



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Flooding hit East Jakarta, Indonesia.

Heavy rainfall from 21 March 2026 triggered flooding and caused the Cipinang, Cilangkap, and Sunter rivers in East Jakarta, Indonesia to overflow. A total of 46 neighborhood units were inundated, with 16 units in Ciracas Subdistrict being the worst affected as of 22 March. Meanwhile, 696 people from 201 families evacuated to seven locations. Local authorities were deployed to drain floodwaters and expedite recovery efforts.

Source: Tempo. (2026, Mar 22). *Floods Inundate 46 Neighborhoods in East Jakarta, 696 Evacuated.*

Lao PDR

Hailstorm heavily battered Lao PDR.

On the evening of 22 March 2026, a hailstorm struck Sikhottabong District in Vientiane, Lao PDR. More than 2,000 households were affected across five villages, with Viengkham and Chansavang being the worst affected, each reporting damage to over 1,000 households. Four schools, one temple, and a village office were also damaged. Authorities delivered emergency relief assistance and were preparing for longer-term recovery efforts.

Source: Lao News Agency. (2026, Mar 23). *Labour Minister Delivers Emergency Aid to Hailstorm Victims in Vientiane.*

Thailand

Strong winds and hailstorms caused damage houses in Thailand.

On 20 March 2026, the country's first summer storms of the year brought strong winds and hailstorms, destroying nearly 100 houses in Nakhon Phanom Province, Thailand, with several roofs blown off. Around 10 houses were severely damaged. The hardest-hit area was Khok Hin Hae District. Local authorities provided assistance and advised residents to remain vigilant.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2026, Mar 21). *Summer storm damages dozens of houses in Nakhon Phanom.*

Viet Nam

Prolonged heavy rains wreaked havoc in northern Viet Nam.

From 19 to 23 March 2026, torrential rains, accompanied by thunderstorms and strong winds, affected the mountainous areas of northern Viet Nam, particularly the provinces of Lao Cai, Lai Chau, and Dien Bien. Lao Cai recorded the most severe damage, with 783 houses damaged, while Lai Chau and Dien Bien reported at least 41 damaged houses. More than 174 hectares of agricultural areas, as well as four schools, a cultural centre, and other facilities, were also damaged. Local authorities mobilised forces to support affected communities.

Source: Vietnam.vn. (2026, Mar 23). *The storm damaged over 800 houses, with roofs being blown off.*

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