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WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE

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ASEAN Disaster Monitoring & Response System (DMRS); ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC); Pacific Disaster Center (PDC Global); European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

Indonesia: BNPB, BMKG, PVMBG, BPPTKG; Philippines: NDRRMC, PHIVOLCS

Various news agencies

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This update consists of significant natural disaster events that occurred in ASEAN Member States – Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The disasters recorded include Drought, Flood, Earthquake, Tsunami, Volcano, Wind, Landslide, and Storm.

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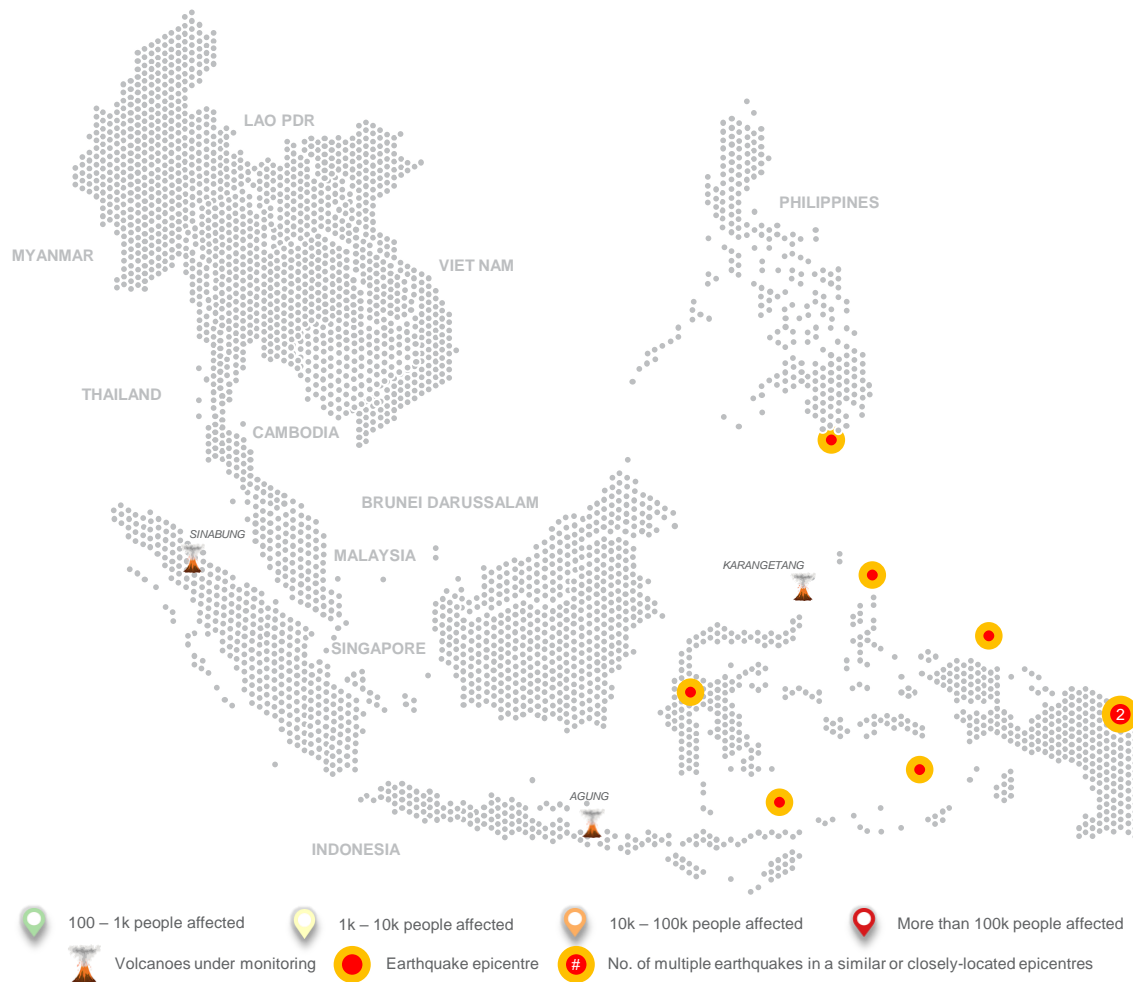
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NO DISASTER REPORTED

Note: Estimations are based on data reported/confirmed by National Disaster Management Organisations of each respective ASEAN Member State and other verified sources

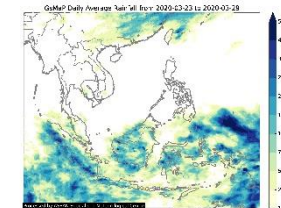
REGIONAL SUMMARY:

The region was rocked by several earthquakes, generally centred in the south-eastern sector of the region ([PHIVOLCS](#), [BMKG](#)). In addition, Merapi Volcano in Indonesia ([BPPTKG](#)) erupted. Fortunately, none of these geophysical hazards resulted to a disaster event. Meanwhile, scattered rain showers were detected in the southern ASEAN region and in the northern portion of Peninsular Malaysia – resulting to a landslide. In general, there was no reported disaster event in the region.

HIGHLIGHT:

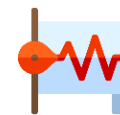
On 27 March 2020, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology ([PHIVOLCS](#)) reported of a shallow (48-km depth) magnitude 6.1 earthquake south of the province of Sarangani. The reported severity of ground shaking reached as high as Intensity V in several localities. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council ([NDRRMC](#)), reported no significant impact from this earthquake. Meanwhile, Indonesia's Balai Penyelidikan dan Pengembangan Teknologi Kebencanaan Geologi ([BPPTKG](#)) reported of a second eruption of Merapi Volcano this month. Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana ([BNPB](#)) stated that there was no significant impact to the population, and that the volcano's alert status remains at 2 on a scale of 4.

HYDRO-METEO-CLIMATOLOGICAL:



The ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre ([ASMC](#)) reported the persistence of dry weather over the Mekong sub-region. In addition, several hotspots and smoke haze clusters were detected in several areas in the sub-region. On the other hand, the southern ASEAN region continued to experience scattered rain showers.

GEOPHYSICAL:



There were eight (8) earthquakes with magnitude 5.0 and above that occurred in Indonesia ([BMKG](#)) and the Philippines ([PHIVOLCS](#)). Meanwhile, four (4) volcanoes, including Merapi due to increased activities, in Indonesia ([PVMBG](#)) are under monitoring.

OUTLOOK:



The Sub-seasonal to Seasonal Forecast (S2S) of the ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre ([ASMC](#)) expects an increased chance of heavy rainfall for parts of West Papua and Sulawesi (Indonesia); while drier conditions for southern Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia, western Borneo (Indonesia & Malaysia), and the Philippines is anticipated.