



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Earthquake at Mount Ijen triggered a tsunami. Volcanic tremor at Mount Ijen in East Java released poisonous gas and caused a 3-metre wave in a natural lake which was situated within the volcano's crater on 29 May 2020. A sulfur miner was found dead a day after.

An Indonesian tsunami expert called on the East Java Disaster Mitigation Agency (BPBD) to conduct research into volcanic activities and formulate mitigation plans to prevent further losses and damages in the future.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2020, June 2). *Tremor at East Java's Mount Ijen triggers isolated tsunami, killing one.*

Thailand

Heavy rains triggered flooding in various parts of Thailand. On 31 May 2020, Phuket province was struck by heavy rain causing floods in various areas. Several roads were impassable for small vehicles. Still, the floodwater began to recede around noon while officials investigated the damage in flood-hit area.

Flooding also occurred in Samut Prakan province and many cars were partially submerged. Motorists were warned to avoid the flooded areas.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, May 30). *Heavy rain triggers flash floods in Phuket;* The Nation Thailand. (2020, June 2). *Bangkok set for heavy rain today, Samut Prakan flooded.*

Viet Nam

Can Tho City was submerged by heavy downpour. According to the municipal steering committee for natural disaster prevention and control, search and rescue, heavy rains and strong wind hit Can Tho city on 30 May 2020.

There was one person died from the lightning strike while at least 180 houses were damaged.

The heavy rain also affected the districts of Co Do, Thot Not and Vinh Thanh and submerged a number of streets.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2020, May 31). *One dies, 180 houses damaged in heavy rain.*

China

Yunnan province was hit by mudslides and landslides on 31 May 2020. Drung-Nu Autonomous County of Gongshan, Yunnan Province was hit by heavy downpour causing mudslides and landslides to destroy many houses, power facilities, communication lines as well as other infrastructures. More than 9,200 people were affected.

Rescues operation was underway in the affected area.

Source: Xinhua. (2020, June 2). *2 dead, 6 missing as heavy rain hits China's Yunnan.*

Japan

There were two moderate earthquakes rattling Japan. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), a 5.8-magnitude earthquake jolted eastern Hokkaido on 31 May 2020. The tremor was also felt in other part of Hokkaido and northeastern Japan.

Next day, an earthquake with magnitude of 5.3 shook Ibaraki prefecture and surrounding prefectures at 6:02 a.m. (local time) at a depth of 100 kilometres.

Both quakes were registered 4 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale which peaks at 7. However, there were no reports of damage or injuries.

Source: Japan Today. (2020, May 31). *M5.8 quake rattles Hokkaido; no tsunami warning issued*; Japan Today. (2020, June 1). *M5.3 quake jolts Ibaraki, surrounding areas*.

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