



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Malaysia

Heavy rains forced more than 15,000 people to evacuate. Heavy rains began to hit the northern states of the western peninsula on 26 November 2019. This has caused floods in four states namely Johor, Kelantan, Pahang and Terengganu.

About 15,000 families across the country have been forced to stay at the evacuation centres in eight districts including Tumpat, Pasir Mas, Kota Bharu, Tanah Merah, Pasir Puteh, Machang, Bachok and Kuala Krai.

The Malaysian Meteorological Department forecasted that there will be more rains in Peninsular Malaysia in the second week of December. The conditions of major rivers in Kelantan and Terengganu were still at a critical level which could cause another flooding.

Still, the government authorities are ready for the second cycle of flooding in these areas.

Source: ReliefWeb. (2019, Dec 3). *Information bulletin: Malaysia: Seasonal floods (03 December 2019)*.

Philippines

Typhoon Kammuri swept through the Philippines on 3 December 2019. The powerful typhoon Kammuri, locally named as Tisoy, brought strong wind and heavy rain to hit the country and knocked down power lines and damaging structures.

About half a million people have been evacuated while three deaths have been reported.

The main airport in Manila was ordered to be closed for 12 hours causing nearly 500 flights were cancelled. The officials halted marine traffic in affected areas as the typhoon also battered the Philippine archipelago.

Furthermore, the authorities warned of storm surges up to three feet, floods and landslides from the wind and rain in the mountainous rural areas.

Source: The New York Times. (2019, Dec 3). *Typhoon Kammuri Leaves Destruction as It Powers Through Philippines*.

Thailand

The south of Thailand has been suffering from heavy flooding. Due to continuous rains and overflowing of the main rivers in Narathiwat province caused 13 districts were affected.

There were 41,369 people in the province suffering from floods while Sungai Kolok district was the hardest-hit areas as the flood water level rose to two metres.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha instructed the officials to provide an urgent help to flood victims in the areas after listening to the report of flood situations.

However, the situation is expected to return to normal in 7 – 10 days if there is no more rain

Source: Thai News Agency. (2019, Dec 3). *Pouring rain, flooding in Narathiwat.*

Japan

Northeast Sanriku coast of Japan was hit by a 5.5-magnitude quake. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), the tremor occurred at 1:01 p.m. (local time) on 29 November 2019, at a depth of 10 kilometres. No tsunami warning was issued due to the offshore quake.

The earthquake recorded at 3 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 in some northeastern areas of the country including Iwate and Miyagi prefectures.

However, there were no reports of major damage or injuries.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Nov 29). *5.5-magnitude quake strikes off Japan's northeast Sanriku coast, no tsunami warning issued.*

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