



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Heavy storm uprooted a tree, disrupting traffic in Cambodia's Phnom Penh.

A heavy storm lashed Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, on 23 July 2026, toppling a tree that fell onto and crushed vehicles in the central part of the city. However, no injuries were reported in the incident. Authorities warned residents to exercise the utmost caution during the rainy season, as it is often accompanied by strong winds, and to avoid being under large trees or billboards to protect lives and property.

Source: Khmer Times. (2026, July 24). *IN PICTURES: Heavy storm topples tree in Phnom Penh.*

Indonesia

Moderate earthquakes struck Indonesia, with tremors felt in neighbouring countries.

On 22 July 2026, a 5.5-magnitude earthquake struck Aceh, Indonesia at 11.18 a.m. at a depth of 10 km., followed by several moderate aftershocks. Although no tsunami warning was issued, tremors were felt across the province as well as in neighbouring North Sumatra and nearby countries, including Thailand and Malaysia. The earthquake shattered glassware and

swayed large objects. The Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysical Agency urged residents to remain calm and stay clear of damaged or cracked structures.

Source: Antara News. (2026, July 22). *M5.5 earthquake jolts Aceh, tremors felt in neighboring province.* FMT News. (2026, July 22). *Tremors felt in Klang Valley after North Sumatra earthquake.* The Nation. (2026, July 22). *Magnitude-5.1 Sumatra earthquake felt across parts of Phuket.*

Malaysia

Malaysia's Tawau declared a disaster zone amid severe flooding.

Flooding hit many parts of Tawau district in Sabah State, Malaysia on 24 July 2026, prompting the Tawau Natural Disaster Committee to declare it a disaster zone the following day. A total of 335 affected people from 96 families were placed at temporary relief centres, while more than 5,500 household and commercial properties experienced water supply disruptions. The Sabah Chief Minister directed all relevant agencies to mobilise assets and manpower to expedite rescue operations for the affected residents.

Source: The Star. (2026, July 25). *Floods: Tawau declared disaster zone following continuing rains.* The Sun. (2026, July 25). *Tawau floods: 335 victims moved to relief centre.* FMT. (2026, July 26). *Tawau floods disrupt water supply to over 5,500 premises.*

Philippines

Tropical Storm Noul battled the Philippines, leaving three dead.

On 24 July 2026, Tropical Storm Noul, locally known as Kiyapo, made landfall in Calayan Province, the Philippines, bringing heavy rain and strong winds. The storm affected nearly 300,000 people and left three people dead, with one person reported missing in Sarangani Province. In response, the Office of Civil Defense provided over 10 million PHP (around 162,385 USD) in assistance to affected families.

**1 USD = 61.58 PHP*

Source: Rappler. (2026, July 24). *Tropical Storm Kiyapo makes landfall in Cagayan's Camiguin Island.*

BusinessWorld Online. (2026, July 27). *3 deaths, nearly 300,000 persons affected due to Tropical Storm Noul.*

China

Over 715,000 evacuated as Typhoon Noul hit southern China.

Typhoon Noul swept across southern China on 26 July 2026, causing strong winds and heavy rain to the region. More than 715,000 people in Guangdong Province had been relocated for safety, according to the state-owned China National Radio. Meanwhile, Hong Kong authorities reported at least nine injured across the city, and 350 flights were cancelled at Hong Kong's airport. In response, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters raised its emergency response to Level III, and authorities were instructed to strengthen disaster assessment in vulnerable areas.

Source: English.gov.cn. (2026, July 25). *China raises emergency response as Typhoon Noul nears.* Al Jazeera. (2026, July 26). *Typhoon Noul makes landfall in China, with hundreds of thousands evacuated.*

Japan

Heatwave and deadly earthquake hit Japan, causing multiple fatalities.

As of 23 July 2026, Japan's Fire and Disaster Management Agency reported that at least 14 people had died nationwide over the previous week and over 11,000 people sought emergency medical care due to heat-related illnesses. Authorities urged people to stay hydrated and use air conditioners, while issuing a heatstroke alert for almost the entire country. Meanwhile, a 7.1 – magnitude earthquake struck Kumamoto Prefecture in southern Japan on 28 July 2026, trapping many people inside a collapsed shopping mall. The powerful earthquake left at least one person dead and injured more than 50 others. Authorities warned that the number of casualties could rise as search and rescue operations continued and urge residents to remain alert for further aftershocks.

Source: Japan Today. (2026, July 24). *Hundreds hospitalised in Japan heatwave 'disaster'.* CNN World. (2026, July 28). *Many trapped in collapsed shopping mall after Japan earthquake.* Milliyet. (2026, July 28). *7.1 earthquake strikes southern Japan, leaving one dead and dozens injured.*

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