



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Severe flooding wreaked havoc in Indonesia. Torrential rainfall on 7 January 2026 triggered severe flooding in North Halmahera regency, North Maluku province, in central-eastern Indonesia. Reports indicate that one person died, more than 282 people were evacuated from Tehowa Village, and a total of 5,333 people were affected. Additionally, 20 houses were severely damaged, three were moderately or slightly damaged, and a total of 1,216 houses were inundated. Several bridges and roads were cut off in multiple locations.

Source: Relief Web. (2026, Jan 9). *Indonesia-Floods, update (BNPB, BMKG) (ECHO Daily Flash of 9 January 2026-Indonesia)*.

Malaysia

Flood and landslides shut down schools in Malaysia. As of 13 January 2026, floods and landslides led to school closures in Sabah and Sarawak, Malaysia. In Sabah, seven schools were closed, affecting a total of 908 students across three districts, namely Beaufort, Tenom, and Kota Kinabalu. Although weather conditions improved across most of Sabah, Beaufort remained the only district still affected by flooding, with 366 people from

138 families across 10 villages. In Sarawak, 28 schools in two districts, Tatau and Sebauh, were affected. No damage was reported at the affected schools.

Source: Asia News Network. (2026, Jan 13). *Floods and landslides shut schools in Malaysia's Sabah, Sarawak.*

Philippines

Mayon Volcano eruption in the Philippines forced thousands of people to evacuate. On 8 January 2026, Mayon Volcano in Albay province on Luzon Island, the Philippines was erupted, prompting the evacuation of around 963 families, comprising 3,516 people from 13 villages located at the foot of the volcano. The alert level was raised to Level 3 due to an ongoing magmatic eruption of a summit lava dome, with an increased likelihood of lava flows and hazardous pyroclastic density currents that could affect the upper to middle slopes of the volcano. Explosive activity may occur within days to weeks.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2026, Jan 8). *Nearly 1,000 families in Philippines evacuated as Mayon volcano erupts.*

Japan

Heavy snow threw flights into chaos across Japan. On 11 January 2026, heavy snow and strong winds affected large parts of Japan, disrupting air travel. Nearly 2,000 passengers were affected by the cancellation of 58 domestic flights operated by Japan Airlines, while approximately 2,800 passengers were impacted by the cancellation of 43 domestic flights operated by All Nippon Airways. The disrupted routes included services between Osaka Itami and Tajima, Haneda and Tottori, as well as Toyama and Haneda. Severe winter weather was expected to continue in many areas on 12 January 2026, with heavy snowfall and strong winds likely to cause further transport disruptions.

Travelers were advised to closely monitor flight updates.

Source: VnExpress. (2026, Jan 12). *Dozens of flights canceled across Japan amid heavy snow.*

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