WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

An eruption of Indonesia's Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki disrupted flights. Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki on the island of Flores, East Nusa Tenggara province, Indonesia erupted on 20 March 2025 shooting 8-kilometre dark ash into the sky. The authorities raised volcano's alert status to the highest level. Meanwhile, one person was reportedly injured during an evacuation. Also, at least seven international flights from Bali were cancelled while several other flights were delayed on 21 March 2025. The geological agency warned residents of the lava flows.

Sources: The Jakarta Post. (2025, Mar 21). *Some flights to Bali cancelled as Lewotobi Laki-laki volcano erupts.*

Malaysia

Severe floods in Malaysia's Johor state displaced over 10,000 people. Flooding in many districts of Johor state, Malaysia forced 10,763 people to evacuate, and caused severe traffic congestion in Johor Bahru city centre on 21 March 2025. Those displaced had to shelter at different temporary flood relief centres. The Malaysian Meteorological Department issued a severe-level continuous rain warning for the state, and also the other parts of the country including Pahang and Sabah states. Later, flood evacuees in Bahru, Kluang and Kota Tinggi districts of Johor state were allowed to return home after floodwaters fully subsided, reducing the number of evacuees in the state as of 25 March 2025.

Sources: The Watchers. (2025, Mar 21). *Floods in Johor force over 10 000 evacuations, Malaysia;* Malaymail. (2025, Mar 25). *Flood situation improves in three Johor districts.*

Philippines

Floods and landslides in the Philippines left one dead. Heavy rains since 19 March 2025 had triggered floodings and landslides in most part of Eastern Visayas region, the Philippines. According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), there was one death in the Llorente town, Eastern Samar province as of 25 March 2025. Besides, more than 7,500 people were displaced, and about 174,200 people across Eastern Samar, Western Samar, Northern Samar, and Leyte provinces were affected.

Sources: Reliefweb. (2025, Mar 25). *Philippines - Floods and landslides, update (PAGASA, media, DSWD DROMIC) (ECHO Daily Flash of 25 March 2025).*

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