

Market Update

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Flooding in Jakarta

The arrival of the Asian monsoon has caused intense rainfall over the last several days in Jakarta and upstream Bogor, West Java. This rainfall is not as heavy as that experienced in 2007. However, the impact is predicted to be similar.

The Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) advises daily rainfall over the last few days was only 100 mm, lower than the highest rainfall in one day in January 2007 which was 340 mm. It concluded that the current Jakarta flood results from a rapid increase of water in some rivers due to poor water absorption upstream.

The prolonged downpour in the last few days in Jakarta and Bogor has paralysed Jakarta. The surrounding areas have massive flooding affecting a number of sub-districts in the city. It is reported that more than 115,000 people are affected and at least 15,000 people have taken refuge.

The flood has also affected the Presidential Palace and main roads near the Hotel Indonesia traffic circle, one of Jakarta's main landmarks (see photograph). A number of office building basements are also affected. The flood in this area occurred after a partial section of the west flood canal bank collapsed after a significant increase of water flow in the Ciliwung River.

The Governor of Jakarta has declared a state of emergency for Jakarta until 27 January 2013.

It has been reported that an industrial area in East Jakarta consisting of more than 300 factories was forced to close due to floods on Thursday. News agencies report:

- 866 Electrical substations in Jakarta and Tangerang shut down
- 5 (out of a total 69 in Greater Jakarta) train stations are not operating
- 44 (out of a total 267 in Jakarta) sub districts were flooded
- Tragically, 14 lives claimed in Jakarta, Bogor and Tangerang

Crawford has an office in Jakarta and our adjusters are now responding to claims. The extent of insured damage is still under review.

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