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Indonesia

Flash flood and landslide due to heavy rainfalls caused one death and 1,781 affected people across Bogor and Cianjur Regencies of West Java Province. Cisarua and Arca villages were the hardest hit areas while access road between Sukamakmur District and Cianjur Regency were completely cut off. More than hundreds of houses were submerged in Cianjur Regency. The related agencies were on the ground leading search and rescue efforts.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Apr 7). *Indonesia, Flash Flood and landslide in Bogor & Cianjur regencies.*

Mount Sinabung located in Karo Regency of North Sumatra Province erupted on 6 April 2018, sending ash and hot clouds up to 5 kilometres in the air. The eruption shocked local people as volcanic activities had declined in the past month. As seismic activities are still high, people are urged to always be alert. So far, there were no reports of deaths or injuries.

Source: The Jakarta Post (2018, Apr 6). *Mt. Sinabung spews hot clouds, volcanic ash after quiet month.*

Philippines

The 4.2-magnitude earthquake struck Lanao del Sur Province on 9 April 2018. Intensity III was registered in Wao while Intensity II was recorded in Kalilangan. Intensity I was at Kadingilan and Pangantucan which are in the nearby province of Bukidnon. Yet, there were no reports of injuries or damages and no aftershock is expected.

Source: Manila Bulletin (2018, Apr 10). *4.2 magnitude quake rocks Lanao del Sur.*

Scattered rains over parts of the country will be brought by the northeast monsoon and the easterlies. The northeast monsoon will bring scatter rains with cloudy skies over Cagayan Valley, Cordillera Administrative Region, Bicol, Aurora and Quezon whereas the easterlies will cause scattered rains, thunderstorms with cloudy skies over Caraga, northern Mindanao, central and eastern Visayas. In the meantime, strong winds will prevail over parts of Luzon while coastal waters along these areas will become rough to very rough. Light to moderate winds will prevail over the rest of Mindanao with slight to moderate seas.

Source: Philippine News Agency (2018, Apr 8). *NE monsoon, easterlies to bring rains over PH Sunday.*

Thailand

A total of 1,563 households was affected by storms from 2 to 9 April 2018. The affected households were found in 26 provinces across northern, northeastern, central and southern parts of Thailand such as Lampang, Kalasin, Ang Thong and Surat Thani. There were 462 affected households in Chiang Mai whereas five rice granaries were reported affected in Nong Bua Lam Phu, Udon Thani and Loei. However, there were no reports of deaths and injuries. Related units have already assessed the situation and provide assistances to the affected households.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Apr 10). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

Farmers are warned of a tropical storm in the upper part of the country from 15 to 17 April 2018. This tropical storm will potentially cause heavy rainfalls, thunders, strong winds and hailstorms. Northeastern and eastern regions will be affected first, followed by northern and central regions including Bangkok and metropolitan areas. Farmers in provinces such as Buri Ram, Rayong, Chiang Rai, and Phichit are urged to be cautious of damages on their crop outputs during such period.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Apr 10). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

A cold wave is affecting the northern and central provinces from 6 April 2018. A cold wave is expected to cause a remarkable drop of the daytime temperature along with thunderstorms, rainfalls, cyclone, strong winds and rough sea. Localities in northern provinces of Lao Cai and Dien Bien have adopted measures to minimise possible damages. They were also asked to updated people about the weather, to review the number of households in areas prone to landslide and flash floods for setting up evacuation plans and to advise local people for strengthening stables and storing feeds for cattle. In the meantime, there was a hailstorm in the central province of Nghe An, damaging 150 houses and uprooting many trees. Local authorities sent a team to help the affected residents to repair their damaged houses.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Apr 6). *Cold wave hits northern Viet Nam*.

P.R. China

Fierce winds and sudden drops of temperature have hit parts of P.R. China. During the past few days, Inner Mongolia has been hit by sandstorms, winds, rain and snow. Cold air will hit this region with the further drop of temperature by six to eight Celsius whereas winds and cold are forecast to continue in central and eastern parts of the region from 7 to 8 April 2018. Meanwhile, Beijing saw heavy snow due to a cold front. Snow will also happen in Inner Mongolia, Shanxi and Hebei due to mixture of cold air and moisture.

Source: Xinhua (2018, Apr 6). *Cold snap troubles parts of China*.

Japan

Authorities warned of possible temblors within the next week due to the 6.1-magnitude earthquake causing five injuries in Shimane Prefecture on 2 April 2018. The earthquake also led to blackouts and water supply disruption. Electricity was cut off by 50 households while some 100 households lost their water supplies in Oda City. The Shimane Prefectural Government requested self-defense forces to assist residents affected by water supplies. Some buildings were damaged and there were cracks on roads. However, no abnormalities were found at the Shimane nuclear power plant.

Source: The Japan Times (2018, Apr 9). *Five people injured after strong earthquake rattles Shimane Prefecture*.

Republic of Korea

The government will open the trauma centre this week in Seoul as a part of efforts to help victims of major disasters.

According to the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the trauma centre, located at the National Centre for Mental Health in eastern Seoul, aims at helping victims for recovering from major disasters such as earthquakes and fires and for providing proper treatment programmes. The trauma centre is set to begin services on 5 April 2018.

Source: Yonhap News Agency (2018, Apr 4). *Gov't opens trauma center for disaster victims.*

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