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Brunei Darussalam

Minister of Home Affairs visited the flood-hit areas due to heavy rain of Tutong District on 10 February 2018. Flood-hit areas included Mukim Tanjong Maya, Mukim Lamunin and Kampong Layong. Related units helped flood victims by transportation and distribution of relief items and water to affected residents. However, the flood water level was slowly receding.

Source: Borneo Bulletin (2018, Feb 11). *Minister tours flood-hit areas in Tutong.*

Cambodia

Tropical Storm Sanba will cause rain in most parts of Cambodia due to the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology. The affected areas include Phnom Penh capital, other provinces such as Kampong Cham, Pursat and Banteay Meanchey as well as coastal provinces. Tropical Storm Sanba will arrive in the country from 18 to 22 February 2018.

Source: Agence Kampuchea Presse (2018, Feb 13). *Storm Sanba To Bring Rain in Some Provinces.*

Indonesia

Floods and landslides due to heavy rainfall caused displacement and damaged houses in South Minahasa Regency of North Sulawesi Province. There were around 150 displaced people of 30 families and 25 damaged houses. Roads and water networks were also damaged whereas Trans Sulawesi Road was temporarily closed due to landslides. The Local Disaster Management Agency mobilised machinery to clear landslides.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Feb 9). *Indonesia, Landslide in South Minahasa.*

Floods affected 1,550 people and damaged 310 houses across Jepara and Pati Regencies of Central Java Province. In Jepara Regency, 85 houses were flooded. In Pati Regency, there were 225 inundated houses and 155 hectares of paddy potentially resulting in around 449 million rupiah (33,010 USD) of economic losses. Related agencies provided evacuation as well as food items, water and sanitary supports for affected population.

* 1 USD = 13,602 rupiah

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Feb 8). *Indonesia, Flood in Jepara and Pati Regency.*

Malaysia

The Sarawak government will allocate 11 million ringgit (2.6 million USD) for repairing damaged schools and government health clinics due to recent floods. The state government is also looking into a relocation proposal for schools in flood-prone area. Repair works on health clinics would be abruptly conducted to ensure that rural people continue to enjoy health services.

* 1 USD = 4.26 ringgit

Source: New Straits Times (2018, Feb 12). *Sarawak announces RM11 million to repair schools, health clinics damaged by floods.*

Philippines

Tropical Storm Sanba caused 1,829 affected people of 528 families along with seaport disruption and class suspension across Western Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Northern Mindanao and Caraga regions. All affected people were staying in 17 evacuation centres in Caraga whereas disrupted seaports and suspended classes were reported in the remaining regions. Related units issued warning to the public and conducted risk assessment of Tropical Storm Sanba. The Department of Social Welfare and Development has stockpiles of 407,871 Family Food Packs worth 137.2 million peso (2.7 million USD). Tropical Storm Sanba still moved west and northwest since it entered the eastern parts of Mindanao Island on 11 February 2018.

* 1 USD = 51.65 peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Feb 13). *SitRep No.03 re Preparedness Measures and Effects for Tropical Storm "BASYANG" (I.N. SANBA).*

Mayon Volcano Eruption was updated to affect 88,574 people from 23,067 families in Albay Province along with the effective alert level 4 for Bicol Region signifying possible hazardous eruption within days. A total of 69,362 affected people was being served by evacuation centres while 1,350 livestock were evacuated. Classes were suspended in Albay and Camarines Sur Provinces. The state of calamity was declared in Albay Province on 16 January 2018. Yet, roads, bridges and flights have been resumed operations. Damages on rice were at 160.7 million peso (3.1 million USD) across 10,443 affected farmers. The Department of Agriculture provided farm equipment, supplies and materials worth 22.1 million peso (427,480 USD) for affected farmers whereas related units provided assistance worth 325.1 million peso (6.3 million USD) to affected families in Albay Province.

* 1 USD = 51.65 peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Feb 13). *SitRep No.35 re Mayon Volcano Eruption.*

Thailand

Related agencies were called for cooperation on water resource management for higher efficiency and sustainability. Water related units were also asked to integrate public participation into operations for long-term solutions on disasters. Lawmakers are determined to clear red tape in water laws and policies and make sure that all regulations are in accordance with current situations. This reform will finally lead to ecological balance and social disparity reduction.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Feb 11). *NLA calls on water related agencies to integrate efforts for sustainability.*

Viet Nam

Tropical Storm Sanba is unlikely to cause significant damages on the country due to a cold front that has just moved in. After crossing Palawan Island in the Philippines, Tropical Storm Sanba will be weakening as it enters the South China Sea before Lunar New Year's Eve. Meanwhile, a cold front is moving down from northern Viet Nam to south-central and southern regions where the storm is forecast to be heading in coming days. There is little chance of Tropical Storm Sanba to grow stronger due to this cold front according to meteorologists.

Source: VNEXPRESS (2018, Feb 12). *Storm Sanba forecast to leave Vietnam in peace for Tet.*

Japan

The government of Japan will help restore the Sea of Japan coastal region hit by heavy snow last week causing several deaths and 1,500 stranded cars. The government will provide grant tax revenue for helping local expenses on snow removal and gas distribution in hardest-hit Fukui Prefecture. The government will set up a research panel aiming at increasing effectiveness of snow removal for preventing major congestion. Snow impacted some 500 farming facilities and barns in Hokkaido and the Hokuriku region including Fukui and Ishikawa Prefectures but local officials have yet to determine financial damages.

Source: The Japan Times (2018, Feb 13). *Central government to provide support for areas hit by heavy snow on Sea of Japan coast.*

Republic of Korea

The 4.6-magnitude earthquake hit Pohang City causing 22 injuries. However, injured people did not sustain life-threatening injuries and no damages were reported at the nearby nuclear waste repository. Relevant units were assessing damages and inspecting building of all the city to check for serious damages. This event was believed to be an aftershock of the former 5.4-magnitude earthquake in November 2017.

Source: Yonhap News Agency (2018, Feb 11). *(2nd LD) Pohang hit by 4.6 magnitude quake, three months after second-strongest quake on record.*

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