



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Drought massively damaged rice fields across Cambodia.

According to the National Committee for Disaster Management on 21 July 2026, drought linked to El Nino affected 108,164 hectares of rice fields in seven provinces, including Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Pursat, Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, Siem Reap, and Ratanakkiri. Authorities were closely monitoring the situation, providing assistance where needed, and implementing response measures in order to protect rice crops. Additionally, the ministry prepared more than 500 water pumps for emergency deployment.

Source: Khmer Times. (2026, July 21). *Drought hits 100,000ha of rice fields as emergency measures save crops.*

Malaysia

Flash floods battered many parts of Malaysia.

Heavy rain caused flash floods in Petaling Jaya City in Selangor State, Malaysia, with water levels reaching nearly two metres high on 18 July 2026. The downpour caused power outages and submerged vehicles, though no injuries were reported in the area. In addition, the heavy rains also spread their impact to several neighbouring

areas, including Kuala Lumpur. The storm claimed one life in Kuala Lumpur after a tree crashed onto two vehicles. In response, authorities assisted in removing vehicles, clearing fallen trees, and remained on high alert as forecasts predicted further heavy rain across the Klang Valley.

Source: The Sun. (2026, July 18). *Petaling Jaya hit by flash floods after heavy downpour.* The Vibes. (2026, July 19). *Klang Valley storm claims motorist's life as flash floods hit Petaling Jaya (video).*

Viet Nam

Flash floods left five dead and 10 injured in northern Viet Nam.

On 18 July 2026, flash floods and landslides triggered by prolonged heavy rain left five people dead, three others missing, and injured 10 in Lai Chau Province in northern Viet Nam. The severe weather over the past three days damaged roads, power grids, and hundreds of houses, while inundating 238 hectares of crops in the region. Total economic losses were estimated at 362.46 billion VND (about 14.3 million USD). Authorities continued to assess the full extent of the damage.

*1 USD = 25,346.85 VND

Source: Reuters. (2026, July 19). *Flash Flood kills 4, leaves 4 others missing in Vietnam.* China.org.cn. (2026, July 20). *Death toll from floods, landslides in N. Vietnam rises to 5.*

Japan

Landslides and flooding struck Japan, followed by intense heatwave.

Torrential downpours from 17 to 18 July 2026 caused landslides and flooding in parts of Tochigi and Gunma prefectures in Japan. Meanwhile, heavy rain also hit Tokyo, Yokohama, and Kawasaki. The Japan Meteorological Agency issued its highest-level emergency warning and safety evacuation order for some areas. Furthermore, Japanese weather officials warned on 21 July 2026 that temperatures could reach dangerous levels from the

Tohoku region in the northeast to Kyushu in the southeast, with temperatures reaching a high of 39.4 degrees Celsius during the day. People were advised to avoid prolonged outdoor activities, use air conditioners, and drink adequate of water to prevent heatstroke.

Source: NHK World Japan. (2026, July 18). *Downpours cause landslides, flooding in Japan's Tochigi, Gunma.* Reuters Connect. (2026, July 19). *Japan: Level 5 Alert Issues as Torrential Rains Trigger Flooding, Landslide in Kanto Region 4.* NHK World Japan. (2026, July 21). *Japan weather officials warn of dangerously high temperatures, heatstroke.*

Republic of Korea

Monsoon rains triggered widespread disruptions across South Korea.

Heavy monsoon rain battered South Korea from 16 to 19 July 2026, causing flood, landslides, power outages, and evacuations, with the heaviest damage in North Gyeongsang. Authorities reported evacuation of 441 people from 338 households across six regions. One woman was injured in Gyeonggi, 95 campers were temporarily stranded, and one fisher went missing in Gangwon. No casualties have been officially confirmed yet. As the rain cleared, the Korea Meteorological Administration replaced heavy rain warnings with heat wave alerts, while advising residents to remain alert for landslides, falling rocks, and river flooding due to saturated ground.

Source: The Korea Herald. (2026, July 19). *Weekend deluge leaves flood damage as heat, more rain follow.*

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