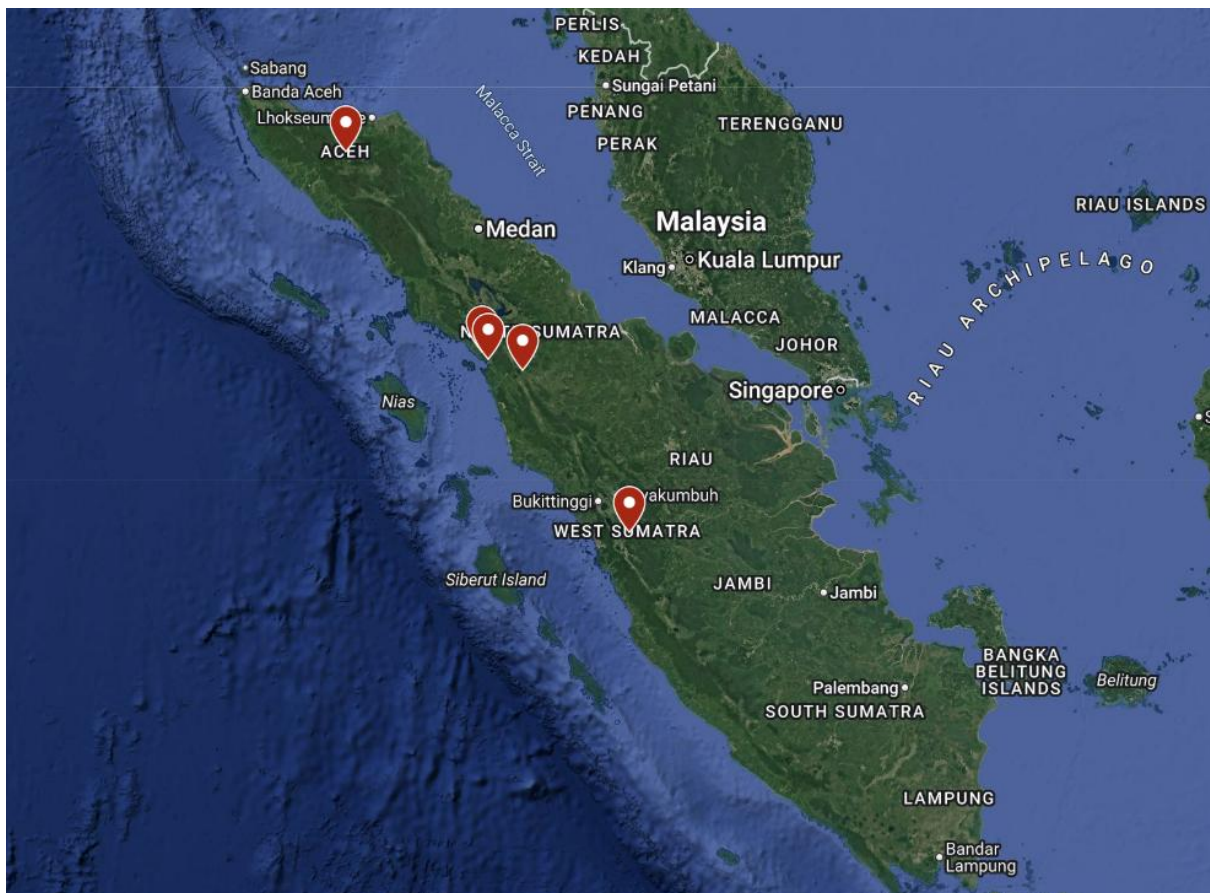




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FLASH FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES IN NORTH SUMATRA, WEST SUMATRA, ACEH



Response operations are ongoing as of Thursday 27 November, following a devastating hydrometeorological disaster across parts of Sumatra, primarily driven by torrential rains and the influence of a rare tropical system (Cyclone Senyar).



North Sumatra

Floods and landslides brought about by torrential rain in North Sumatra province have killed at least 34 people by Thursday according to the data from the North Sumatra Police, as reported by several media outlets, with rescue efforts hampered by what an official described as a ‘total cut-off’ of roads and communications. In addition, 52 people are still missing. The number of injured victims reached 88 people, with details of 77 seriously injured and 11 lightly injured. The North Sumatra Police estimated that 175 people were affected. The Head of Public Relations of North Sumatra Regional Police, Sr. Comr. Ferry Walintukan, stated that 1,168 residents had to evacuate to safer places.

Separately, National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) spokesperson, Abdul Muhari, said that up to 8,000 people across North Sumatra have been evacuated from their homes and roads remain blocked by landslide debris, with aid and logistics now being distributed via helicopter. The regions of Sibolga and Central Tapanuli were among the hardest hit, said Yuyun Karseno, an official at the North Sumatra Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD), adding that communications and power had been cut off.

| Location | Key Incidents | Affected Subdistricts/Villages |
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| Sibolga City | Worst-hit city. Six landslides flattened 17 houses and a cafe. Access is heavily restricted. | The city as a whole is severely impacted. |
| Central Tapanuli | Landslides buried homes, killing a family of four in one incident. Nearly 2,000 houses submerged by floods. | Badiri, Pinangsori, Lumut, Sarudik, Tukka, Pandan, Sibabangun, Tapan Nauli, and Kolang. Mardame Village (Sitahuis Subdistrict). |
| South Tapanuli | Flash floods and landslides caused multiple fatalities and injuries. Over 2,800 residents fled to shelters. | Batang Toru District (Aek Ngadol, Hutagodang, Garoga, Batuhoring, and Hapesong Baru). |
| Other Affected Areas | Landslides and floods also severely impacted North Tapanuli, Mandailing Natal (where a bridge was cut off), and Nias Island. | |

West Sumatra

West Sumatra Province has declared a disaster emergency response from 25 November to 8 December 2025 after floods, landslides, and strong winds affected multiple regencies/cities. Regional Secretary Arry Yuswandi stated in a press release in Padang that the emergency response period could be extended depending on the situation and the field's disaster management needs. Previously, the hardest-hit areas—Padang Pariaman, Agam, South Pesisir, and Bukittinggi—had declared local emergency responses. In total, 13 regencies /cities have been hit.

Among the reported impacts: inundated houses, destruction of property, and disruption of infrastructure. In Agam Regency, heavy rain on Tuesday 25 November caused floods in Nagari Kampung Tengah (Lubuk Basung) and Nagari Bawan (Ampek Nagari), affecting 42 households and damaging 21 houses. Flash flood also destroyed the Gunuang Nago Project Bridge in Padang City, cutting the connection between Pauh and Kuranji subdistricts.

Aceh

In Aceh Province, authorities declared disaster status in 10 of its 23 regencies and cities as rising waters forced 1,497 people to flee their homes by Wednesday afternoon (26/11). Two residents were confirmed dead. Aceh's Disaster Management Agency (BPBA) reported that floods and landslides swept through the province between 18 and 26 November, inundating wide areas and damaging essential infrastructure. "Some 14,235 households, or 46,893 people, have been affected, and 1,497 individuals from 455 households are currently displaced," said acting agency chief Fadmi Ridwan in Banda Aceh. The 10 flooded areas include Bireuen, Lhokseumawe, Langsa, East Aceh, Bener Meriah, Gayo Lues, Aceh Singkil, North Aceh, Aceh Tamiang, and South Aceh, with water depths reaching 30 to 80 cm in many neighbourhoods. Patients at Pupuk Iskandar Muda Hospital in Lhokseumawe had to be evacuated by boat.

It should be noted that this data is still subject to change as evacuation efforts and further rapid assessments in the field continue.

Government and Rescue Response

Facing mounting fatalities, the government convened an inter-ministerial emergency meeting on Thursday to coordinate rapid response measures for the growing hydrometeorological disaster across Sumatra. Deputy for Operations and Preparedness at the National Search and Rescue Agency (Basarnas), Edy Prakoso, said it would bring together local governors/regents, the Basarnas, the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG), BPBD, and security forces (military/police). Evacuation shelters and temporary camps have been opened in various locations across affected districts, including Central Tapanuli, Sibolga, and South Tapanuli. Engineering units are working to clear landslide debris, reopen blocked roads, and restore accessible routes for relief distribution. The state-owned electricity company Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) said in a statement that it had deployed personnel to gradually restore power supplies after a flash flood caused the collapse of a transmission tower.

Analysis

Climate change has impacted storm patterns, including the duration and intensity of the season, leading to heavier rainfall, flash flooding, and stronger wind gusts. Heavy rains cause frequent landslides and flash floods in Indonesia, an archipelago nation of more than 17,000 islands where millions live in mountainous areas or near floodplains. Further sustained heavy rainfall could trigger additional flooding in low-lying communities near rivers, streams, and creeks. Urban flooding is also possible in developed areas with easily overwhelmed stormwater drainage systems. Sites located downstream from large reservoirs or rivers may be subject to flash flooding after relatively short periods of intense rainfall. Landslides are possible in hilly or mountainous areas, especially where heavy rain has saturated the soil. Power outages could occur throughout the affected area.

Disruptions triggered by inclement weather and resultant hazards, such as flooding, could persist well after conditions have improved—it could take days before floodwaters recede and/or officials clear debris. Repair or reconstruction efforts may result in residual disruptions if there is severe damage to infrastructure.

Pegasus Advice

- Seek updated information on weather and related disruptions, including road conditions, before driving or routing shipments through areas where severe weather is forecast.
- Plan accordingly for potential freight delivery delays if routing shipments by truck through the affected area.
- Do not attempt to drive through flooded areas.
- Charge battery-powered devices if prolonged electricity outages occur.
- Allow additional time when heading to airport and keep updates on your flight schedule.
- If you experience flooding and water has risen above the electrical outlets in your home, contact a licensed electrician before turning on the main circuit breaker or trying to restore power.
- If you evacuated: return to your home only after local authorities have said it is safe to do so.

Useful / Emergency Contacts

- Emergency Call Center: 112
- Police Call Center: 110
- Search and Rescue Call Center: 115
- National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB): 021-29827793 or 117
- Ambulance: 118 / 119

- Information on Weather, Climate, Air Quality, and Earthquakes that occur in Indonesia: Call Center: 196 | Twitter: @infoBMKG | Apps: Info BMKG

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