



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Mount Sinabung eruption blanketed Sumatra, Indonesia in ash.

As of 31 August 2026, Indonesia's Mount Sinabung erupted, sending a column of black ash and smoke 3,500 metres into the sky over Sumatra Island. The ash covered roads, vehicles, and buildings in several villages across Karo. However, there were no reports of casualties, evacuations, or flight disruptions in the region. Officials raised the volcano's alert level to the second-highest tier for volcanic activity and advised residents to avoid activities in nearby villages and areas within 6 kilometres of the summit.

Source: AP News. (2026, September 1). *Eruption of Sinabung volcano on Indonesia's Sumatra Island prompts higher alert.*

Lao PDR

Floods affected over 100 villages across northern Lao PDR.

Heavy rain during 28-29 August 2026 triggered widespread flooding in Lao PDR's Luang Namtha province. The flooding affected 34 villages, damaging roads, power infrastructure, agricultural lands, gardens, offices, and schools. Meanwhile, neighboring Oudomxay

province also suffered from severe flooding, landslides, erosion, and fallen trees. A total of 74 villages and at least 3,817 households experienced power outages. Authorities deployed personnel, boats, vehicles, shelters, food, medicine, and other supplies to assist affected residents, while advising them to follow official updates, avoid strong currents, move belongings to higher ground, and prepare to relocate if necessary.

Source: The Laotian Times. (2026, August 31). *Flooding Affects 34 Villages in Luang Namtha as Roads, Power Hit Across Northern Laos.*

Philippines

Storms and monsoon rains battered Philippines, affecting 9.1 million people.

The Philippines' National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council reported on 1 September 2026 that tropical storms and prolonged monsoon rains caused severe floods, landslides, and rockslides. The incidents affected at least 178 areas and 9.1 million people across 10 regions, leaving 34 people dead, 19 injured, and three missing. Furthermore, the storms damaged 3,700 houses, infrastructure, and agricultural areas. Local governments declared states of calamity, allowing authorities to mobilise resources and expedite relief. Authorities also established 1,255 evacuation centres, while the government provided 1.79 billion PHP (around 28.68 million USD) worth of assistance to affected communities.

*1 USD = 62.41 PHP

Source: The Manila Times. (2026, September 1). *178 areas under state of calamity, 9.1M people affected by storms, monsoon rains.*

Thailand

Heavy rains continued to wreak havoc in Thailand.

On 31 August 2026, Khao Yai National Park and Namtok Chet Sao Noi National Park in Saraburi temporarily closed several

waterfall attractions as water levels rose rapidly due to the continuous heavy rain. Meanwhile, the Thai Meteorological Department (TMD) forecasted a monsoon moving across the North and Northeast of the country. The TMD also warned that heavy to very heavy rain could trigger flash floods, overflowing waterways, and landslides across these regions.

Source: The Nation. (2026, August 31). *Flash-flood, heavy rain warning issued across upper Thailand*. The Nation. (2026, August 31). Heavy rain closes waterfalls at two national parks in Saraburi.

Viet Nam

Deadly Typhoon Narra submerged homes and isolated thousands in Viet Nam.

As of 27 August 2026, Typhoon Narra triggered severe flooding, resulting in three deaths and injuring three others in northern Viet Nam. The disaster inundated 32,930 hectares of crops, killed over 12,000 livestock and poultry, and damaged more than 1,000 hectares of aquaculture farms across northern and central Viet Nam. Furthermore, more than 1,750 houses were flooded, leaving 2,531 families isolated, and causing power outages affecting over 10,600 users. Local authorities inspected riverside settlements, prepared for resident evacuations, and activated the 'four-on-site' emergency response model.

Source: Borneo Bulletin. (2026, August 26). *Typhoon Narra triggers floods in northern Vietnam*. Xinhua. (2026, August 27). *Typhoon Narra kills 3, wreaks havoc across Vietnam*.

Japan

Torrential rain relentlessly lashed north-central Japan.

The Japan Meteorological Agency issued a Level 5 heavy rain warning for parts of Ishikawa and Toyama prefectures on 27 August 2026. The rain triggered flooding and landslides, closed roads, and trapped people in their homes and vehicles.

Meanwhile, hundreds of homes in Ishikawa were isolated due to flooding, with no injuries reported, and a district in Toyama was cut off. Authorities deployed drones to deliver supplies to the affected communities, while local officials advised more than 380,000 people to take shelter on safer ground, although the warning was downgraded later on the same day.

Source: AP News. (2026, August 27). *Heavy rain and flooding in north-central Japan strands people and vehicles*. The Japan News. (2026, August 31). *Relief Drone Reaches Toyama Pref. Communities Cut Off by Heavy Rain; Access Restored to Isolated Areas in Ishikawa Pref.*

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