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## [Indonesia: Floods and landslides in Sumatra and Aceh are not a natural disaster](#)

In this publication the Indonesian organisation Walhi denounces the country's government classification of the floods and landslides that heavily struck Aceh, North and West Sumatra in December 2025 as a 'natural disaster'. For many years, Walhi has been alerting how the, up to now, 1.4 million hectares of deforestation in these areas to enable profit-driven corporate and unrestrained expansion of logging; industrial oil palm plantations; mineral, metal and geothermal mining; and hydropower dams, all legalized by the government, is directly connected to this disaster that resulted in a death toll of more than 1,000 people. Read the press release of Walhi, in [Indonesian here](#).