



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Indonesia's Mount Merapi sent 2-km lava avalanches down slopes

As of 21 September 2026, Mount Merapi in Central Java, Indonesia, sent several lava avalanches down its slopes, with the longest traveling about 2 km toward the southwestern sector. Authorities reminded residents to stay out of designated danger zones around the volcano, remain vigilant, and refrain from entering areas designated as potentially hazardous. Moreover, the Boyolali Disaster Mitigation Agency warned communities on Merapi's slopes against burning branches or other dry materials during the dry season due to the risk of forest fires.

Source: Jakarta Globe. (2026, September 21). *Mount Merapi Sends Lava Avalanches 2 Km Down Southwestern Slopes*.

Malaysia

Flash floods wreaked havoc Malaysia's capital

Severe flash floods struck Ampang, Taman U-Thant, and Jalan Ampang in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, on 20 September 2026. Four emergency incidents were reported across the affected areas, including three vehicles stranded in

floodwaters and a flooded residence facing a risk of electrocution. In response, firefighters rescued three victims trapped inside their vehicles. Moreover, the fire and rescue personnel continued to monitor the affected areas following these incidents.

Source: The Star. (2026, September 20). *Kuala Lumpur hit by flash floods on Sept 20*. The Vibes. (2026, September 21). *Firefighters rescue three as flash floods hit Ampang (video)*.

Singapore

Heavy rain triggered flash floods in Singapore

The temperature in central Singapore dropped to 22 °C amid an inland downpour, triggering flash floods on King's Road and Coronation Road in Bukit Timah on 22 September 2026. National water agency PUB reported that floodwaters had subsided in both areas later that day. Meanwhile, PUB issued several other flash flood risk alerts amid heavy rainfall and warned residents to avoid the affected areas.

Source: The Straits Times. (2026, September 22). *S'pore temperature dips to 22 deg C amid heavy rain, Bukit Timah flash floods*.

Thailand

Flash floods and landslides hit several provinces of Thailand

As of 19 September 2026, flash floods inundated communities in Phetchabun Province, Thailand, as the Pasak River overflowed, forcing 300 households to evacuate. In response, volunteers assisted residents, while authorities warned and urged locals to monitor water levels, follow official announcements, and remain alert for possible flooding and forest runoff. Meanwhile, the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) reported four landslides and two flash floods across three other provinces, including Surat Thani, Mae Hong Son, and Chiang Mai on the following

day. The incidents affected roads, bridges, farmland, and routes into and out of villages. Local officials inspected affected areas and provided assistance, while the DMR monitored potential landslides and maintained flash flood alerts for 31 provinces across the country.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2026, September 19). *Flash floods hit Phetchabun as Pasak River overflows*. The Nation. (2026, September 20). *Thailand reports 6 landslide and flood incidents on Sept 20*.

Viet Nam

Torrential rain triggered flooding across northern Viet Nam

Heavy downpours battered Viet Nam's northern region, triggering flooding and landslides. The disaster killed four people and damaged thousands of homes, as well as more than 24,000 hectares of crops. More than 16,000 houses were inundated, while floodwaters caused severe traffic disruptions on national and provincial roads. As a result, several schools in Hanoi switched to online learning or closed on 17 September 2026. Moreover, authorities suspended various train services on the North-South railway for two days during the emergency, with 150 families relocated from low-lying areas.

Source: AP News. (2026, September 18). *At least 4 killed as floods inundate more than 16,000 homes in Vietnam*. South China Morning Post. (2026, September 18). *Torrential rain in Vietnam leaves 3 dead, 16,000 homes flooded*.

Japan

Typhoon Dujuan caused fatalities and cancelled 275 flights in Japan

Typhoon Dujuan brought torrential rains, flooding, and landslides to Tokyo and surrounding areas in Japan. As of 22 September 2026, six people were confirmed dead and at least six were missing. Also, more than 9,000 households near Tokyo were left without power. Authorities urged around 1.6 million people

to evacuate. Meanwhile, Japan Airlines and All Nippon Airways cancelled 275 flights, while railway operators in Tokyo and neighbouring regions suspended services on several lines. Officials warned residents to avoid travelling by car as floodwaters submerged various parts of the city.

Source: CNA. (2026, September 22). *Flights scrapped, evacuations urged as Typhoon Dujuan wallops Japan*. The Japan Times. (2026, September 22). *At least six dead and six missing in Kanto in wake of Typhoon Dujuan*.

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