

## TCC Updates on Earthquake in Central Sulawesi

28 September 2018 (10:30 pm West Indonesian Time)

A 7.4 magnitude earthquake hit Donggala, Central Sulawesi Province, today 28 September 2018 at 05:02 pm West Indonesian Time, and was followed by several smaller aftershocks. A few minutes later, the Indonesian Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics (BMKG) issued the tsunami alert which was then lifted at 05:36 pm. However, a 1.5 to 2 meter tsunami did hit the cities of Donggala and Palu.

National and regional disaster management boards and rescue team are working intensively on the ground to handle damages and possible toll. Following the current situation, Tourism Minister Arief Yahya activated the Tourism Crisis Center (TCC) team who monitor the situation around the clock and coordinate with all disaster management boards, tourism office of Central Sulawesi, various tourism stakeholders, and related parties in the neighboring provinces to gather information on the impacted tourism sectors. Today, AirNav Indonesia officially announced that Mutiara SIS AI Jufrie Airport in Palu is closed until 29 September 2018, 07:20 pm.

As current communication in the location might be hampered, TCC advice tourists to keep their information updated from government official website or social media account such as @infoBMKG and @BNPB\_Indonesia.

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