



Tropical Cyclone Narra and Southwest Monsoon Cause Floods in Northern Vietnam

Tropical cyclone Narra and southwest monsoon on 23 August 2026

A monsoon trough extending across northern Thailand and upper Lao PDR that combined with a strong Southwest Monsoon over the Bay of Bengal, the Andaman Sea, and the Gulf of Thailand was prevailing over mainland Southeast Asia. These weather conditions were contributing to thunderstorms and heavy rainfall across Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Meanwhile, tropical cyclone Narra was tracking over the Gulf of Tonkin near the northern coast of Vietnam. On 23 August 2026, the center of the cyclone was located over the sea north of the Bach Long Vi Special Economic Zone, approximately 135 kilometers east of Quang Ninh and 140 kilometers east of Hai Phong. At that time, the cyclone was expected to move toward southern China in the following days.

The cyclone subsequently remained over the Gulf of Tonkin and weakened into a tropical depression on 25 August 2026, before it ended on 26 August 2026.

Damage and losses

Impact on the affected area

Heavy rainfall affected several provinces and municipalities in Vietnam, including Son La, Dien Bien, Cao Bang, Lang Son, Bac Ninh, Quang Ninh, Phu Tho, Ha Noi, Thai Nguyen, Hai Phong, Hung Yen, Ninh Binh, Thanh Hoa, and Nghe An. The reported impacts include human casualties, damage and destruction to housing and infrastructure, impacts on agricultural production, and disruptions to essential services, as detailed below:

- Human impacts: A total of four people were reported dead, including 1 people in Ha Noi, 1 people in Dien Bien, and 2 people in Lang Son. In addition, 3 people were injured, including 1 people in Ha Noi, 1 people in Son La, and 1 people in Quang Ninh.
- Housing: 2 houses were completely destroyed, including in Ha Noi and Son La. A further 1,347 houses were damaged, including houses with roofs that were partially or completely blown off.
- Agricultural impacts: Several agricultural sectors were affected. Rice and seasonal crops were affected across approximately 33,332 hectares, including areas where crops were flattened. In addition, 1.61 hectares of other crops were affected. Livestock losses included 353 animals, and 12,847 poultry deaths. Meanwhile, 1,007.62 hectares of aquaculture areas were damaged.
- Irrigation: A total of 2,135 meters of embankments and irrigation canals were damaged, including 700 meters in Bac Ninh, 1,000 meters in Phu Tho, 60 meters in Cao Bang, 151 meters in Son La, 195 meters in Thanh Hoa, and 29 meters in Nghe An.

- **Transport:** A total of 17 locations were affected by landslides, including 12 locations in Lang Son, 1 location in Phu Tho, 3 locations in Cao Bang, and 1 location in Thanh Hoa. In addition, 10 locations were flooded, including 3 locations in Lang Son, 3 locations in Bac Ninh, and 4 locations in Cao Bang. Local authorities are continuing to mobilize personnel and equipment to address the damage and restore transportation connectivity.
- **Power supply:** A total of 4,319 customers were without electricity, including 2,883 customers in Lang Son, 893 customers in Bac Ninh, and 543 customers in Hai Phong. Power supplies were proactively disconnected in flooded areas as a safety precaution and will be restored once floodwaters recede and conditions are deemed safe.

Agricultural and aquacultural devastation

Agricultural land: A total of 33,332 hectares of rice and seasonal crops were affected or flattened by the heavy rainfall and associated flooding. The affected areas were reported as follows:

- Lang Son: 4,130 hectares
- Bac Ninh: 7,316 hectares
- Quang Ninh: 540 hectares
- Ha Noi: 1,209 hectares
- Cao Bang: 266 hectares
- Thai Nguyen: 1,085 hectares
- Son La: 79 hectares
- Hung Yen: 250 hectares
- Thanh Hoa: 781 hectares
- Hai Phong: 47 hectares
- Ninh Binh: 16,115 hectares
- Dien Bien: 8 hectares
- Nghe An: 1,506 hectares

In addition, a total of 1,610 hectares of other crops were affected, including:

- Bac Ninh: 688 hectares
- Quang Ninh: 70 hectares
- Ha Noi: 76 hectares
- Cao Bang: 2 hectares
- Son La: 28 hectares
- Hai Phong: 357 hectares
- Thanh Hoa: 269 hectares
- Nghe An: 120 hectares

Aquaculture: A total of 1,007.62 hectares of aquaculture areas were damaged, distributed as follows:

- Lang Son: 4.90 hectares
- Bac Ninh: 710 hectares
- Quang Ninh: 38 hectares
- Ha Noi: 42 hectares
- Cao Bang: 2.60 hectares
- Thai Nguyen: 2.20 hectares

- Son La: 6.02 hectares
- Thanh Hoa: 134 hectares
- Hai Phong: 28 hectares
- Ninh Binh: 3.60 hectares
- Dien Bien: 1 hectare
- Nghe An: 35.30 hectares

Affected crops and aquacultures: A total of 13 provinces and municipalities, including Lang Son, Bac Ninh, Quang Ninh, Ha Noi, Cao Bang, Thai Nguyen, Son La, Hung Yen, Thanh Hoa, Hai Phong, Ninh Binh, Dien Bien, and Nghe An, reported impacts on agricultural crops and aquaculture areas. The affected areas included rice and seasonal crops, other crops, and aquaculture, as detailed below:

- Lang Son: 4,130 hectares of rice and seasonal crops and 4.90 hectares of aquaculture.
- Bac Ninh: 7,316 hectares of rice and seasonal crops, 688 hectares of other crops, and 710 hectares of aquaculture.
- Quang Ninh: 540 hectares of rice and seasonal crops, 70 hectares of other crops, and 38 hectares of aquaculture.
- Ha Noi: 1,209 hectares of rice and seasonal crops, 76 hectares of other crops, and 42 hectares of aquaculture.
- Cao Bang: 266 hectares of rice and seasonal crops, 2 hectares of other crops, and 2.60 hectares of aquaculture.
- Thai Nguyen: 1,085 hectares of rice and seasonal crops and 2.20 hectares of aquaculture.
- Son La: 79 hectares of rice and seasonal crops, 28 hectares of other crops, and 6.02 hectares of aquaculture.
- Hung Yen: 250 hectares of rice and seasonal crops.
- Thanh Hoa: 781 hectares of rice and seasonal crops, 269 hectares of other crops, and 134 hectares of aquaculture.
- Hai Phong: 47 hectares of rice and seasonal crops, 357 hectares of other crops, and 28 hectares of aquaculture.
- Ninh Binh: 16,115 hectares of rice and seasonal crops and 3.60 hectares of aquaculture.
- Dien Bien: 8 hectares of rice and seasonal crops and 1 hectare of aquaculture.
- Nghe An: 1,506 hectares of rice and seasonal crops, 120 hectares of other crops, and 35.30 hectares of aquaculture.

Government responses and countermeasures

The Government of Vietnam, through the Prime Minister, the National Steering Committee for Civil Defense, and relevant ministries and agencies, continues to coordinate response efforts across the affected northern provinces. The Vietnam Disaster and Dike Management Authority (VDDMA) is coordinating reservoir and dike safety measures, issuing public safety alerts, and supporting the evacuation of at-risk households. Meanwhile, the National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (NCHMF) continues to monitor tropical cyclone Narra and issue regular forecasts, warnings, and weather advisories.

In Lao PDR, the Government and relevant authorities continue to monitor the situation and coordinate with provincial disaster management offices in affected areas. Damage assessments and data collection are ongoing to determine the extent of impacts and identify priority response and recovery needs.

In Myanmar, the Government, together with relevant ministries and agencies, technical experts, military personnel, firefighters, civil society organizations, and charitable organizations, continues to coordinate response efforts in areas affected by widespread flooding. Ongoing response measures include the provision of food, drinking water, and essential healthcare services to affected communities, while damage assessments and data collection continue.

In Thailand, the Government, together with provincial authorities and relevant agencies, continues to monitor the situation and coordinate response operations in affected provinces. Personnel, machinery, and relief supplies are being deployed to support evacuation, drainage, and relief operations, with additional assistance coordinated through the Royal Volunteer 904 Operations Centre and partner organizations.

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