



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Two earthquakes struck Indonesia, with no damage.

On 29 March 2026, a 6.5-magnitude earthquake struck Maluku and a 2.6-magnitude earthquake struck Kolaka in Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia. No damage or casualties were reported, and there was no risk of a tsunami. The tremor was felt by several residents, similar to a heavy vehicle passing by. Local authorities continued to monitor the situation in both areas.

Source: The Star. (2026, Mar 29). *Two earthquakes strike eastern Indonesia on Sunday (March 29), says BKMKG.*

Viet Nam

Extreme weather wreaked havoc in Viet Nam.

As of 31 March 2026, severe weather, including hail, thunderstorms, strong winds, and lightning, affected Hanoi and northern Viet Nam during 29-30 March 2026. Four fatalities were reported, with two in Tuyen Quang and Son La due to lightning strikes, and two in Quang Ninh after strong winds capsized a boat. Nine people were injured, including six in Lao Cai and one each in Lang Son, Thai Nguyen, and Hanoi. A total of 13 houses

were destroyed, while 6,551 others were damaged, with the most severe impacts recorded in Lao Cai and Cao Bang. Agricultural areas and public infrastructure were also affected. Local authorities promptly assisted affected areas and advised residents to continue monitoring the situation.

Source: VnExpress. (2026, Mar 31). *4 dead, 9 injured as hailstorms, thunderstorms hit Hanoi and nearby provinces.*

China

Thunderstorms and hailstorms disrupted flights and trains in China.

As of 30 March 2026, heavy thunderstorms and hailstorms caused flight disruptions in Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China, affecting thousands of passengers. At Baiyun International Airport in Guangzhou, more than 120 inbound and outbound flights were cancelled and over 390 delayed. At Bao'an International Airport in Shenzhen, 90 flights were cancelled, more than 310 delayed, and seven diverted. Flights to and from eastern, central, and northern China were particularly affected. High-speed and intercity railway services were also disrupted. Local authorities in Guangzhou issued thunderstorm alerts for all 11 districts and hail alerts for nine districts, including Yuexiu.

Source: China Daily. (2026, Mar 30). *Severe weather causes widespread flight delays, cancellations in Guangzhou and Shenzhen.*

Japan

A 6.4-magnitude earthquake hit Japan's northeast coast, with no tsunami risk.

As of 27 March 2026, a 6.4-magnitude earthquake struck off the Sanriku coast, east of Iwate Prefecture, northeastern Japan, on 26 March 2026. The strongest shaking was recorded at intensity 4 on the Japanese scale in Morioka in Iwate, while Hakodate in Hokkaido and parts of Aomori Prefecture recorded intensity 3. Minor sea level changes could occur along the coast

of Japan, but no damage was reported and no tsunami was expected.

Source: The Standard. (2026, Mar 27). *Strong shallow earthquake hits off Japan's northeast coast, no tsunami threat.*

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