



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Heavy rains triggered flooding in many parts of Indonesia. Major flooding affected the provinces of Aceh and Central Kalimantan on 28 April 2020. At least 2,000 houses in Pidie Jaya Regency, Aceh province were damaged. Also, some areas were inundated by 1.2 metres deep of floodwater. In North Barito Regency of Central Kalimantan province, a full damage has been investigated.

Minor floods also affected Banten, Bengkulu and East Kalimantan provinces.

On 30 April 2020, heavy rainfall caused floods in five sub-districts of Dayeuhkolot, Baleendah, Arjasari, Bojongsoang, and Banjaran. As of 2 May 2020, floodwater was up to 2 metres deep in some areas.

There were 21,888 houses, schools, places of worship and other public buildings damaged while 81,088 residents were affected by flooding.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, Apr 30). *Indonesia – Homes Damaged by Flooding in Aceh and Central Kalimantan*; Floodlist. (2020, May 4). *Indonesia – Thousands Hit by Floods in Bandung, West Java*.

Philippines

There were three moderate earthquakes jolting parts of the Philippines. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), on 1 May 2020 at 9:48 p.m. (local time) an earthquake of magnitude 4.8 was recorded in Davao Occidental province.

The epicenter of the quake was 222 kilometres southeast of Sarangani at a depth of 64 kilometres. On the same day, a 2.2-magnitude earthquake was registered. Its epicenter was 9 kilometres northeast of Surigao City, Surigao del Norte province.

Meanwhile, a 4.8-magnitude earthquake struck Antique on 4 May 2020. The quake occurred at 10:12 p.m. (local time) at a depth of 16 kilometres. The tectonic was traced 14 kilometres southeast of Barbaza.

On the next day, an earthquake of magnitude 4.3 rattled Zamboanga del Sur province. The epicenter was five kilometres northeast of Domingag, Zamboanga del Sur province at the depth of two kilometres.

There were no aftershocks or tsunami alert raised by the agency.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 2). *4.8-magnitude quake jolts Davao Occidental*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 4). *4.8 quake jolts Antique*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 5). *4.3-magnitude quake jolts Zamboanga del Sur*.

Thailand

Several districts in Nakhon Ratchasima were lashed by summer storms. On 4 May 2020, the heavy storm was reported in Nakhon Ratchasima province causing damages to the Suranaree Technology University Hospital while about 20 people were injured.

In the same day, another storm hit Thai Samakkhi sub-district of Wang Nam Khiao district bringing lightning to strike a tree which set fire to a wooden house near it.

Although fire engines from Thai Samakkhi sub-district administration organisation put out the blaze only in 15 minutes, the house was destroyed. The damage was estimated at one million baht.

* 1 USD = 32.42 THB

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, May 5). *Heavy summer storms cause chaos across Korat.*

Viet Nam

Prolonged drought and saltwater intrusion have been affected in some parts of Viet Nam. The Kenh Lap reservoir, the largest reservoir in the Mekong Delta, in Ben Tre province has been drying up due to drought and saltwater intrusion causing over thousands of households to face water shortage.

Meanwhile, more than 11,000 households in Ba Tri district have been experiencing a water shortage because all 12 water supply plants and pumping stations in the district have been affected by saltwater intrusion.

The People's Committee called for assistance to address water scarcity. Fortunately, there were contributors offering help to those affected.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2020, Apr 30). *Drought, saltwater dry up Mekong Delta's largest reservoir.*

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