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Unusual weather to hamper economic activities in Southeast Asia

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A devastated street after Typhoon Yagi in Cam Pha City of Quang Ninh Province, home to the UNESCO site Ha Long Bay, on the morning of Sept. 8, 2024. Photo by VnExpress/Giang Huy

Southeast Asia is likely to see higher-than-normal rainfall in the coming months which could further disrupt agriculture, tourism, and industrial output in a region already hit by a series of storms this year.

Weather forecasters predict wetter conditions from the Philippines to Vietnam through November, mainly due to La Niña phenomenon, which moves warm water towards the western Pacific Ocean and brings more rainfall over the region.



The situation could hamper recovery efforts in Vietnam after Typhoon Yagi made landfall in September. The storm was considered the worst in decades, causing severe damage that was initially estimated at more than VND81 trillion (US\$3.2 billion).

Tourism-dependent Thailand suffered THB30 billion (US\$904 million) in damage from a wave of flooding in the North. The Philippines, which sees around nine typhoons each year, is still reeling from several deadly storms in recent months.

La Niña conditions are predicted from October to November 2024 onwards as one of the factors contributing to a chance of above-normal rainfall, across several countries in the region, according to the ASEAN Specialized Meteorological Center.

Singapore issued a flood alert on Oct. 14 as the inter-monsoon period brought lightning and thunder showers to the tiny city-state.

The Philippines weather agency predicts large parts of the archipelago may see above-average rainfall through the end of the year and 160% above average in January.

The increasing ferocity of tropical cyclones in the Pacific Ocean is compelling businesses and governments in the weather-prone region to consider new ways of storm-proofing.

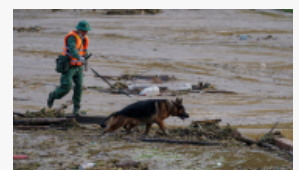
Climate change intensifies La Nina, leading to stronger storms: experts

Climate change is amplifying the effects of La Niña, resulting in more intense storms, severe flooding and prolonged extreme weather conditions, experts said, warning of increasingly unpredictable natural disasters.



Millions in Southeast Asia battle floods, death toll passes 250

Millions of people across Southeast Asia struggled Thursday with flooded homes, power cuts and wrecked infrastructure after Typhoon Yagi swept through the region, as the death toll passed 250.



Ha Long Bay vegetation stripped bare after typhoon Yagi

The lush vegetation of Ha Long Bay's limestone islands has been devastated by typhoon Yagi, leaving barren landscapes in its wake as



recovery efforts intensify to restore the UNESCO heritage site.

Severe flooding causes massive economic losses in northern Thailand

Thailand has been struggling with the onslaught of excessively heavy rains and floods in several northern provinces, which has caused huge economic losses.



Vietnam estimates damages of \$3.31B from typhoon Yagi

Asia's strongest storm this year, typhoon Yagi, caused damages estimated at VND81.5 trillion (US\$3.31 billion) across northern Vietnam, or twice as much as previous estimates, state media said on Saturday.



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