



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Tornado destroyed houses in Central Java, Indonesia.

On 2 May 2026, a tornado struck Harjowinangun and Kebonsari villages in Dempet Subdistrict, Demak Regency, Central Java, Indonesia. No fatalities were reported. At least 28 houses and one vehicle were damaged. Educational facilities were also affected. Local authorities advised residents to remain alert to the potential for strong winds.

Source: The Watcher. (2026, May 5). *Tornado damages 28 homes in two villages of Demak Regency, Central Java, Indonesia.*

Philippines

Volcanic eruption and earthquake struck the Philippines.

On 3 May 2026, Mayon Volcano in the Philippines erupted, with the alert level raised to Level 3 on a five-step scale. It increased the risk of lava flows and landslides. Nearly 1,500 families were sheltering in evacuation centres. In Albay Province, heavy ashfall covered several towns, affecting more than 26,600 families and disrupting traffic, while rice fields nearing harvest were also blanketed. Local authorities advised residents to stay

outside the 6-kilometre radius from the volcano, distributed face masks, and urged the public to avoid unnecessary outdoor activities. One day later, a 6-magnitudes earthquake struck Samar Island in the central Philippines, with aftershocks expected. No immediate reports of damage or casualties were recorded although some buildings showed minor cracking without significant impact.

Source: The Strait Times. (2026, May 3). *Philippines says thousands evacuated as Mayon volcano erupts*; The Strait Times. (2026, May 4). *Earthquake of 6 magnitude strikes central Philippines, no immediate reports of damage or casualties.*

Thailand

Severe storm and shallow earthquake hit Thailand.

On 30 April 2026, a summer storm with strong winds rattled Saraburi Province, Thailand, collapsing a large entrance sign. One person died and 11 others were injured, including one who was seriously injured due to an electric shock. On 5 May 2026, a 2.3 -magnitudes earthquake was recorded in Chiang Rai Province, Thailand. The quake was considered minor, with no reported damage or significant impact on people in the area.

Source: The Nation. (2026, May 1). *Storm hits Saraburi as giant sign collapses at market, killing one and injuring 11*; The Nation. (2026, May 5). *Magnitude 2.3 earthquake in Chiang Rai unlikely to cause damage.*

Viet Nam

Storms caused widespread damage in Viet Nam.

As of 5 May 2026, severe storms with hail, lightning, and strong winds swept across northern and central Viet Nam. A total of 12 people were injured, and more than 3,100 houses were damaged, with Thai Nguyen and Nghe An among the worst-affected areas. Public infrastructure was also impacted, including at least 25 schools, around 12 community buildings, more than

100 power poles, and river embankments in Phu Tho and Nghe An. Approximately 15,700 hectares of rice and other crops were damaged, particularly in Nghe An and Ha Tinh. In addition, molasses storage facilities were struck by lightning, while fishing vessels sank off the coast of Quang Tri.

Source: The Star. (2026, May 5). *Storms injure 12, damage thousands of homes across northern, central Vietnam.*

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