



# WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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## Lao PDR

**Flash floods and landslides in Lao PDR were anticipated ahead of Tropical Storm Fengshen.** According to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology under the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Lao PDR on 20 October 2025, Tropical Storm Fengshen was expected to bring light to moderate thunderstorms across the country, along with heavy to very heavy rainfall and strong winds from 23 to 24 October 2025. Residents were urged to remain cautious due to the potential risk of flash floods and landslides caused by widespread heavy rain.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2025, Oct 20). *Laos on alert for tropical storm Fengshen.*

## Indonesia

**Indonesia faced volcanic eruption and earthquake within two consecutive days.** Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki, located in East Nusa Tenggara province, Indonesia, erupted twice on 15 October 2025, spewing ash up to 10 kilometers high during the first eruption, and up to 8 kilometers during the second. The alert was raised to the highest level. Residents near the volcano were evacuated due to concerns about potential volcanic mudflows if heavy rain occurred.

The following day, on 16 October 2025, a 6.7-magnitude earthquake struck Papua province in Indonesia. However, no tsunami warning was issued.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2025, Oct 15). *Indonesian Volcano Lewotobi Laki-laki erupts again*; Reuters. (2025, Oct 16). *Earthquake of magnitude 6.7 strikes Papua, Indonesia, USGS says.*

## Philippines

**Tropical Storm Fengshen claimed seven lives in the Philippines.** Tropical Storm Fengshen hit the northern and central regions of the Philippines on 19 October 2025, triggering flooding in the Central Luzon, Mimaropa, Western Visayas, and Eastern Visayas regions. The storm killed seven people, injured one, and left two missing. A total of 133,196 individuals across nine provinces and 35 cities and municipalities were affected. At least 13,710 people were displaced. Key infrastructure, including 12 road sections, 10 bridge sections, and 60 seaports, was disrupted.

**Source:** VietnamPlus. (2025, Oct 20). *Storm Fengshen batters Philippines, Laos issues rainfall warning.*

## Viet Nam

**Typhoon Fengshen threatened flash floods in Viet Nam.** On 20 October 2025, the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting of Viet Nam warned that combined effects of Tropical Storm Fengshen's circulation, cold air, easterly wind disturbances, and orographic enhancement could bring widespread and prolonged heavy rainfall from 22 to 27 October 2025 across Ha Tinh to Quang Ngai provinces. Mountainous areas faced high risks of flash floods and landslides, while flooding was anticipated in low-lying and urban zones. Local authorities were advised to ensure the safe operation of hydropower and irrigation reservoirs and prepare for water levels in rivers from Quang Tri to Quang Ngai possibly

exceeding the highest alert level. The disaster risk level due to flooding and inundation was rated at level 3 out of 5.

**Source:** VOV. (2025, Oct 20). *Typhoon Fengshen changes course, threatens central Vietnam with flooding.*

## **China**

**Typhoon Fengshen wreaked havoc in China's Hainan province.** On 20 October 2025, typhoon Fengshen suspended operations at three main ports, including Xinhai Port, Xiuying Port, and Railway South Port, in Haikou, the capital of Hainan province, China with operations anticipated to resume around 23 October 2025 depending on the weather. Some train services to and from Hainan Island were also cancelled, and emergency response measures were upgraded to improve readiness. Meanwhile, authorities in Guangdong province activated a typhoon emergency response on 20 October 2025. All maritime activities, including fishing and tourism, were suspended.

**Source:** Anadolu Agency. (2025, Oct 20). *South China's 3 ports suspend operations in face of Typhoon Fengshen.*

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