



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Indonesia's Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki eruption, prompted lahar warning and flight disruption.

Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki on Flores Island, Indonesia erupted several times on 5 June 2026, sending volcanic ash up to 2.5 kilometres into the air. The eruption came after the volcano spewed a colossal 18-kilometre towel of ash last July. The volcanology agency warned residents living near rivers to be aware of lahars if heavy rain occurs. The eruption also disrupted air travel, with five domestic flights at Maumere airport, located about 60 kilometres west of the volcano, suspended due to volcanic activity.

Source: The Hindu. (2026, June 5). *Indonesia volcano erupts, forcing airport to close.*

Philippines

Strong earthquake hit southern Philippines, triggering tsunamis and hundreds of aftershocks.

On 8 June 2026, a 7.8 - magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Mindanao Island in southern Philippines, causing hundreds of aftershocks and tsunamis. The earthquake was the strongest to hit the country this year. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology recorded a 1-metre tsunami in

Sultan Kudarat and Sarangani provinces, and a 1.4-metre wave hit Kiamba town. Smaller tsunami waves were also detected in Indonesia, Palau and southern Japan. Officials confirmed 37 deaths and 487 injuries. Many buildings sustained severe damages and some collapsed. In response, the Philippine National Police deployed 2,000 police officers to the affected communities to assist local governments with emergency operations.

Source: AP. (2026, June 9). *A 7.8 magnitude quake in the Philippines kills at least 35, collapses buildings and sparks tsunami.*, BBC. (2026, June 9). *At least 35 dead after major earthquake strikes southern Philippines.*, BBC. (2026, June 9). *Hundreds of aftershocks jolt Philippines as officials say death toll could rise.*, Philippine News Agency. (2026, June 9). *PNP secures evacuation centers in quake-hit Mindanao.*

Thailand

Heavy rain battered Thailand's capital and nearby provinces, with schools allowed to close.

Heavy rain lashed Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, and surrounding provinces on 9 June 2026, resulting in widespread flooding **and** severe traffic congestion in many areas. The Thai Meteorological Department reported that heavy rain clouds had formed over Bangkok and nearby provinces, including Nakhon Pathom, Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani, Nakhon Nayok, and Samut Sakhon. In response to the situation, the Ministry of Education authorized school administrators to suspend classes if flooding threatened student safety.

Source: The Nation. (2026, June 7). *Schools authorized to close immediately as Thailand steps up flood response.*, The Nation. (2026, June 9). *Bangkok downpour floods Phahon Yothin near Kasetsart BTS, TMD warns of more rain.*

Viet Nam

Northern Viet Nam braced for heavy rain and floods following intense heatwave.

Heavy rain is expected to strike the northern and north-central regions of Viet Nam from 8 to 10 June 2026, in the wake of

an intense heatwave with temperatures reaching 38-40 Celsius. Meteorologists warned of possible flashfloods, landslides, and urban flooding in several provinces with rainfall expected to exceed 300 mm. in some northern areas. Therefore, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment issued an urgent directive to strengthen disaster preparedness measures.

Source: Voice of Vietnam. (2026, June 8). *Northern Vietnam braces for widespread heavy rain after intense heatwave.*

Japan

Japan's Sakurajima volcano erupted, sparking larger eruption warning.

On 7 June 2026, Sakurajima volcano in Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan erupted, sending an ash plume 1.3 kilometres high and creating grey rain to blanket the city. Authorities advised residents to wear masks to protect themselves from the ash. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, the magma continued to rise beneath the volcano, causing slight swelling of the mountain. Officials warned that such swelling often precedes a larger eruption.

Source: The Standard (HK). (2026, June 8). *Sakurajima volcano erupts, cover Kagoshima in 'grey rain'.*

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