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Brunei Darussalam

Brunei issued Red Warning in response to flash floods

As of 31 October 2026, heavy rain and thunderstorms caused flash floods across several areas in Brunei. Authorities issued a Red Warning and forecast occasional heavy and thundery showers to affect the country's inland areas until 7 November. The department advised residents to beware of high risks of flash floods, landslides, fallen trees, and blown-off roofs during gusty conditions. Furthermore, officials advised the public, road users, and fishermen to stay updated on the latest weather forecasts, advisories, and warnings issued by the department and to take necessary actions to ensure safety.

Source: Borneo Bulletin. (2026, November 2). *Red warning issued following flash floods.*

Indonesia

Extreme weather triggered floods and a landslide in Indonesia

Heavy rain and overflowing rivers in West Aceh, Indonesia, caused flooding across 12 villages in three subdistricts on 31 October 2026. The provincial disaster management agency deployed a joint response team to rescue affected residents and urged people living along riverbanks to remain alert as river levels remained high. Meanwhile, severe weather caused a landslide that buried two visitors at a resort in Bali's Pelaga Village. Authorities dispatched a rescue team to locate the victims. One was identified, while the other remained missing after search operations were temporarily suspended due to an extremely steep road leading to the site.

Source: ANTARA. (2026, November 1). *Floods inundate 12 villages in Indonesia's West Aceh*. Tempo. (2026, November 2). *Two Visitors Feared at Bali Glamping Resort.*

Malaysia

Widespread flooding inundated several parts of Malaysia

On 28 October 2026, a severe thunderstorm lashed the Klang Valley, Malaysia, triggering flash floods and causing severe traffic congestion. High water levels in Sungai Rasah compounded the flooding and caused the river to overflow, prompting local authorities to manage water control structures and accelerate drainage efforts. Meanwhile, heavy rain hit the Keningau, Tenom, Nabawan, Sook, Beaufort, and Sipitang regions, causing the Padas River to rise above the danger level and submerge several areas. Authorities remained on standby to evacuate affected residents, while the government urged the public to stay vigilant for floods, especially those living along riverbanks.

Source: Malay Mail. (2026, October 28). *Sabah's Padas River breaches danger level as floods hit villages and schools, rescue teams on standby*. The Star. (2026, October 28). *Several flash floods hit Klang Valley after downpour.*

Philippines

M5.1 quake hit Sarangani and Mayon Volcano erupted in the Philippines

A magnitude 5.1 earthquake jolted Balut Island in Sarangani, the Philippines, on 28

October 2026. Government work and classes at all levels in public and private schools were suspended. Meanwhile, Mayon Volcano erupted on 30 October, sending an ash plume 3,000 metres above the summit and triggering Alert Level 3. The areas within the six-kilometre Permanent Danger Zone were recommended for evacuation and people were warned of possible lahars and sediment-laden streamflow.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2026, October 28). *Sarangani suspends all classes, work due to magnitude 5.1 quake.* Inquirer.net. (2026, October 30). *BREAKING: Mayon Volcano erupts, sends ash plume 3,000 meters high.*

Thailand

Torrential rains prompted landslide and floods across Thailand

Continued rainfall triggered a landslide in Phuket Province, Thailand, sending soil and rocks onto Na Nai 3 Road. Authorities ordered residents in high-risk areas to evacuate to temporary shelters using arranged shuttle vehicles. Residents were also warned to stay away from areas prone to landslides and flash floods and to closely monitor official announcements. Moreover, flooding remained in Kanchanaburi, Ratchaburi, and Satun provinces, affecting 6,870 people from 3,128 families. Authorities forecasted isolated heavy rain in the south and unstable weather across all other regions due to the changing strength of cold air from P.R. China.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2026, October 28). *Floods affect 6,870 people in three provinces.* Thai PBS World. (2026, October 29). *Phuket hit by another landslide as Patong mayor orders evacuations.*

Viet Nam

Thunderstorms damaged 87 houses in Viet Nam

As of 29 October 2026, thunderstorms brought heavy rainfall across several communes in An Giang Province, Viet Nam, destroying one house and damaging roofs of 86 others. The rainfall also damaged the roofs of two rice drying ovens, snapped 22 power poles, and toppled many trees onto roads. Total estimated damage exceeded 1.4 billion VND (around 54,318.32 USD). Following the incident, provincial authorities and local agencies urgently implemented mitigation measures, reviewed damage statistics, and maintained standby response forces for further unusual weather developments.

**1 USD = 25,773.99 VND*

Source: Vietnam.vn. (2026, October 30). *An Giang: Thunderstorms cause 87 houses to collapse or have their roofs blown off.*

Japan

Moderate earthquake struck eastern Japan

A magnitude 5.5 earthquake was recorded in northeastern Chiba Prefecture, Japan, on 29 October 2026, sending tremors across a wide area of eastern and central parts of the country, including Tokyo, neighbouring prefectures, and Narita Airport. Authorities reported no risk of a tsunami. The Japan Meteorological Agency urged residents in affected areas to stay alert for possible earthquakes with a seismic intensity of up to around lower 5 on the Japanese scale over the following week or so.

Source: News on Japan. (2026, October 29). *Strong Earthquake Shakes Narita Airport.* Nippon.com. (2026, October 29). *(Update) Quake Hits Japan's Chiba Pref.; No Tsunami Observed.*

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