



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Flooding and volcano eruption wreaked havoc Indonesia. Prolonged heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding, starting from 17 January 2026, resulted in widespread damage in Indonesia. In West Java, there were two fatalities, 7,954 people displaced, and 73,261 people affected in West Java, while in Central Java, 4,910 people were displaced and 88,914 people were affected. In addition, on 19 January 2026, Mount Ile Lewotolok erupted twice in Lembata Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, sending volcanic ash to 400 metres and 500 metres above the crater summit respectively. The alert status was raised from Level II (Alert) to Level III (Standby). Local residents and climbers were prohibited from enter areas within a 3-kilometre radius of the centre.

Source: Tempo. (2026, Jan 19). *Mount Ile lewotolok Erupts Again, Ash Column Reaches 500 Metres*; Relief Web. (2026, Jan 20). *Indonesia-Floods* (ADINet, NoAA-CPC)(ECHO daily Flash of 20 January 2026-Indonesia).

Malaysia

Torrential rains triggered a landslide in Malaysia. On 16 January 2026, a landslide due to continuous heavy rainfall buried the kitchen portion of a house in Kampung PMP Baru Sipitang, Malaysia. No injuries were reported in the incident. The occupants were advised to evacuate

immediately, and residents living in landslide-prone areas were urged to remain vigilant.

Source: Daily Express Malaysia. (2026, Jan 18). *Landslides damages house kitchen in Sipitang*.

Philippines

Tropical storm NOKAEN resulted in two fatalities. On 19 January 2026, Tropical storm NOKAEN, locally known as Ada, continued moving eastward over the Philippine Sea and the Pacific Ocean, far from the Philippine coast, and further weakened. As of 20 January 2026, the death toll stood at two, and 20,593 people were displaced, of whom 5,457 were staying in 325 evacuation centres. The total number of affected people exceeded 433,000 across the Bicol, Eastern Visayas, and Caraga regions. Its intensity was expected to continue decreasing and dissipate the following day.

Source: ReliefWeb. (2026, Jan 20). *Tropical storm NOKAEN, update (NDRRMC, GDACS, JTWC, PAGASA) (ECHO Daily Flash of 20 January 2026)-Philippines*.

China

A 5.1 magnitude earthquake hit China's Yunnan. On 19 January 2026, a 5.1-magnitude earthquake struck Qiaojia County in Yunnan Province, southwest China. A total of 86 people were evacuated to temporary shelters. Damage assessments of basic infrastructure continued, and local authorities were deployed to conduct rescue operations and inspections across 192 villages and communities. The emergency response was activated at Level III under the four-tier emergency response system, with Level I being the most severe.

Source: Xinhua. (2026, Jan 20). *Over 80 relocated after 5.1-magnitude quake hits China's Yunnan*.

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