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Cambodia

Provinces, particularly along the Cambodia-Thailand border are likely to experience more flooding as a result of a low-pressure system that is expected to bring rain across the country. The effects of the system will start until 22 October 2017. People in Poipet town were already urged to be more cautious due to the rising water level of the Ou'Kaidon Dam. Reportedly, some 20 homes have already been flooded and, from January to September 2017, rainstorms caused six deaths and 50 injuries while lightning killed 70 and injured 62 people.

Source: The Phnom Penh Post (2017, Oct 11). *Unrelenting rains.*

Indonesia

Since 22 September 2017, the status of Mount Agung in Karangasem, Bali is warning at the level 4 and volcanic activity is still high. Areas are sterilised within a radius of 9km from the crater while thousands of people are still evacuated. The Bali Governor extends an emergency status for 14 days from 13 to 26 October 2017 to give accessibility in emergency management, especially in

shelter management. Local residents living around Mount Agung still require assistance. There are 139,199 evacuees distributed in 389 spots in nine regencies and municipalities. Some of them have returned despite prohibition.

Source: National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) (2017, Oct 14). *Status of Mount Agung Still Warning, Emergency Situation Extended.*

Lao PDR

High undernutrition of under-five children remains a challenge in Houaysa in Paktha district of Bokeo province where poverty rate is high. There are 284 people living in 85 houses in the Houaysa village which is difficult to reach in mountainous areas. Reportedly, 11 out of a target group of 106 children are malnourished and three of them are girls. A target child of one year and four months weighs only 8 kg. This is not normal because any children with normal growth rate usually weigh at least 12 kg when they are one year old or older.

Source: Lao News Agency (2017, Oct 9). *Paktha: Malnutrition Remains High Among Under-five Children.*

Philippines

Tropical Storm Khanun caused one death and 4,712 affected people from 960 families across Regions II, III and CAR from 11 to 14 October 2017. Those affected people are being served outside evacuation centres. Classes were suspended in the mentioned regions while nine areas in the provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Abra and Benguet are still experiencing power outage. The Department of Social Welfare and Development provided assistance to the affected families in Apayao province. Yet, Tropical Storm Khanun exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility, already.

* 1 USD = 51.48 Philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2017, Oct 17). *SitRep No. 05 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Severe Tropical Storm "ODETTE" (I.N KHANUN) as of 8:00 AM.*

Thailand

Floods and flash floods due to Tropical Depression and water release from the Chao Phraya Dam from 10 to 16 October 2017 totally caused three deaths and 144,926 affected people from 53,696 households across 36 districts in 11 provinces. However, situations remained in 10 provinces across the northern, northeastern and central regions. Ayutthaya was affected most as shown by 68,725 people from 25,454 households. Floods also affected 3,595 rai (575 hectares) of agricultural lands in Ang Thong.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) (2017, Oct 17). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

Minister of Natural Resources and Environment on 16 October 2017 led a team of government officials to meet local officials in area affected by heavy rains and floods in order to support recovery efforts. In Than Hoa province, the officials were requested to promptly repair dykes affecting over 440,000 households if there were damages. Reportedly, there were 72 dead people in the northern and central regions. Hoa Binh province was hit the hardest due to 23 deaths by floods and landslides.

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Oct 17). *Officials visit flooded areas*.

P.R. China

According to the Ministry of Civil Affairs, six provinces have been affected by storms and severe weather since 1 October 2017. There were 23 deaths, 35,000 displaced people and 5,200 damaged houses across Anhui, Henan, Hubei, Chongqing, Sichuan and Shannxi provinces. Above 43,000 people in Hubei have been affected by floods of the Hanjiang River.

Source: FloodList (2017, Oct 11). *China – 23 Dead, 5,000 Homes Destroyed After Days of Heavy Rain*.

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