



Flash report: A powerful magnitude 7.5 earthquake in Indonesia triggered a tsunami

Background

Earthquake near Sulawesi island



A powerful magnitude 7.5 earthquake in Indonesia triggered a tsunami on Friday evening, Sep. 28, 2018. The earthquake hit just off central Sulawesi at a depth of 10 km (6.2 miles) 1800 hrs. A tsunami warning was issued. Disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said the tsunami hit Palu, the capital of central Sulawesi province, as well as the smaller city of Donggala and several other coastal settlements. BNPB declared the Indonesian army will deploy troops to help with the impacts on Saturday 0200 hrs. Rescuers are scrambling to reach tsunami-hit central Indonesia and assess the damage after at least 30 people were killed. But the death toll is still unclear.

The water smashed into buildings and a large mosque that collapsed under the force. Houses were swept away and families were reported missing. Communications with the earthquake-stricken region were disrupted. The main airport in Palu a city of 350,000 was shut after the tsunami struck and was expected to stay closed for at least 24 hours.

Actions Taken

The search and rescue effort was being hampered by darkness since Friday night. All national potential will be deployed, to aid in tsunami-affected areas this morning. Nugroho said the military was deploying troops to Palu and Donggala and the national police were also mobilising to help the emergency response, along with personnel from the search-and-rescue and disaster agencies. The authority advises people to remain in safe area, stay away from damaged buildings. UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said UN officials were in contact with

Indonesian authorities and “stand ready to provide support as required. ACMM has closely contact to Indonesian Liaison officer to update the situation. ACMM are promptly raise up the REDCON.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS -

Severity ranking of the concerns effect in the ASEAN region.

Section	Ranking	Issues identified	Recommendations
<i>A powerful magnitude 7.5 earthquake in Indonesia triggered a tsunami</i>	Y	The earthquake and Tsunami have rocked to coastal settlements. The government agency has conducted assistances. The earthquake impact to Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines. The assessment for this situation is yellow.	The AMS follow the situation closely.

Remarks:

R: Severe Situation: Urgent intervention required.

Y: Situation of concern: Surveillance or assistance may or may not require, intensive monitoring

G: Relative normal situation or local Government can cope with the crisis, monitoring and no action required.

N/A: Lack of /unreliable data: Further assessment required.

ACMM Recommendations,

Indonesia is prone to earthquakes because of the country’s location in the “Ring of Fire. According to the current situation, the ACMM is monitoring the situation intensely for providing medical update information to member countries.

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