



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

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### Cambodia

**Prolonged downpours triggered floods in Preah Sihanouk province.** According to the Provincial Hall spokesman, floods have affected 1,736 families and damaged 937 houses. Meanwhile, three people were confirmed dead.

The floods also affected parts of National Road 3 and properties in Sihanoukville. The cause of floods was believed from the prolonged heavy rain. However, the government acknowledge that the canals were clogged by garbage and that some buildings under construction have carried out work indifferently to the regulation.

To minimise the impacts of recent floods, the Water Resources, Public Works and generous people donated 14 excavators and dump trucks to clear clogged waterways for drainage.

**Source:** Khmer Times. (2019, August 16). *Floods cause chaos in Preah Sihanouk province.*

### China

**There were four people died and three others have still been missing in Southwest China by landslide.** On 14 August 2019 at 3 a.m. (local time), the landslide brought down 70,000 cubic metres of mud and rocks to bury two houses and one work shed in Siwan village in Chengkou.

In this regard, local authorities have evacuated nearby villagers to the safety place.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2019, August 15). *4 dead, 3 missing in SW China landslide.*

**A heavy rain, triggered by super typhoon Lekima, hit the northeast China.** On 13 August 2019, the rain struck northeast China's Jilin province. There were 85,089 people from 22 countries and district affected, according to the Provincial Flood Control Headquarters.

In Liaoning province, the downpour affected over 365,302 people with 150,948 of them had to evacuate from their homes.

Heavy rains damaged 25,823 hectares of cropland. In particular, 1,207 hectares of the areas were completely destroyed in Jilin province. Meanwhile, there were 25,190 hectares of crops inundated in the province of Liaoning.

The river and reservoirs in Liaoning province were at risk to near-term flooding while the production in 20 mines in Baishan and Huadian were suspended with all workers relocated.

Jilin province has taken measures to prevent other rain-triggered disasters, such as floods and landslides.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2019, August 14). *Flood risk developing in northeast China, as Typhoon Lekima brings heavy rains;* Xinhua. (2019, August 17). *Over 85,000 people affected by continuous heavy rain in NE China.*

### Japan

**A powerful tropical storm Krosa struck Japan.** On 15 August 2019, the storm brought heavy rain and strong wind to hit the country. There was one man confirmed dead in Hiroshima while 49 injuries were reported across 13 prefectures.

More than 7,000 residents evacuated from their houses after the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) warned of record rainfall totaling 1,200 millimetre in Pacific coastal areas as well as landslides and floods.

There were 232 domestic and international flights cancelled. Due to this, around 1,700 people were forced to stay at Kansai International Airport in Osaka. Similarly, ferries and train services were also suspended.

As of 16 August 2019 at 9 p.m. (local time), the tropical storm Krosa was expected to be downgraded to an extratropical cyclone by 17 August 2019, according to the agency.

**Source:** The Japan Times. (2019, August 16). *One man dead, 49 people injured as powerful tropical storm hits western Japan.*

## **The Republic of Korea**

**People in the Republic of Korea were affected by a heatwave.** This year, there were ten people died while 1,577 people have been taken to hospital since the beginning of summer due to heat-related health issues, according to the Korea Venters for Disease Control and Prevention.

Gyeonggi Province had the most people taken to the hospital at 297 people followed by North Gyeongsang Province at 183 people, South Gyeongsang Province at 166 people and South Jeolla Province at 159 people respectively.

A temperature of around 30 degrees Celsius during daytime was expected to drop on 15 August 2019 after Typhoon Krosa hit the country's eastern regions, according to the Korea Meteorological Administration.

**Source:** The Korea Times. (2019, August 15). *Heat wave kill 10; 1,500 seek hospital treatment.*

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