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Cambodia

Prey Veng provincial authorities warned residents that water levels of the Mekong river under the Neak Loeung bridge are continuing to rise. Residents were told to be cautious and to consider evacuate their homes whereas officers are ready to intervene in case of floods. In the meantime, a river bank collapsed, causing some residents to be affected by floods in Kampong Cham province. The water level is still high and near the danger zone. The Ministry of Water Resources also reported increasing water level in provinces of Stung Treng and Kratie. Reportedly, floods led to 30 deaths, thousands of displaced families and around 9,000 hectares of damaged crops across the country.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Sep 3). *Flood waters continue to rise.*

Indonesia

Starting from 30 August 2018, drought was reported in Purbalingga Regency of Central Java province. The drought was felt across 9 districts namely Kaligondang, Karanmoncol, Kertanegara, Kutasari, Bobosari, Bojongsari, Kejobong, Karanganyar and Karangreja. This was a

continuation from drought reported from 14 July 2018. A total of 2,806 people from 774 families were affected. As a response effort, a total of 1,080 water tanks and above 4.7 million litre of clean water have been provided. In addition, Indonesian Red Cross also distributed 31 water tanks or 151,000 litre of water.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Aug 30). *Indonesia, Drought in Purbalingga.*

It was reported that major strong wind affected nine villages in Rantau Pulung district of East Kutai regency in East Kalimantan province. A total of 992 people from 248 families were affected. In addition, 248 houses were damaged. The agencies from local government and neighbouring districts were supporting the affected people with assistance and items.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Aug 30). *Indonesia, Strong Wind in East Kutai Regency.*

Myanmar

Floods from the broken dam in Taungoo District in Bago Region led to 4 deaths and 3 missing according to the Bago Region Government Office. There were floods across Kyauk Gyi, Yedashe, Oktwin and Taunggu in Taungoo District. The regional government has opened 85 relief camps for more than 31,000 affected in those townships. A total of 319 schools are also temporarily closed due to floods. The government reported that more than 63,000 people from 18 village tracts in Yedashe and Swar townships have been affected on 30 August 2018. Water levels are now decreasing in the area as water flows downstream in the Sittaung River.

Source: The Irrawaddy (2018, Aug 31). *Four Deaths, Three Missing in Flooding Caused by Dam Breach.*

Philippines

Typhoon Jebi has already exited the Philippine area of responsibility but the southwest monsoon will bring rains

over Metro Manila and other parts of the country. Although typhoon does not have direct effects in any parts of the country, the southwest monsoon will bring scattered light to moderate rains over Metro Manila and other provinces such as Pangasinan, Cavite, Palawan and Albay. Residents in these areas, especially those living near river channels and in mountainous areas were advised to take appropriate actions against possible floods and landslides.

Source: Manila Bulletin (2018, Sep 3). *Typhoon 'Maymay' exits PAR; habagat to dump more rains.*

Tropical Storm Yagi was updated to cause 5 deaths, 3 missing, 1.7 million affected people from 422,653 families in Ilocos, Central Luzon, National Capital Region, CALABARZON and Cordillera Administrative Region. Of the affected people, 50,220 persons of 10,911 families were being served by evacuation centres. There were also 2,111 damaged houses, class suspensions across 435 cities and municipalities and the total damage costs on infrastructure and agriculture at 996 million peso (18.6 million USD). Local units of 1 province and 6 municipalities declared respective areas under state of calamity in the mentioned regions. The Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Local Government Units have provided the assistance to the affected people.

* 1 USD = 53.49 philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Aug 26). *SitRep No. 18 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Southwest Monsoon Enhanced by Tropical Storm "KARDING" (I.N. YAGI).*

Thailand

According to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of Thailand, it was updated that Tropical Storm Bebinca totally led to 4 deaths and 162,842 affected people from 55,386 households across 18 provinces during the period of 17 August – 3 September 2018. Deaths were found in Phayao, Nan, Chiang Rai and Nong Khai provinces. The situations remained 8 provinces of Nakhon Phanom, Phetchaburi, Bueng Kan, Nakhon

Nayok, Sakon Nakhon, Ubonratchathani, Chaiyaphum and Kalasin. Bebinca affected 22,422 people, 29 houses and 179,704 rai (28,753 hectares) of agricultural areas in Nakhon Phanom. In Chaiyaphum, there were 1,045 affected people and 25,445 rai (4,071 hectares). Assurances were given already from related units to the victims in affected provinces.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Sep 3). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

A new storm warning has been issued after the depression system of Bebinca triggered runoff and landslides in the South of Thailand. This situation significantly affected Bang Sai-Pak Weep road, caused a bridge in the area of Khlong Bang Muang inaccessible and flooded the villages in Takua Pa district of Phang Nga province. Local authorities are giving initial assistance to the communities. Meanwhile, the governor of Ranong province inspected landslides and heavy machinery were used to prevent further soil erosion and to make passages safe. In Phuket province, floods were reported in Katu and Talang districts while the provincial governor has ordered authorities to facilitate travels for citizens and to keep close eye on the situation with the areas near mountains in particular.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Aug 24). *Stormy conditions wreak havoc on south.*

Viet Nam

Provinces in the Mekong Delta are at risk of floods due to upstream water with rising tides in Kien Giang, An Giang, Dong Thap and Long An. The water levels in the Mekong Delta are rising at alarming levels and this is expected to affect agricultural production and livelihood in low-lying areas as well as infrastructure. On 27 August 2018, the Central Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control issued immediate response instruction to mitigate possible losses and damage caused by floods in the Mekong Delta region. Meanwhile, provinces in the

Mekong delta are responding to natural disaster risks by ensuring the safety of local people and farm production. For example, the local authorities in An Giang province helped farmers to upgrade a sewerage system for protecting 150 hectares of rice yields.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Aug 30). *Delta provinces take action to ensure safety during flood season.*

P.R. China

China National Commission for Disaster Reduction and the Ministry of Emergency Management activated an emergency response on 2 September 2018 after downpours wreaked havoc in Guangdong province. A special work team has been sent to the disaster area to provide guidance in relief and the search for victims. The rain affected more than 1.2 million residents in 27 counties in the Pearl River Delta region and the eastern part of Guangdong, causing economic losses over 147 million USD. There were also 127,000 evacuees and 44,700 damaged hectares of farmlands. For coping with emergency, provincial fire corps transferred more than 300 specialty clothes for rescue operations on the water to the worst-hit Shantou.

Source: Xinhua (2018, Sep 2). *China activates emergency response to support flood-hit Guangdong.*

A flood has left 5 people dead and 16 missing in Southwest China's Yunnan province. This was caused by heavy rain pounding Mengdong township in Malipo county, damaging homes as well as cutting electricity and communications. However, the provincial civil affairs and meteorological authorities have activated emergency response to the disaster while rescue work in underway.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Sep 2). *5 dead, 16 missing in China flood.*

Japan

There were 1 death and 76 others injured after the powerful Typhoon Jebi which is one of the strongest typhoon in

25 years ripped through the country. Kansai International Airport is completely shut down because of floods while strong winds in the same area rammed the fuel tanker into the bridge linking the airport to the city of Izumisano in Osaka prefecture. The wind in Osaka was so powerful that it blew rooftops and trucks away. Evacuation advisories remain in place in many parts of western and central Japan. Officials warn that heavy rain could lead to floods and landslides. There were major disruptions to transportation links on bullet trains as well as airline schedules.

Source: NHK WORLD (2018, Sep 4). *Typhoon Jebi rips through Japan.*

Republic of Korea

Two deaths were reported due to torrential rains in Seoul and Gyeonggi province. The affected areas with nearly 500 mm rainfall included northern districts of Seoul along with Goyang, Yangju and Uijeongbu cities in Gyeonggi province. The government of Seoul metropolitan helped drainage works and received calls from flooded residential houses, business areas and collapsed fences. Across the country, heavy rains caused 181 residents from 117 households homeless. Over 370 people had evacuated and more than half of them returned homes. Floods were also on 635.7 hectares of crops as well as 3.8 hectares of farmlands whereas 1,950 houses and business was damaged in Seoul, Incheon and Gyeonggi areas. Rains have stopped in Seoul and heavy rain warnings were lifted for the capital city and Gyeonggi on 30 August 2018.

Source: Yonhap News Agency (2018, Aug 30). *Another man killed as downpours hit Gyeonggi region.*

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