



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Mekong River overflow prompted thousands in Cambodia to evacuate.

The National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) reported on 25 August 2026 that Kratie, Stung Treng, Tboung Khmum, and Kampong Cham provinces suffered from flooding along the Mekong River following Typhoon Saudel. The floods displaced 1,551 families and affected 13,688 people across these four provinces. In response, the NCDM instructed provincial authorities to monitor emergency needs, maintain health and safety in temporary shelters, and report developments to ensure a rapid response. Additionally, the NCDM urged residents to stay alert and prepare for further evacuations if river levels continued to rise.

Source: Khmer Times. (2026, August 25). *Mekong floods displace thousands in four provinces (VIDEO)*.

Indonesia

Strong earthquake and Mount Anak Krakatau eruptions struck Indonesia.

A magnitude 5.6 earthquake battered Indonesia's Flores Island on 20 August 2026, raising the death toll from recent quakes to 72 and worsening damage to previously affected homes. Authorities

reported that over 3,000 aftershocks following the 15 August quake had led to severe shortages of food and supplies in Manggarai's shelters. Local communities called for psychological support and trauma counseling for residents. Meanwhile, Mount Anak Krakatau erupted several times on 25 August 2026, sending ash around 457 metres above sea level. Authorities urged residents and visitors not to conduct any activities within a 3-km radius of the active crater.

Source: Jakarta Globe. (2026, August 20). *Indonesia's Flores Hit by Another Strong Earthquake, One Dies of Shock*. Anadolu Ajansi. (2026, August 25). *Indonesia's Mount Anak Krakatau erupts repeatedly, triggering safety alert*.

Lao PDR

Floods in southern Lao PDR affected more than 10,000 people.

Severe flooding affected at least 11 villages and more than 10,000 people in Savannakhet's Phin and Sepon districts. Additionally, 21 villages in Champasak province were affected, with homes, rice fields, and farmland along the Xe Don River inundated. Furthermore, the Mekong River reached 12.51 metres on 21 August 2026, exceeding alert levels. Authorities mobilised soldiers, police, and youth volunteers to evacuate residents, fill sandbags, build flood barriers, pump out floodwater, and distribute emergency relief supplies.

Source: The Laotian Times. (2026, August 20). *Sekong Warns of Dam Water Releases as Heavy Rain Raises Flood Risk*. The Laotian Times. (2026, August 21). *Floods have affected 21 villages in Pakse City, Champasak, local authorities reported*. Khaosod English. (2026, August 23). *Pakse hit by severe flooding as Mekong rises*.

Myanmar

Downpours submerged homes and infrastructure in Myanmar

As of 19 August 2026, the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) reported that continuous rainfall since 30 July 2026 had triggered flooding in several areas of

Myanmar. The severe weather caused flooding and riverbank erosion, resulting in a breach of the Ngawun River embankment, which flooded five urban wards, major roads, and 150 surrounding villages. The incident displaced households and resulted in one casualty due to the overflowing Thanlwin River. Furthermore, 47 schools and 97 religious buildings were affected. To mitigate the disaster, the DDM, together with relevant ministries, repaired the breached sections of the embankment and controlled the flooding, while also providing food, drinking water, and essential healthcare services to affected communities.

Source: ReliefWeb. (2026, August 19). *Flash Update: No. 1 – Flooding in Ayeyarwady and Kayin, Myanmar – 19 August 2026.*

Thailand

Deadly overflows affected over 10,000 people in northern and northeastern Thailand.

Floods had battered several northern and northeastern parts of Thailand since 19 August 2026. In Nan province, flooding and flash runoff left two people dead and affected more than 16,000 residents across 60 villages. In Sukhothai province, 1,732 households were affected, with data from the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency showing very-high-risk zones in the affected area. Additionally, provincial authorities across affected regions evacuated local residents, moved household belongings to higher ground, and provided food and essential supplies, as authorities remained on high alert for further rainfall.

Source: The Nation. (2026, August 20). *Nan floods kill 2 and affect more than 16,000 people.* The Nation. (2026, August 20). *Satellite flood risk widens across North and Northeast.*

Viet Nam

Floods and landslides caused extensive damage in Viet Nam.

As of 23 August 2026, Storm Narra struck Viet Nam with heavy rain, floods, and landslides, leaving one person dead and causing damage across northern and central localities. The disaster damaged 2,711 houses and killed 6,100 livestock and poultry in Lang Son province, flooded 7,877 hectares of crops, and caused traffic disruptions throughout the region. Local authorities evacuated 2,965 households and assisted residents with recovery efforts. Meanwhile, relevant agencies maintained duty arrangements and prepared equipment and materials for emergency response.

Source: VietnamPlus. (2026, August 23). *Flooding, landslides leave one dead, cause widespread damage.*

China

Widespread floods displaced tens of thousands in southern China.

Typhoon Narra triggered heavy rain and floods across southern China on 25 August 2026. The floods submerged homes and shops, while tens of thousands of people were evacuated, especially in Guangxi, where 54,000 people were relocated. Meanwhile, river water overflowed into Chongzuo city, with water levels reaching building rooftops and power lines. Authorities ordered all businesses and tourist operations to cease and urged residents to evacuate from affected and high-risk areas.

Source: Reuters. (2026, August 25). *Homes submerged, tens of thousands relocated in China's south as flooding intensifies.*

Japan

Magnitude 5.9 earthquake injured at least 37 in Japan.

On 23 August 2026, a magnitude 5.9 earthquake hit the southern part of Ibaraki Prefecture, causing strong shaking and injuring at least 37 people. No tsunami warning was issued. The quake affected several prefectures, disrupting train

services in Tokyo, causing tremors felt in Saitama, and damaging a building in Chiba. In response, officials assessed the extent of the damage and provided accurate information to the public. Additionally, officials warned residents in affected areas about potential earthquakes of a similar magnitude.

Source: Euro News. (2026, August 23). *5.9-magnitude earthquake strikes Japan, injuring at least 37.*

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