



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

A strong earthquake struck Indonesia, prompting a tsunami alert.

On 2 April 2026, a 7.6-magnitude earthquake struck off North Sulawesi province in Indonesia. One person was killed due to the collapse of a building in Sario District, Manado. A tsunami warning was issued for North Sulawesi and parts of North Maluku, prompting residents to evacuate from their homes. Small tsunami waves of 0.2 to 0.3 metres were detected following the quake. The tremor also triggered regional earthquake alerts in Malaysia and the Philippines. Rescue teams were deployed to search for possible victims and assist affected communities, while residents were urged to remain vigilant.

Source: Jakarta Globe. (2026, Apr 2). *Strong 7.6 Quake Hits North Sulawesi, Kills One and Triggers Tsunami Alerts.*

Malaysia

A minor earthquake hit Malaysia with no damage reported.

On 4 April 2026, a 3.1-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Batu Pahat, Malaysia, approximately 42 kilometres south of Batu Pahat. Tremors

were also felt in parts of Johor. This was the fourth recorded earthquake in the area, following a 3.2-magnitude event on 14 March 2026. Local authorities continued to monitor the situation.

Source: The Vibes. (2026, Apr 4). *Minor earthquake recorded off Batu Pahat, tremors possibly felt in Johor.*

Philippines

Mayon Volcano stayed on Alert Level 3 amid the persistent activities.

As of 6 April 2026, Mayon Volcano in the Philippines sent a 500-metre-high plume drifting southwest. The alert level remained at Level 3 due to ongoing volcanic activity. Over the past 24 hours, the volcano generated 159 volcanic earthquakes and rockfall events. Heavy rain might cause lahars to flow through river channels from the volcano, increasing risks for nearby communities. Local authorities urged residents to follow safety guidelines.

Source: The Chronicle. (2026, Apr 6). *Mayon remains under alert level 3 amid continued unrest.*

Viet Nam

Extreme weather caused fatalities in Viet Nam.

As of 1 April 2026, torrential rainfall and strong winds affected northern Viet Nam. Four fatalities were reported, including two in Quang Ninh after a storm overturned a boat and one each in Tuyen Quang and Son La due to lightning strikes. Nine people were injured, including six in Lao Cai and one each in Lang Son, Thai Nguyen, and Hanoi. Cao Bang and Phu Tho were also among the affected areas. Approximately 26,300 people were affected, with 6,551 houses damaged and 13 houses destroyed. Local authorities provided assistance to affected communities.

Source: ReliefWeb. (2026, Apr 1). *Viet Nam- Severe weather (NOAA-CPC, ADINet) (ECHO Daily Flash of 1 April 2026)- Viet Nam.*

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