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### Indonesia

***Floods affected 160 people and displaced 137 people in Bojonegoro Regency, East Java Province.*** This was due to the overflowing Bengawan Solo River. The assistance and health services were provided by authorities to affected people.

**Source:** ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Mar 13). *Indonesia, Flood in Bojonegoro.*

***Heavy rainfall and tide caused floods affecting 3,139 people in several areas of West Bangka and Central Bangka Regencies, Bangka-Belitung Province.*** More than hundreds of houses have been affected in both regencies. In Central Bangka, affected population were still under assessment and there were one heavily damaged bridge and nine submerged houses.

**Source:** ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Mar 11). *Indonesia, Flood in West Bangka and Central Bangka.*

### Malaysia

***The 5.2-magnitude earthquake struck the north-west of Sabah State.*** The earthquake lasted around three seconds, causing minor damage. Several people in the districts of Kota Kinabalu, Kota Marudu, Tuaran and Kudat felt the tremors. However, there were no injury or destruction of property.

**Source:** Freemalaysiatoday (2018, Mar 8). *5.2 magnitude quake hits Sabah.*

***The storm severely damaged 30 houses in several villages in Yan District, Kedah State.*** The number of victims stood at 186 people without any injuries. The affected villages included Kampung Bukit Besar, Kampung Haji Hashim Gelam, Kampung Batu 11, Kampung Alor Pingu, Kampung Haji Lateh and the Sungai Limau Dalam area. The related agencies already rushed to assist the victims and to remove the uprooted trees.

**Source:** The Sun Daily (2018, Mar 8). *31 houses damaged by storm in Yan, Kedah.*

### Myanmar

***A moderate quake of magnitude 5.5 with its epicenter inside Myanmar caused damage to a pagoda and other buildings.*** The quake was about 12 miles northwest of Nay Pyi Taw seismological observatory. The quake damaged the base of Moekaung Ywar Lae Pagoda from Moe Swe village, Oaktarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw and other small pagodas. A wall of rural clinic is also collapsed due to the tremor. Reportedly, Myanmar has five large earthquake zones and about 40 small zones. The country faces danger of an earthquake occurring at any time. The Sagaing Fault can create high damages on large towns of Myitkyina, Takaung, Thabeikkyin, Sagaing, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Bago.

**Source:** Eleven Myanmar (2018, Mar 9). *Moderate quake hits Nay Pyi Taw, damages pagodas and buildings.*

## Philippines

***The 5-magnitude earthquake in Talakag, Bukidnon Province occurred due to movement of a local fault line on 15 March 2018.*** Intensity 3, signifying a weak earthquake and perceived by people indoors, was felt in Cagayan de Oro City while intensity 2, which is slightly felt by few individuals was in municipalities of Villanueva and Tagoloan in Misamis Oriental Province and in Libona municipality of Bukidnon Province. Aftershocks were recorded but these were too mild to be detected by the general public. There were no damages in Misamis Oriental Province but a church and a school were slightly damaged without any injuries in Talakag of Bukidnon Province.

**Source:** Sunstar Philippines (2018, Mar 15). *Mild quake shakes Northern Mindanao; no casualties reported.*

## Thailand

***A total of 2,068 households was affected by storms across 19 provinces from 13 to 20 March 2018.*** The affected provinces were in northern, northeastern, eastern central and southern parts of the country. Storms affected 530 households, granaries and barns in Kalasin while 260 households, three temples, two schools, public water and a hospital were affected in Udon Thani. Besides, granaries, barns and pens were affected in northeastern provinces such as Nong Bua Lam Phu, Buriram and Nong Khai. Yet, there were no reports of deaths and injuries. Related authorities were conducting assessment and providing assistances to the affected people.

**Source:** Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Mar 20). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

***Farmers are warned of a tropical storm in the upper part of the country from 20 to 23 March 2018.*** This tropical storm will cause heavy rainfalls, thunders, strong winds and hailstorms in some areas. Farmers in northern, northeastern, eastern and central provinces such as Phayao, Bueng Kan, Sa Kaeo and Lop Buri are urged to be cautious of damages on their crop outputs during such period.

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Mar 20). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version).*

## Viet Nam

***In 2018, five to six typhoons are expected to hit Viet Nam's mainland due to the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting.*** Typhoons are expected to have a direct impact on the mainland, especially the central region. Floods are expected to occur in the central and Central Highlands regions earlier than in 2017. Storm surges and high waves are expected in the central coast while a strong and prolonged cold wave in the last few months of 2018 is likely to cause huge waves in the central coastal areas and southeastern region.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2018, Mar 15). *Central region vulnerable to typhoons in 2018.*

## P.R. China

***Snow will continue in the North while heavy rain will hit the southern parts from 18 to 19 March 2018.*** Light to moderate snow will hit parts of Jilin, Heilongjiang, Liaoning provinces as well as Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region with some areas likely to see blizzards. Meanwhile, heavy rains will hit parts of Guizhou, Guangxi, Hunan, Hubei and Jiangxi provinces with some of the regions possibly seeing rainstorms.

**Source:** Xinhua (2016, Mar 17). *Snow to sweep north China, rain in South.*

***Blue warning of cold wave to address the cold air was issued by the National Meteorological Centre on 15 March 2018.*** The affected areas include southeastern Northwest China, Jiangnan Region, and north of South Yangtze River, experiencing temperature drop of 6 – 10 Celsius. In some regions, this drop will exceed 12 Celsius. Besides, northward wind will shroud eastern coastal regions.

**Source:** China Meteorological Administration (CMA) (2016, Mar 15). *The National Meteorological Center issued blue warning of cold wave to address the cold air.*

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