hundreds of roads and homes. Local authorities issued flood and landslide warning for area near rivers, streams, and hills. At least one person was confirmed dead, more than 800 people were

evacuated and 759 people had not return to home. In addition, riverside parks, over 100 hiking trails were closed and road were disrupted. The rainfall began to recede the next day and electricity was restored to around 4,000 households.

Source: The Star. (2025, August 15). *At least one dead as heavy rain starts to slow in Seoul region.*

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