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Cambodia

The Mekong River flooded parts of four provinces in Cambodia, resulting in four deaths and evacuation of 2,000 families. Due to the National Committee for Disaster Management, those provinces were Stung Treng, Kratie, Tbong Khmum and Kampong Cham. Over 3,000 families were evacuated to safer places to escape from floods flowing into schools, pagodas and hospitals. Besides, there were at least a dozen of damaged houses while nearly 7,000 hectares of farmland and livestock were affected. However, the water levels in the mentioned provinces started to recede.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Aug 3). *Mekong floods four provinces.*

Indonesia

On 5 August 2018, West Nusa Tenggara was hit by the 7.0-magnitude earthquake. This earthquake occurred a week after the 6.4-magnitude earthquake on 29 July 2018. It was felt in Lombok, Bali and Sumbawa Island. Reportedly, there were 91 deaths, 209 injuries, thousands of displaced persons, thousands of damaged

houses and urgent needs for search and rescue, medical treatments, food and tents. The Regency of North Lombok is the most affected area as shown by 72 deaths and 64 injuries. The provincial governor already declared emergency response period until 11 August 2018. Responses from related authorities included evacuation of tourists, search and rescue and medical assistance.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Aug 6). M 7.0 Lombok Earthquake (5 Aug 2018), Indonesia Flash Update 02.

Lao PDR

As of 5 August 2018, there were 34 deaths by flash floods in Sanamxay District of Attapeu Province. Some 100 people were still missing after the situation occurred on 23 July 2018. Reportedly, 13 villages were affected consisting of 13,067 people whereas more than 7,000 displaced persons were staying at temporary centres. There were 2,286 affected hectares of rice, dead livestock and damages on irrigation systems, fish ponds and industrial tree plantations. The most urgent needs were food, water, cooking equipment, tents and other items. The relief assistances came from units from countries and international organisations. Medical teams have been stationed at temporary centres and works are being accelerated to repair roads for transportation of donated relief supplies to temporary centres.

Source: Vientiane Times (2018, Aug 7). Three injured people die, bringing Sanamxay flood death toll to 34.

Myanmar

Monsoon floods have now killed 12 people and displaced almost 150,000 across the country due to the National Disaster Management Committee. The government is in the process of setting up 326 temporary camps for displaced people in Tanintharyi, Bago and Magway Regions as well as Karen and Mon States. Bago

Region was affected most based on 95,107 displaced people followed by Karen, Mon, Tanintharyi and Magway. Heavy monsoon rains have also destroyed large areas of paddy fields and farmland but there is no official data available yet.

Source: The Irrawaddy (2018, Aug 1). *Death Toll From Seasonal Flooding Rises to 12, With 150,000 Displaced.*

Philippines

Southwest monsoon enhanced by low pressure areas would bring light to moderate rains in most parts of the country. Provinces of Zambales, Bataan, Cavite, Palawan and Mindoro as well as Western Visayas would have cloudy skies with scattered rains and thunderstorms by this monsoon. Isolated rains would prevail in Metro Manila, Bicol Region and the rest of CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, Central Luzon and Visayas. Meanwhile, the rest of Luzon Island will experience cloudy skies together with isolated rain showers due to localised thunderstorms.

Source: Manila Bulletin (2018, Aug 7). *Light to moderate rains due to southwest monsoon over PH.*

Thailand

From 17 July to 6 August 2018, flash floods, floods and landslides due to Tropical Storm Son Tinh totally led to one death and 89,252 affected people from 32,035 families across 50 districts of 28 provinces. The situations remained in Roi Et, Nakhon Phanom, Mukdaharn, Amnat Charoen, Ubonratchathani, Kalasin, Bueng Kan, Sakon Nakhon, and Yasothorn located at the Northeast of Thailand. These situations affected 29 houses and 251,536 rai (40,246 hectares) of farmlands, as well. Death was reported in Sakon Nakhon with 431 affected people as well as 240 rai (38 hectares) of paddy. Nakhon Phanom was affected most as shown by 31,496 people, 29 houses, 179,704 rai (28,753 hectares) as well as temples, roads and reservoirs. Personnel and equipment were deployed

by related authorities for assisting affected provinces. Water levels were decreasing except in Mukdaharn, Ubonratchathani and Sakon Nakhon.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Aug 6). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

Viet Nam

Farmers in the Mekong Delta provinces are fighting floodwaters due to heavy rains, rising tides and water released in the wake of a dam breach in Lao PDR. Thousands of hectares of rice and cash crops were submerged in districts of An Phu, Tinh Bien, Chau Doc and Tan Chau in An Giang Province, causing huge losses of farmers. Localities have been instructed to closely monitor the weather and tides for informing people about when to harvest crops not protected by the dyke systems and to help farmers for upgrading dykes, draining water from rice fields and harvesting crops quickly to minimise loss. The Mekong Delta provinces were asked to prepare disaster response plans and stand ready for evacuation whereas Dong Thap, Long An and An Giang were requested to harvest the early summer-autumn rice crop, especially in low-lying areas. Based on forecasts, water levels in the Mekong Delta will continue to rise quickly over the next few days due to floods from upstream, but then recede by low tides. Meanwhile, regarding situations in the North, floods are also monitored in the Bui and Hoang Long Rivers and local authorities are directed to ensure safety of dyke systems and key irrigation works.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Aug 2). *Mekong Delta farmers struggle with floods.*

Japan

Due to the Japan Meteorological Agency, a strong storm will approach the Ogasawara Islands between 6 and 7 August 2018 whereas strong winds and high waves are warned. On 6 August 2018, Typhoon Shanshan was located at sea, 400 kilometres east of the Ogasawara Islands at the South of Tokyo. There will possibly be heavy thundershowers in and around Tokyo. Afterwards, the storm will move to the Izu Islands, south of Tokyo and to eastern Japan through 9 August 2018.

Source: NHK World (2018, Aug 6). *Typhoon Shanshan approaches Japan.*

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