



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Floods forced hundreds of people to flee their homes in Indonesia. As of 1 February 2026, heavy rains caused rivers to overflow, inundating parts of North Jakarta and West Jakarta, Indonesia. In North Jakarta, a total of 350 people were displaced to two shelters, including 125 people or 50 families at Nurul Jannah Mosque and 225 people or 62 families at Robiatul Adawiyah Elementary School. Seven neighborhood units in Marunda Village and one neighborhood unit in Kapuk Muara were submerged. Meanwhile, in West Jakarta, two neighborhood units and Jalan Kamal Raya Road in Tegal Alur Village were also affected. The Angke Hulu flood monitoring post was at Alert Level 3. Local authorities were deployed to monitor and manage the situation.

Source: Tempo. (2026, Feb 1). *Floods Displace 350 People in North Jakarta.*

Philippines

Multiple earthquakes jolted Sultan Kudarat, the Philippines. As of 3 February 2026, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) reported that a series of earthquakes continued to occur offshore of Sultan Kudarat in the Philippines, with magnitudes

ranging from 1.3 to 5.9. A total of 3,319 tremors were recorded between 19 January and 3 February 2026. Of these, 1,010 were plotted by at least three seismic monitoring stations and 114 were felt by residents. The number of tremors per day declined. However, the possibility of strong earthquakes remained. The strongest earthquake, with a magnitude of 5.9, was recorded on 28 January 2026.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2026, Feb 3). *Sultan Kudarat earthquake swarm shows fewer tremors but high-magnitude quakes still possible -Phivolcs.*

Japan

Severe snowfall claimed numerous lives in Japan. As of 3 February 2026, heavy snow killed at least 30 people and injured another 321 along the Sea of Japan coast over the past two weeks, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency. Niigata Prefecture recorded the highest death toll at 12, followed by Akita Prefecture with six deaths and Aomori Prefecture with four. As winter pressure patterns brought freezing air over the Tohoku region, areas along the Sea of Japan coast continued to experience heavy snowfall. Temperatures were forecast to drop further from 6 February 2026 onward with the possibility of another strong snowstorm, particularly in the northern parts of the country. Residents were urged to remain alert to weather updates.

Source: The Japan Times. (2026, Feb 3). *Heavy snowfall along Sea of Japan coast claims at least 30 lives.*

Republic of Korea

Overnight snowfall settled over parts of South Korea. Heavy overnight snowfall covered many areas of South Korea on 2 February 2026, disrupting the morning commute in Seoul. The city issued a mobile alert warning of slippery roads and advising commuters to use public transportation. According to the Korea Meteorological Administration, some parts of the wider capital area were expected to see light

snow of less than 0.1 centimetres on the morning, while other areas were forecast to receive more snowfall. Temperatures were expected to range from minus 1 to plus 6 degrees Celsius.

Source: Korea Times. (2026, Feb 2). *Korea blanketed by overnight snow.*

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