



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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### Cambodia

**Storms destroyed at least 20 houses and a school building in Koh Kong Province.** Damaged houses were in two villages in Dorng Paeng Commune in Sre Ambel District while Dorng Paeng Secondary School was seriously damaged in a rainstorm. No deaths or injuries were reported. The Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology warned of rainstorms and lightning over northwestern and central Cambodia in coming days due to this situation. Reportedly, from January to April 2018, storms led to one death, three injuries and 710 damaged houses while lightning caused 16 deaths and nine injuries, based on the National Committee for Disaster Management.

**Source:** The Phnom Penh Post (2018, Apr 25). *Severe storm damages at least 20 houses in Koh Kong province.*

### Indonesia

**Flood affected 805 people and damaged 160 houses in Pangkalpinang City of Bangka Belitung Province.** The flood was caused by overflowing Nangka and Pedindang rivers due to heavy rain. The most affected areas were in Kampung Kramat and Parit Lalang Villages of Rangkuy District. The assistances include establishment of evacuation centres, relief item provision and damage assessment.

**Source:** ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Apr 27). *Indonesia, Flood in Pangkalpinang city.*

**Various parts of the Java Island were hit by heavy rain and twisters causing floods, landslides and lots of damage.** This is due to the shift from a rainy season to a dry season. The warning on potential heavy rain and prediction of bad weather have been issued. In Central Java Province, damages were on at least 100 houses, shops and electricity poles in Wonogiri Regency. The authority helped residents to clean up, to repair damaged houses and to stay alert. There were also a dozen of damaged houses, uprooted trees and blackouts with Barepan Village being the most severely damaged area in Klaten Regency. No deaths were reported but the loss was estimated at around hundreds of millions of rupiah. There were also several flooded villages, a blocked major road, 30 flooded hectares of rice as well as seven damaged and 160 affected houses in Cianjur Regency of West Java Province. Yet, no damages and losses were reported in Yogyakarta. The extreme weather would end soon probably in May 2018 when a dry season is predicted to start.

**Source:** The Jakarta Post (2018, Apr 27). *Floods, landslides, tornado batter Java this week.*

## Myanmar

***Major fire broke out in Htein Pin Dump Site, Hlain Tharyar Township in the western part of Yangon since 21 April 2018.*** Smoke covered 20 townships across Yangon threatening 795,852 people with 290,850 vulnerable people including patients, firefighters, children and elderly along with those staying near the dumpsite. The government with supports of the ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team is assessing situations, firefighting strategy and impact on public health. The AHA Centre will continue monitor the situation and provide additional updates once information becomes available.

**Source:** ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Apr 27). *Myanmar, Major Fire in Yangon Dump Site.*

## Singapore

***Flash flood occurred in the northeastern area of Seletar due to thundery showers and gusty winds.*** The Public Utilities Board reported two flooded lanes of road and advised people to avoid that area whereas the National Environment Agency issued a heavy rain warning stating that moderate to heavy thundery showers and gusty winds are expected to continue over many areas in Singapore. In addition, the Meteorological Service Singapore said that there will be more thundery showers in the second half of April 2018. Singapore is experiencing inter-monsoon conditions of warm weather as well as moderate to heavy thundery showers which are expected to persist into May 2018.

**Source:** The Straits Times (2018, Apr 27). *Flash flood in Seletar as thundery showers with gusty winds lash Singapore.*

## Thailand

***The northern region of Thailand is forecast to see more thunderstorms next week and people are urged to closely follow weather reports due to the Northern Meteorological Centre.*** Thunderstorms and heavy rain may cause damages to facilities and affect the public. The weather conditions are caused by the westerly and the southeasterly winds as well as the low pressure system. Sixty per cent of the area of Chiang Mai Province will see thunderstorms during this period. Moreover, rain will continue in some areas in the northern region of Thailand from 29 April to 4 May 2018. The public is advised to closely follow news and forecasts from official sources, to protect their farms and animals and to follow official instructions to minimise damages from disasters.

**Source:** National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Apr 29). *More storms expected in northern Thailand.*

***From 23 to 27 April 2018, storms caused one death and affected 4,638 people and 2,242 houses across 26 provinces in northern, northeastern, central and southern regions.*** The death was found in Maha Sarakham while Udon Thani was affected the most as shown by 1,897 people and 724 houses along with the government office, schools, temples, granaries and barns. Storms also affected granaries in Loei and Si Sa Ket as well as para rubber trees in Bueng Kan apart from killing livestock in Nong Khai and Maha Sarakham. Assessment of the situations and provision of relief items are being executed by relevant authorities.

**Source:** Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Apr 27). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

## **Viet Nam**

***Thousands of households have been facing a shortage of fresh water due to severe drought conditions in Ninh Thuan Province.*** Those affected households were mostly in Ninh Hai, Ninh Son, Thuan Bac and Bac Ai Districts. The dry season in Ninh Thuan would last until September 2018; hence, the drought situation would become even more severe and complex. Local authorities informed farmers living around irrigation systems that they should stop planting summer-autumn crops in 2018 to save water for daily uses and cattle. The province stopped production on 1,785 hectares of rice and vegetables and about 840 hectares of rice will be converted into other crops. In addition, the localities were concentrating on regulating water uses and digging ponds for pumping water into dried-up cultivation areas.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2018, Apr 25). *Ninh Thuan farmers battle severe annual drought.*

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