



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Brunei

#### **The Brunei government maintains the rice and fuel subsidies**

The Brunei government will continue subsidies on essential goods such as rice and fuel at their existing levels despite rising global living costs. The government launched measures to ensure economic stability and protect citizens, especially low-income groups, amid ongoing global supply chain disruptions and volatile oil prices caused by geopolitical tensions. These policies play an important role in protecting, especially low-income groups, from inflation, amid global supply chain disruptions and volatile oil prices. Alongside subsidies, the government is strengthening social support through measures such as minimum wages, a national retirement scheme, and workforce training programs to maintain employment and economic stability.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2026, March 17). *Brunei government maintains subsidies on rice, fuel.*

### Indonesia

#### **Indonesia's rice stocks have reached about 4 million tonnes**

According to the Minister of Agriculture, the domestic rice reserves have reached 4 million tonnes and are expected to reach 5 million tonnes of rice, which is the highest level in the nation's history. In addition, Indonesia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the agricultural

sector reached the highest growth in 25 years at 5.47 percent, which contributes significantly to the national economy. and the Farmer Exchange Rate (NTP), which reflects the level of farmers' welfare, also reached its highest level in 33 years. These achievements have been driven by government policies, such as the increase in the Government Purchasing Price (HPP) and the reduction in fertilizer prices. The president emphasised that the nation's food security will be maintained and strengthened as the country moves toward sustainable food self-sufficiency.

**Source:** Sekretariat Kabinet Republik Indonesia. (2026, March 13). *Indonesia's Rice Stocks Surge to 4 Million Tons*

### The Philippines

#### **NFA released about 32,000 bags of rice in Mindanao**

The National Food Authority (NFA) has distributed 32,400 bags of rice in Northern Mindanao since January under the PHP20 rice programme to provide affordable rice in the region. Distribution is carried out through five centers, serving 400–500 beneficiaries daily, with lower turnout in smaller areas like Camiguin. Misamis Occidental and Misamis Oriental received the largest allocations. Despite ongoing distribution, the region currently has about 280,000 bags of rice in stock, which is enough for only around eight days based on current consumption. However, the additional supply from Food Terminal, Inc. is expected to support the program through the third quarter of 2026

**Source:** Philippine News Agency. (2026, March 17). *NFA releases 32K rice sacks in N. Mindanao under P20/kg. program.*

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