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Indonesia

The 6.9-magnitude earthquake in the South of Java Island caused 2 deaths, 6 injuries and 118 houses in the South of Java Island as of 16 December 2017. The affected regencies and city were in provinces of West Java and Central Java. The warning alert was issued by the AHA Centre on 15 December 2017. Yet, impact and damage figures are still under verification whereas there is no indication of request for international assistance.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (2017, Dec 16). *EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTH OF JAVA FLASH UPDATE #2.*

Tropical Cyclone Cempaka has caused 41 deaths, 13 injuries, 28,190 evacuees following floods, landslides and strong winds in 28 regencies and municipalities in Java Island. Due to the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB), the cyclone damaged 5,000 houses, 36 bridges and 21 schools. Economic losses were estimated to reach 1 trillion rupiah (70 million USD). However, the cyclone has moved away from the country and the Yogyakarta administration decided to end the emergency status.

Source: The Jakarta Post (2017, Dec 6). *Cyclone Cempaka leaves at least 41 dead.*

Malaysia

Flash floods struck 26 villages in Kota Belud District of Sabah State, leading to 120 evacuees. The evacuees were accommodated in the Tun Said multipurpose hall with more expected to arrive as authorities continue relocating affected villagers. Due to the district Civil Defense Force (APM), Sungai Kadamaian and Sungai Abai rivers reached their warning levels.

Source: New Straits Times (2017, Dec 12). *Kota Belud floods worsen; 120 people forced from homes.*

Philippines

Tropical storm Kai-TUK totally caused 19 injuries, 2 missing, 1.02 million affected people of 244,121 families, 149 damaged houses and interruption on power supply and transportation in the Regions of MIMAROPA, Bicol, Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas and CARAGA. A total of 4,327 families were pre-emptively evacuated in Samar, Northern Samar and Eastern Samar provinces while 57,691 affected people were served inside 381 evacuation centres. This storm caused 543.2 million peso (10.8 million USD) worth of damages to national roads and caused 1.1 million peso (21,217 USD) worth of damages to rice in provinces of Masbate and Sorsogon in the Bicol Region. The City of Ormoc declared a state of calamity on 16 December 2017. A total of 41.19 million peso (816,776 USD) worth of assistance was provided by the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Local Government Units to the mentioned regions. Tropical storm Kai-TUK has already exited the Philippines Area of Responsibility.

* 1 USD = 50.43 peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2017, Dec 19). *SitRep No.07 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Tropical Storm "URDUJA" (KAI-TUK).*

On 9 December 2017, Kanlaon volcano in the Visayas region generated a low-energy eruption, ejecting steam and dark ash. According to authorities, the eruption was caused by magma moving 20 to 30 kilometres upwards. Thin ash fell in nearby villages but no displacements have been reported. The volcano has been under level 2 alert since August 2017, meaning a moderate level of unrest. Local government authorities were advised to prevent any human activity in a four kilometres radius around Mt. Kanlaon and civil aviation authorities have advised pilots to avoid flying close to the volcano's summit.

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (2017, Dec 11). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (5 – 11 Dec 2017)*.

Thailand

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation warned of Tropical Storm Kai-TUK which will pass onto the South of Thailand from 22 to 25 December 2017. It will cause heavy rain in southern provinces. Related units are taking preparation measures.

In addition, floods due to the north-eastern monsoon in 11 southern provinces were updated to cause 37 deaths and 1.91 million affected people from 597,631 households from 25 November to 19 December 2017. Floods still remained in three provinces of Phatthalung, Nakhon Si Thammarat and Surat Thani, comprising 261,651 affected people from 85,373 households along with 321 damaged houses. In Nakhon Si Thammarat, 64,348 rai (10,296 hectares) of paddy and 121,982 rai (19,517 hectares) of agricultural areas were flooded. The assistances included aid packages, water, medicine, water pumps, evacuation and boat supports for affected provinces.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Dec 19). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

Floods were reported in five provinces of Binh Duong, Ca Mau, Vinh Long, Ben Tre and Bac Lieu on 8 December 2017. Floods totally caused 5,690 affected people of 1,138 families, 569 inundated houses, 637.3 hectares of submerged agricultural lands as well as several damaged key infrastructures and 2,046 metres of damaged embankment. In Vinh Long province, estimated damage is around 1.6 billion dong (71,174 USD).

* 1 USD = 22,452 dong

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (2017, Dec 8). *Viet Nam, High tides and floods in 5 southern provinces*.

Republic of Korea

The government will spend 144.5 billion won (132 million USD) for rebuilding homes and other facilities damaged by earthquake in Pohang City. The earthquake caused 55.1 billion won worth of property damage as well as 331 destroyed homes and 228 damaged houses. Schools and other public facilities suffered 25.7 billion won worth of damage. Of the recovery fund, 38.8 billion won will be spent for repairing school buildings and a task force is planned to run until March 2018 to identify problems with handling of disasters and measures for improvement.

* 1 USD = 1,095 won

Source: Yonhap New Agency (2017, Dec 6). *Gov't to spend 144.5 bln won on recovery projects in quake-hit Pohang*.

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