



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

The Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology reported that storms caused two deaths, six injuries and above 100 affected houses across the country. The affected houses were found in Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Svay Rieng, and Kandal Provinces. Two deaths due to lightning were found in Pursat while injured people were reported in Pursat, Kandal and Kampong Thom. Reportedly, from January to April 2018, 53 storms damaged 997 houses, 11 schools and five administrative buildings.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, May 11). *Lightning kills two; storms affect more than 100 houses.*

Indonesia

Flash floods were reported in Banyuwangi Regency of East Java Province. Reportedly, eight houses were severely damaged while 20 houses were damaged due to floods accompanied by mud and the mosque was submerged in mud in Alas Malang Village, Singojuruh Sub-District. The local authorities together with the community managed to normalise the river flow and to clean the road.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, May 15). *Indonesia – Flooding in Banyuwangi District.*

The eruption of Merapi Volcano in Central Java Province occurred on 11 May 2018. The eruption was triggered by accumulation of volcanic gases and was expressed normal by the alert level 1. Yet, no after-eruptions were recorded. The general public was advised to maintain five kilometres of distance away from the Mount Merapi while tourist attractions are temporarily closed.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, May 12). *Merapi Volcano Phreatic Eruption, Central Java Province, Indonesia Flash Update No. 02.*

Philippines

The alert level 2 prevails over Kanlaon Volcano located in between Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental Provinces of Visayas. This indicates the moderate level of unrest due to possible magmatic eruption. Before this, there were moderate emission of white steam-laden plumes rising 300 metres from the summit and emission of sulfur dioxide. The local government units as well as the public are reminded that entry into the 4-kilometre radius Permanent Danger Zone is strictly prohibited. Pilots are also advised to avoid flying close to the summit. Related units are closely monitoring Kanlaon Volcano's activity and its development.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, May 13). *Philippines, Updates on Kanlaon Volcano.*

Thailand

Storms totally affect 720 people and 264 houses across four provinces.

The affected provinces were Chiang Rai, Si Sa Ket, Ubon Ratchathani and Nakhon Nayok. Chiang Rai was affected the most as shown by 396 people and 144 houses along with fallen electricity poles. In Si Sa Ket, 195 people with 75 houses, a pen and a school were affected. Meanwhile, storms affected 72 people with 26 houses in Ubon Ratchathani as well as 53 people with 19 houses and the government office in Nakhon Nayok. Relevant units assisted the affected provinces and the situations have already ended.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, May 12). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

It was updated that storms and floods totally affected 25,718 farmers with 141,311 rai (22,610 hectares) of agricultural areas across 30 provinces.

Phetchabun, Uthai Thani, Chai Nat and Ratchaburi Provinces were affected by both incidences. Storms affected 19,706 farmers with 91,503 rai (14,640 hectares) while floods affected 5,472 farmers along with 49,808 rai (7,969 hectares) and 564 livestock. In addition, paddy fields were totally damaged by 499 rai (80 hectares). The government has provided assistance worth 9.2 million baht (288,353 USD) to 1,752 farmers with 7,279 rai (1,165 hectares) and 564 dead livestock across affected provinces.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

** 1 USD = 31.94 baht

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2018, May 11). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

Disaster situations since 8 May 2018 were reported across provinces of Tuyen Quang, Vinh Long, Tay Ninh and Ca Mau.

In Tuyen Quang, heavy rains, thunderstorms and hails in Ham Yen and Yen Son Districts damaged 194 houses, a school, power facilities, household utensils and around 120 hectares of crop, maize and rice. In Vinh Long, landslides affected 31 people from seven families with the risk of continuing landslides. Meanwhile, the Standing Office of the Provincial Steering Committee for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation have estimated the loss value in Tay Ninh whereas one person got struck by lightning in Ca Mau. Related agencies were directed to verify the number of affected households, to guide people to repair damages and to ensure the stability of life and production.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, May 14). *Vietnam – Strong winds, landslides, thunderstorms and hailstorms across 4 provinces*.

Due to the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting, four to six storms will hit Viet Nam. These storms will occur due to possible storms and low-pressure systems in the South China Sea which tends to occur in the North at the beginning of a rainy season and move to the South in the late months of 2018. The central region is likely to be hit by disasters while the Mekong Delta is expected to be hit by severe floods also. However, more than 100 billion dong (4.4 million USD) of relief items have been prepared to cope with disasters in 2018.

* 1 USD = 22,727 dong

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, May 9). *Four to six storms to hit VN*.

P.R. China

China's national weather observatory renewed a blue alert for rainstorms as heavy rain will continue in western, southern and eastern areas.

Heavy rain or storms may hit parts of Chongqing, Guizhou, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Sichuan and Zhejiang with some of these areas seeing thunderstorms and hailstones. Local authorities were warned to reduce outdoor activities and take precautions against floods and landslides.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, May 21). *China renews alert for rainstorms.*

Japan

The 5.2-magnitude earthquake hit the North of Nagano Prefecture.

Based on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7, the quake was measured at lower 5 in Nagano and Omachi Cities as well as in the village of Ogawa. However, no abnormalities were reported at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power plant in neighbouring Kashiwazaki City, Niigata Prefecture. No deaths, injuries or property damages were reported and no tsunami warning was issued, as well.

Source: The Japan Times (2018, May 12). *No injuries reported after 5.2 magnitude earthquake jolts Nagano Prefecture.*

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