



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Indonesia's Mount Semeru erupted twice in a one day. On 4 September 2025, Mount Semeru, the highest volcano in Java Island, Indonesia, erupted twice in one day in Indonesia with the alert level remaining at II. The ash column reached 500 metres above the summit. All activities within 8 kilometres of the crater were prohibited. Residents were advised to stay at least 500 metres from riverbanks due to the risk of pyroclastic flows and lahars, and to avoid areas within 3 kilometres of the summit because of the danger of flying lava bombs.

Source: Antara News. (2025, Sep 4). *Indonesia's Mount Semeru erupts twice in a day, ash soars 500 meters.*

Thailand

Heavy downpours lashed several parts of Thailand. Prolonged rainfall due to the southwest monsoon triggered flooding in many parts of Thailand. Forest runoff damaged houses, shops, and vehicles and the municipal office in Chiang Mai at the late night on 2 September 2025, marking the second flood in a week. Later, on 5 September 2025, severe floods were reports in many areas of Bangkok, including the water overflowed into the subway station, which disrupted the commuters. Downpour also forced the closure of many schools in Samut Prakarn.

Local authorities issued nationwide flood alert after nine major dams were reported overfilled, particularly in northern and northeastern regions. Residents in at-risk areas were urged to monitor the situation closely.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2025, Sep 3). *Chiang Mai community flooded yet again*; Bangkok Post. (2025, Sep 6). *Bangkok MRT station flooded during heavy rain*; The Nation. (2025, Sep 7). *Thai Dams Over Capacity, Triggering Flash Flood Alert*; The Nation. (2025, Sep 8). *Floods close Schools in Samut Prakarn.*

Viet Nam

Flash flood and landslide warnings were issued in Northern provinces of Viet Nam. The residents on 8 September 2025 in the Northern provinces of Viet Nam were urged to prepare measure for heavy rain, landslides and, flash floods, caused by the remnants of Typhoon Tapah. Heavy rain was expected to hit Lang Son, Cao Bang, Tuyen Quang, Lao Cai, Dien Bien, and Lai Chau. Authorities warned of possible flooding in low-lying areas and urban areas, as well as landslides in mountainous area.

Source: Voice of Vietnam. (2025, Sep 8). *Typhoon Tapah to bring heavy rain to six northern provinces of Vietnam.*

China

Tropical storm Tapah forced a massive evacuation in China. On 8 September 2025, Typhoon Tapah made landfall near Taishan City in Guangdong province, China, causing widespread floodings. More than 200,000 people were evacuated and 12 people were injured, but no deaths were reported. Hundreds of people sought refuge in temporary centres. Schools and courts were closed, flights were cancelled and some train and ferry services were suspended. The storm later moved into the neighbouring Guangxi province, bringing torrential rains that were expected to continue for several days.

Source: AP News. (2025, Sep 9). *Tropical Storm Tapah makes landfall in southern China, forcing evacuations and school closures.*

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