



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Severe floods caused widespread damage in Indonesia.

Sustained heavy rainfall caused heavy flooding across several parts of Indonesia. As of 22 May 2026, approximately 3,300 households were affected after heavy rains on 19 May 2026 triggered floods in many areas of Pasuruan Regency and Pasuruan City in East Java Province. Later, in Bandung Regency, West Java province, flooding on 24 May 2026 caused by the overflowing of the Citarum River, submerged several houses and affected communities across the regency.

Source: AHA Centre. (2026, May 25). *ASEAN Weekly Disaster Update Week 21: 18-24 May 2026*; Reuters. (2026, May 26). *Flooding due to heavy rain in Bandung Regency, West Java Province, Indonesia.*

Philippines

Drought hit the Philippines amid forecast of rainy season.

As of 24 May 2026, Metro Manila and other 25 provinces, mostly in Luzon, in the Philippines experienced drought conditions as the warm and dry season neared its end. Meanwhile, the onset of rainy season was forecast. It is also expected to coincide with El Niño, which has more than

a 90-percent chance of developing the June-July-August 2026 and may persist through early 2027.

Source: ABS-CBN News. (2026, May 26), *Drought hits Metro Manila, 25 provinces in May-PAGASA.*

Thailand

Monsoon rains was expected to trigger floods in Thailand.

On 23 May 2026, the Thai Meteorological Department warned of heavy rainfalls across the countries due to the moderate south-westerly monsoon prevailing over the upper Andaman Sea and Thailand, combined with the southerly and south-easterly winds bringing moisture from the South China Sea over upper Thailand. People were advised to remain cautious of flash floods and forest run-off brought by torrential rainfalls.

Source: The Nation. (2026, May 23), *Heavy rain forecast across Thailand as monsoon brings flood risk.*

P.R. China

Torrential rains lashed southwest China.

Extreme overnight rainstorms triggered flash floods and landslides in Yongchuan District, Chongqing Municipality, southwest China on 24 May 2026. The disaster left nine people dead and 11 others missing. Thousands of people were forced to evacuate to temporary resettlement sites. Emergency response teams worked to clear blocked roads, restore power, and evacuate trapped residents, while food and other essential supplies were distributed to those affected in the resettlement areas.

Source: Xinhua. (2026, May 25). *China Focus: 9 dead, 11 missing after heavy rain lashes China's Chongqing.*

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