



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Cambodia

Flooding damaged agricultural areas in Cambodia

As of 15 October 2026, floodwaters affected five districts in Oddar Mean Chey Province, Cambodia, damaging 3,804 hectares of rice crops belonging to 2,913 families. The flooding also damaged infrastructure such as bridges, roads, schools, hospitals, and pagodas. Local officials cooperated with relevant departments to promptly assess damage to rice crops and provide seed recovery support to address the needs of affected citizens.

Source: ADINet. (2026, October 15). *CAMBODIA, FLOODING IN ODDAR MEAN CHEY.*

Indonesia

Super El Nino caused severe drought in West Kalimantan, Indonesia

A Super El Nino triggered severe drought across Indonesia, particularly in West Kalimantan Province. The conditions dried out the Kapuas River, the major transportation artery. As a result, shipping disruptions left local mills unable to transport oil, preventing palm fruit farmers from selling their harvest. Consequently, the Indonesian Palm Oil Association

revised down its national production forecast by 2.9 percent, as the prolonged dry weather delays fruit maturity.

Source: Reuter. (2026, October 19). *El Nino-powered drought leaves Indonesian palm farmers high and dry as river recedes.*

Malaysia

Floods forced people to flee their homes and disrupted traffic in Malaysia

Severe thunderstorms caused flooding across several parts of Malaysia, including Perak, Penang, Kedah, Pahang, and Klang Valley on 17 October 2026. The rising floodwaters displaced over 100 residents and damaged dozens of homes in Perak, Penang, Kedah, and Pahang, prompting authorities to evacuate affected families to temporary relief shelters. Meanwhile, flash floods inundated major roads from USJ to Shah Alam in Klang Valley, disrupting traffic and stalling vehicles. Local officials urged motorists to remain alert, avoid driving through floodwaters, and check road conditions before travelling.

Source: Free Malaysia Today. (2026, October 17). *80 affected as flash floods hit parts of Perak and Penang.* Malay Mail. (2026, October 17). *From USJ to Shah Alam, flash floods disrupt Klang Valley roads after afternoon downpour.* The Vibes. (2026, October 18). *Floods displace residents in Perak and Kedah, while 19 homes are hit in Pahang.*

Thailand

Thailand's persistent flooding affected nearly 1.37 million residents

Prolonged heavy to very heavy rainfall, combined with runoff from the north, caused rivers to overflow and led to widespread flooding across Thailand. As of 20 October 2026, flooding continued in parts of Bangkok and 22 provinces, with the death toll rising to 80. Although water levels were receding in every affected area, 450,944 households comprising 1,367,191 people remained affected. Authorities

operated specialised vehicles and deployed disaster-response machinery with partner agencies to drain inundated communities and assist residents in resuming their normal lives.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2026, October 19). *Flooding remains in Bangkok and 22 provinces*. The Nation. (2026, October 20). *DDPM reports 1.37m people still affected by floods on October 20*.

Viet Nam

A series of natural hazards wreaked havoc in Viet Nam

Torrential rain triggered flooding in Lam Dong Province, Viet Nam on 17 October 2026. Floodwaters and debris surged onto National Highway 55, burying dozens of metres of road and disrupting traffic. The disaster also entered several homes, damaging property and vehicles. Emergency crews worked to clear mud and rocks from the highway, while military and police personnel worked overnight to help residents recover. Two days later, a magnitude 4.2 earthquake struck Ta Hoc Commune in Son La Province. The quake caused noticeable tremors and sent a large boulder crashing into a house in a nearby area. The Earthquake Information and Tsunami Warning Center continued to monitor the seismic activity.

Source: DTi News. (2026, October 18). *Heavy rain triggers flooding, blocks highway in Lam Dong*. Tuoi Tre News. (2026, October 19). *Magnitude 4.2 earthquake shakes Vietnam's Son La*.

Republic of Korea

Heavy rains battered South Korea, disrupting flights and public events

As of 18 October 2026, heavy downpours battered South Korea's capital Seoul and other parts of the country, causing urban flooding, fallen trees, and traffic disruption. It forced the cancellation of major outdoor public events and 40 flights at Incheon International Airport, with 34 flights delayed

and nine forced to turn back. Authorities issued an emergency alert urging residents to stay away from low-lying and high-risk areas, while activating a Level 1 emergency response to operate 12 rainwater pumping stations to clear inundated roads. Weather advisories also urged drivers to exercise caution on wet roads and against high winds.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2026, October 18). (LEAD) *Heavy downpours flood streets, cause damage nationwide*.

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