



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Central Aceh landslides and Mount Semeru eruptions hit Indonesia

As of 13 September 2026, heavy rains caused landslides across seven villages in four districts of Central Aceh Regency, Aceh Province, Indonesia. There were one death and 13 others were injured. The landslides blocking several national, provincial, and local roads, and damaging homes. The Central Aceh Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) and relevant agencies assessed affected areas, while a wheel loader and an excavator were deployed to clear debris blocking the roads. In the meantime, Mount Semeru in East Java erupted four times during 14-15 September, sending volcanic ash as high as 1,000 metres above its summit. The public was advised to refrain from activities in the southeastern sector along the Besuk Kobokan drainage and remain vigilant for potential hot clouds, lava avalanches, and lava flows along rivers originating from the volcano.

Source: Anadolu Ajansi. (2026, September 14). *Indonesia's Mount Semeru erupts 3 times, send ash 1,000 meters above summit*. The Star. (2026, September 14). *One dead, 13 injured as landslides hit Indonesia's central Aceh*. Tempo. (2026, September 15). *Mount Semeru Erupts Four Times, Rumbling Heard by Residents*.

Thailand

Landslides in northern Thailand blocked highway and damaged school

As of 11 September 2026, heavy rain triggered a landslide in Nan Province, northern Thailand. Mud and large trees covered both lanes of Highway 1148, leaving all vehicles unable to pass, according to a notice issued by the local authorities. A team of personnel, together with heavy machinery, was dispatched to remove debris and restore access and installed warning signs ahead of the landslide site. Another expanding landslide forced the closure of a mountainside school, causing large cracks in a kindergarten building, a canteen, a shop, and a swimming pool. Engineers determined that the damaged buildings were unsafe. Consequently, officials arranged alternative temporary premises for displaced students, with long-term plans to relocate the school.

Source: The Nation. (2026, September 11). *Nan issues 7.45am alert after landslide blocks Highway 1148*. Bangkok Post. (2026, September 15). *Landslide damages school buildings in Nan, students relocated*.

Viet Nam

Tropical depression displaced 2,500 people in Viet Nam

A tropical depression brought heavy rain and flooding in several mountainous areas of Quang Tri province, Viet Nam. On 13 September 2026, the water level in the Thach Han River rose above Warning Level 3, flooding low-lying areas in Ai Tu Commune. Floodwaters cut off access to several villages, sweeping barges into the My Chanh Railway Bridge and trapping residents in isolated areas. Authorities evacuated more than 2,500 people to safety, issued public warnings, monitored high-risk areas, and kept rescue personnel and equipment on standby.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2026, September 13). *Quang Tri battles flooding and stranded barges amid tropical depression*. Viet Nam News. (2026, September 14). *Flash floods force evacuation of 2,500 people in central province of Quang Tri*.

P.R. China

Torrential rain prompted emergency response in southern P.R. China

A tropical low-pressure system in the South China Sea threatened southern P.R. China with torrential downpours and high disaster risk. China's State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters issued a Level IV emergency response for Hainan Province on 12 September 2026, followed by a red alert for heavy rain and the initiation of emergency safety measures. Education authorities in Wanning, Hainan ordered all-campus training institutions to suspend offline operation through 14 September. Local authorities also deployed 24-hour emergency watches and warned residents to stay clear of flooded streets and unstable slopes as the storm system passes.

Source: Global Times. (2026, September 13). *Hainan activates emergency response as tropical low triggers torrential rain, school closures*.

Japan

Landslide at Mt. Fuji and volcanic warnings at two other volcanoes hit Japan

As of 9 September 2026, a landslide hit Mount Fuji in Japan after heavy rain inundated parts of the country's central region. Debris covered three vehicles, with no injuries or casualties reported. Authorities closed the Fuji Subaru Line, one of the main access roads to the mountain, due to the heavy rain, and dispatched a police mountain rescue team to the scene. Meanwhile, the Sakurajima volcano erupted on Kyushu Island two days later. Authorities issued warnings for ashfall and banned entry within a 2-

kilometre radius of the crater due to the risk of lava flows and falling volcanic rocks. Furthermore, the eruption alert level for Mount Tokachidake in Hokkaido was raised to Level 3 on 12 September following increased volcanic seismic activity. The Kamifurano town government issued an evacuation order for the Fukiage Onsen area and advised vulnerable residents in nearby areas to evacuate.

Source: Reuters. (2026, September 9). *Landslide hits Japan's Mount Fuji after heavy rain*. Ilkha Haber Ajansi. (2026, September 11). *Sakurajima Volcano erupts, sending ash over southern Japan*. The Japan Times. (2026, September 13). *Volcanic alert for Hokkaido's Mt. Tokachidake raised to Level 3*.

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