



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Several areas of Bali, Indonesia were submerged by flooding.

Continuous rainfall triggered severe flooding in many districts of Indonesia's tourist island of Bali, including the provincial capital, Denpasar since 23 February 2026. As of 24 February 2026, around 350 people were evacuated, including 30 foreign tourists. After the waters receded, most people returned to their homes and hotels. There were no fatalities. Some facilities, such as cafes and gas stations, were also inundated.

Source: The Straits Times. (2026, Feb 24). *Bali flooding prompts tourist evacuation: Official.*

Malaysia

Strong earthquake jolted Malaysia.

On 23 February 2026, a 6.8-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Sabah, Malaysia. No aftershocks or tsunamis were reported. The epicentre was located about 49 km west of Kudat, Sabah. The tremors were felt in Sabah, Sarawak, and Peninsular Malaysia. Local authorities were carrying out field monitoring to ensure safety.

Source: The Star. (2026, Feb 24). *Sabah earthquake the strongest to hit Malaysia.*

Philippines

Torrential rainfall claimed eight lives in the Philippines.

A moderate to heavy rainfall caused landslides and flooding in the Davao Region, Philippines on 20 February 2026. A total of eight fatalities were reported in Davao de Oro and in Mati City, Davao Oriental, including four in Barangay Central, Mati City; three in Monkayo, Davao de Oro; and one in Barangay Napnapan in Pantukan, Davao de Oro. A total of 23,994 families, or 94,155 people, were affected by the flooding. Local government units monitored the situation and assessed the damage.

Source: The Manila Times. (2026, Feb 22). *8 dead in Davao landslides caused by heavy rain.*

China

Strong winds and sandstorms were expected to batter China.

Multiple northern regions in China were warned to exercise caution due to strong winds and sandstorms from 20 to 22 February 2026, including Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia, Gansu, Ningxia, Qinghai, Shaanxi, parts of North China and Northeast China, the Shandong Peninsula, and northern Henan. The China Meteorological Administration activated a Level-IV emergency response, with Level I being the most severe, while the National Meteorological Center issued a yellow alert for strong winds and sandstorms and a blue alert for a cold wave, with red being the highest warning level.

Source: Xinhua. (2026, Feb 20). *China launches emergency response for meteorological disaster.*

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