



# WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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## **Cambodia**

**Lightning strike killed one and injured three in Cambodia.** Storms and rainfalls continued to hit Cambodia causing a lightning bolt to kill one person and injure three others who were out herding their cattle. The tragic strike occurred on 30 March 2022 in Mukrah 1 village, Muk Ra commune, Rukkiri district, Battambang province. According to the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), lightning strikes had already killed three people and injured 12, as of 29 March 2022. The authorities urged people to check the weather that might cause unexpected rains and storms.

**Source:** Khmer Times. (2022, Mar 31). *One killed, three injured in lightning strikes.*

## **The Philippines**

**Mild earthquakes jolted three provinces of the Philippines.** According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), three earthquakes with the same magnitudes of 5 hit three provinces of the Philippines including Zambales, Occidental Mindoro and Surigao del Norte on 30 March and 1 April 2022. There were no reports of any

casualties or destructions. The PHIVOLCS warned that the aftershocks following the quakes in Zambales and Surigao del Norte were likely to occur.

**Source:** Philippine News Agency. (2022, Apr 1). *Phivolcs upgrades Surigao del Norte quake to magnitude 5;* Philippine News Agency. (2022, Mar 30). *Magnitude 5 earthquake hits Zambales.*

**Taal Volcano unrest forced more than 7,000 people to flee from their homes.** According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the continuing unrest of Taal Volcano affected 7,237 people in 18 villages of Batangas, the Philippines, as of 31 March 2022. A total of 20 evacuation centres provided shelter to 4,165 people while 1,952 people were being aided outside. Over PHP 1,200,000 or USD 23,335 of assistance were handed to the affected population.

*\*USD 1 = PHP 51.42, as of 7 April 2022*

**Source:** Philippine News Agency. (2022, Mar 31). *Persons displaced by Taal unrest top 7K.*

## **Viet Nam**

**Flash floods damaged widespread areas of central Viet Nam.** Flash floods triggered by heavy rains over three days lashed the central region of Viet Nam affecting people in nine provinces from Quang Binh to Khanh Hoa on 31 March 2022, according to the National Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control. The flood left two people dead in Quang Nam, Phu Yen and one person missing while five people were injured in Thua Thien Hue. Further, 103,000 hectares of rice fields, 160,000 plants, over 220 boats and 2,500 fish cages were destroyed. The floodwater began to recede on 1 March 2022. The provinces from Quang Ngai to Binh Dinh, central region of Viet Nam, were forecast to face another downpour with possible flash floods and landslides during 3-6 March 2022.

**Source:** VnExpress International. (2022, Apr 3). *Flash floods destroy 103,000 hectares of rice in central region.*

## Japan

**Moderate earthquakes struck Japan on 31 March 2022.** According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, an earthquake with magnitude 4.7 struck Tokyo and nearby areas in the northwestern Chiba Prefecture at a depth of 70 kilometres on 31 March 2022. In the same day, another quake measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale jolted western Japan with the focus about 20 kilometres underground in Kyoto Prefecture. Yet, tsunami warnings were not issued for both quakes. Also, there were no reports of injuries or serious damages.

**Source:** The Mainichi. (2022, Mar 31). *M4.7 quake jolts Tokyo area, no tsunami warning issued.*

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