



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Strong earthquake struck Indonesia's Sumba Island, leaving one dead

On 4 October 2026, a magnitude 6.1 earthquake hit Southwest Sumba District in East Nusa Tenggara Province, Indonesia, with no tsunami warning. Some residents felt the tremor, which caused a 73-year-old resident to die of shock, though local officials received no immediate reports of structural damage. The public was urged to remain calm, disregard unverified rumours, rely on official updates and stay clear of compromised structures and maintain a safe distance from coastal areas if aftershocks occur.

Source: ANTARA. (2026, October 4). *Magnitude 6.1 quake hits Sumba island, no tsunami potential*. ANTARA. (2026, October 4). *Police report one fatality after Southwest Sumba earthquake*.

Malaysia

Flooding trapped people at the kindergarten and displaced residents in Malaysia

Between 30 September and 2 October 2026, flash floods hit Taman Rashna in

Klang and Johor Bahru, Malaysia, disrupting several main routes and slowing traffic movement. Floodwater trapped 37 pupils and seven teachers at the Umiku Sayang Kindergarten and Nursery on Jalan Muhd Amin. In response, a firefighting team evacuated all affected individuals from the kindergarten to the nearby Tepian Food Court Surau, with no injuries reported. Meanwhile, overnight rain triggered severe flooding in Penampang, prompting authorities to evacuate 118 affected people to four relief centres across the district. Furthermore, local authorities warned and advised the public to remain vigilant following rises in water levels detected across the affected areas.

Source: Bernama. (2026, September 30). *Flash Floods Hit Several Locations In Shah Alam, Klang*. Malay Mail. (2026, September 30). *In Johor Bahru, firemen rescue 44 pupils and teachers in kindergarten trapped by flash flood*. Free Malaysia Today. (2026, October 2). *118 evacuated amid Penampang floods*.

Singapore

Heavy rain triggered flash floods and temperature drop in Singapore

Torrential rain brought the temperature in Singapore down to 22.7 degrees Celsius on 30 September 2026 and triggered flash floods at Neo Tiew Road in Lim Chu Kang and Riverside Road in Woodlands. The national water agency PUB issued flash flood alerts before the floodwaters in both areas subsided. Authorities warned of further flash flood risks across parts of Singapore and advised motorists and pedestrians to steer clear of key junctions, including Pesawat Drive, Jurong Port Road, and Jalan Boon Lay between International Road and Enterprise Road.

Source: The Straits Times. (2026, September 30). *Temperature falls to 22.7 deg C in Tuas; heavy rain triggers 2 flash floods*. Yahoo. (2026, October 1). *Singapore issues flash flood warnings, authorities highlight danger zones*.

Thailand

Widespread flooding affected over 3.5 million people in Thailand

As of 5 October 2026, flooding struck across 26 provinces in Thailand and Bangkok, raising the death toll to 31. Heavy rain and runoff from the North compounded flooding in the Central region, affecting more than 3.5 million people in 1.27 million households. Meanwhile, floods inundated over 1.64 million rai of cropland across 42 provinces and left 3.9 million livestock dead or missing. Authorities evacuated affected residents and ordered deliveries of medicines, medical supplies, and personnel for patients in submerged hospitals. Officials approved emergency funds of more than 4.1 billion THB (about 122 million USD) for flood recovery.

*1 USD = 33.61 THB

Source: The Nation. (2026, October 3). *Thailand floods hit 1.64m rai of cropland and leave 3.9m farm animals dead or missing*. ABC News. (2026, October 5). *Thailand braces for more rain as death toll from recent flooding hits 31*. Thai Enquirer. (2026, October 5). *Flooding Continues Across 26 Provinces and Bangkok as More Rain Looms*.

Viet Nam

Heavy rain triggered level 2 disaster alert in Hue and Da Nang, Viet Nam

Days of torrential rain hit central Viet Nam, with severe thunderstorms stretching from southern Ha Tinh Province to Hue City. Authorities warned of widespread flooding, flash floods, and landslides. Meanwhile, the natural disaster risk warning for heavy rain, tornadoes, lightning, and hail was set at level 1, with level 2 issued in Hue and Da Nang cities, as heavy rain was forecast to exceed 600 mm in some areas through 11 October 2026.

Source: VietNamNet. (2026, October 6). *Central Vietnam braces for torrential rain, with over 600mm forecast in places*. Vietnam.vn. (2026, October 6). *Central Vietnam experiences heavy and continuous rainfall; two cities issued a level 2 disaster alert*.

P.R. China

Magnitude 4.3 earthquake rattled Kunming, P.R. China

The China Earthquake Networks Center recorded a magnitude 4.3 earthquake struck Kunming in Yunnan Province, P.R. China on 30 September 2026. Nearby residents strongly felt the tremor, while strong winds shook doors and windows violently. Yunnan's emergency management authorities reported no casualties, with power, transportation, and communications services remaining normal. The local government activated a Level IV emergency response.

Source: China Daily. (2026, September 30). *4.3 earthquake rattles Kunming, triggering Level IV emergency response*.

Japan

Moderate earthquake struck Japan's Chiba Prefecture

A magnitude 5.1 earthquake hit northeastern Chiba Prefecture in Japan on 1 October 2026. Local residents indoors felt the shaking, with dishes on shelves rattling. Two aftershocks, measuring magnitude 3.6 and 3.3, also occurred in the same area later in the day. The Japan Meteorological Agency reported no major damage or tsunami warning. Authorities advised people in the affected area to follow official updates, particularly if further tremors occur.

Source: Passport.news. (2026, October 1). *Earth Is Trembling: Magnitude 5.1 Earthquake Strikes Japan's Chiba Prefecture*.

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