



FLASH UPDATE: Flooding, landslides, and storms in peninsular Malaysia and southern Thailand Flash Update #1 (Wednesday 27 December 2023, 2030 hrs UTC +7)

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The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) in both Malaysia and Thailand confirmed the occurrences. Malaysia reported flooding in 17 districts across the states of Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Perak and Negeri Sembilan. Additionally, Thailand reported significant impacts in Satun, Songkhla, Pattani, Narathiwat, and Yala Provinces from December 22 to 27, 2023.

According to Malaysian authorities, the water level in the Golok River rose to 11.04 meters last night, surpassing the previous record of 10.84 meters set in 2014, during which more than 300,000 people were compelled to evacuate. Despite this increase, the area is currently considered safe.

The Malaysian Meteorological Department (MET) issued a severe and dangerous warning for Kelantan and Terengganu on December 26.

On December 27, the impact extended to both Malaysia and Thailand, leading to the evacuation of over 25,000 individuals from their homes in Kelantan and Terengganu. The heightened water volume of the Golok River reached a record high, causing flooding in every community along the bordering areas with Thailand.

Flooding has been reported in Malaysia, impacting 17 districts across the states of Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Perak, and Negeri Sembilan. This has resulted in two fatalities and the displacement of 7,975 families (25,676 individuals), who are currently accommodated in 133 evacuation centers.

A significant area of 5,154.68 hectares, encompassing the Paddy and Agrofood sectors, has suffered damage, resulting in a total loss of MYR24.1 million. Additionally, ongoing consequences include the displacement of 17 families (87 people) following a landslide in Cameron Highlands (Pahang) since week 41 of 2023.

The impact in Thailand was affecting a total of 80,491 households, approximately totaling 400,000 individuals. As of December 27, 2023, a persistent flooding scenario is observed in the southern region, spanning across five provinces and impacting 32 districts, with 73,927 households being affected. The impact on agricultural production in Songkhla, Pattani, Narathiwat, and Yala Provinces has affected 22,766 people and an area covering 39,673 rai. This area is further divided into 10,914 rai of rice, 3,414 rai of field crops and vegetables, and other crops. Currently, 25,345 rai is undergoing a survey to assess the extent of the damage.

In Malaysia, the evacuation is currently underway at the Ketua Pengarah Bomba Evacuation Center (KP BOMBA), where SMART is providing vital air assistance for the evacuation process. The Malaysia Special Disaster Rescue and Assistance Team (SMART) played a crucial role in orchestrating the evacuation of impacted communities.

In Thailand, authorities and uniformed personnel have been dispatched to the impacted areas to aid in the acquisition of food packaging and survival kits. Additionally, they are conducting surveys and assessments to gauge the extent of the damage. Officials are actively engaged in relief efforts, expediting the drainage of water to alleviate flooding in the affected areas. The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance personally visited the affected regions, inspecting the situation and offering assistance to the communities in need.

Until December 25, 2022, storms linked to the northeastern monsoon are projected to endure, bringing with them the potential for strong winds, large waves, and continuous heavy rainfall. This adverse weather is expected to impact various regions, including the eastern peninsula, Sabah, and western Sarawak. Additionally, parts of the western sea continent, covering Peninsular Malaysia and southern Thailand, are anticipated to experience the persistent effects of these storms during this period.

Malaysia Met Malaysia has issued flood warnings for Pahang and Johor states, cautioning about the potential impact of the Northeast Monsoon-related storms.

Furthermore, the northeastern monsoon is reported to persist over the Gulf of Thailand, the southern region, and the Andaman Sea. This atmospheric condition raises the likelihood of heavy rainfall in southern Thailand.

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