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Cambodia

There were floods due to heavy rains in the city of Battambang but the situation is not so serious. The Ministry of Water Resources reported that heavy rains also occurred in the districts of Thmar Koul, Banan, Ratanak Mondol and Moung Russey but there is no flood yet. Besides, at least 23 houses were hit by floods in Sala Krao district of Pailin province, urging authorities to evacuate villagers. Cambodia will experience rainfall whereas provinces along the central lowlands are expected to be flooded. Due to the National Committee for Disaster Management, 52 people have been died in recent floods nationwide.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Sep 26). *Heavy rains cause floods in Battambang.*

Indonesia

Earthquake and tsunami caused 1,234 deaths, 632 injuries, 99 missing and 61, 867 evacuees in Sulawesi since 28 September 2018. The affected areas were Palu city and regencies of Donggala, Parigi Moutong and Sigi. Those evacuees were staying in 109 evacuation sites with expected rising figures. The government of Indonesia through BNPB and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have welcomed offers of international assistances. For responding

to disasters, there were search and rescue operations, emergency medical teams and coordination of assistances offered by the humanitarian partners for initial needs.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Oct 2). *Situation Update No. 4 – M 7.4 Earthquake & Tsunami Sulawesi, Indonesia.*

Indonesia has declared that it will accept foreign aid following the deadly earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Central Sulawesi. The President Jokowi gave authorisation to accept international help for urgent disaster responses and was preparing presidential instruction to accept foreign aid whereas a number of countries have pledged to offer assistance. South Korea has offered financial assistance and is considering deploying search and rescue team to the area. Meanwhile, the European Union also gave financial assistances and deployed humanitarian experts to areas for coordinating relief efforts.

Source: The Jakarta Post (2018, Oct 1). *Jokowi declares Indonesia open to foreign aid for Sulawesi earthquake.*

The National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) reported that the state of emergency was declared for 14 days by the Central Sulawesi administration following an earthquake and tsunami.

The state of emergency was declared from 28 September to 11 October 2018 for the governments to mobilise personnel as well as resources for the needs of the affected people. According to the Central Sulawesi Governor, the joint disaster mitigation team was stationed at the military headquarters in the provincial capital of Palu. There will also be coordination posts Palu, Donggala, Sigi and Parigi Mouton cities. The BNPB will assist regional administration during the emergency period especially in relation to disaster fund usage. The government pledged 37.6 million USD in relief funds. The amount might be increased to meet the future needs for aid and infrastructure reconstruction.

Source: The Jakarta Post (2018, Sep 30). *C. Sulawesi declares 14-day emergency period after earthquake, tsunami.*

Thailand

The government of Thailand has assured the public of its readiness to handle earthquakes and tsunamis. The government also reminds people that the water situations has yet to be completely resolved and urges citizens to follow the reports of the Department of Meteorology. Due to the Deputy Prime Minister, General Chatchai Sarikalya, the Office of National Water Resources is working to manage the water supplies systematically for drought season.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Oct 1). *DPM gives assurances over govt handling of water, earthquake dangers.*

The Office of the National Water Resources (ONWR) is keeping a close watch on possible downpours as well as strong winds expected early this week. According to the ONWR Deputy Secretary-General, Thailand is currently facing less rain but the upper region is still expected to see thunderstorms and gusty winds. The ONWR is particularly concerned of dams with current water storage lower than 30 per cent of their capacity. This means that people in such areas may have problems after a rainy season ends. The ONWR has already reviewed the water storage criteria for reservoirs in the Central region and in the North for agreeing on increasing the surveillance level from 80 per cent to 95 per cent of capacity. Relevant agencies were assigned to list all dams with current storage of less than 60 per cent to devise an artificial rain making plan.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Oct 1). *ONWR alert to heavy downpours and gusty winds.*

Viet Nam

More breakthrough solutions are needed to help farmers in the Mekong Delta to cope with unpredictably rising water levels. Floods by heavy rains and water of the Mekong river have been rising at the alarming levels in 2018, inundating thousands of hectares of rice and crops and causing losses for farmers in Mekong Delta provinces. In An Giang province, some 8,000 out of 111,000 hectares of rice

Philippines

The storm named “Kong-rey” is expected to enter the Philippines and likely to follow in the same track with Typhoon Trami. The location of Kong-rey is estimated at 1,445 kilometres east of the Visayas. This has intensified further into a severe tropical storm while moving west and northwestward. It could reach typhoon category during its peak intensity when coming inside the country’s vicinity. Kong-rey will bring cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms over the Eastern Visayas. Meanwhile, Metro Manila and the rest of the country will have partly cloudy skies with isolated rain showers due to thunderstorms. People are advised to remain alert for possible flash floods or landslides from thunderstorms. The storm will move outside the country from 6 to 7 October 2018.

Source: Manila Bulletin (2018, Oct 1). *New cyclone to enter PAR.*

As of 30 September 2018, it was reported that Typhoon Mangkhut totally led to 68 deaths, 138 injuries, 2 missing and around 2.9 million affected people from 713,004 families in Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, National Capital Region, Central Luzon, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). Of the affected people, 15,578 people were being served by the evacuation centres. A total of 201,636 damaged houses was from Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon and CAR. Classes, flights and power supplies have already resumed their operations. The cost of damages was totally estimated at around 33.7 billion peso (622.8 USD) on infrastructure and agriculture together with 171,932 affected farmers in CAR. Under Proclamation No. 593 dated 25 September 2018, the President declares a state of calamity in the regions of Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon and CAR. The assistances were provided by related units to affected regions.

* 1 USD = 54.10 philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Sep 30). *SitRep No. 50 re Preparedness Measures and Effects for Typhoon “OMPONG” (I.N. “MANGKHUT”)*

are located outside the dyke system and at flood risks. In Dong Thap province, 150 hectares of crops outside dyke-protected areas have been submerged. Many dykes are likely to be affected by floods, forcing farmers to make early harvest. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development targets restructuring agricultural production in the Mekong Delta to be suitable with climate change and floodwaters.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Sep 27). *Measures needed to help Mekong Delta farmers cope with floods.*

P.R. China

China's central government has distributed funds totaling 210 million yuan (30.5 million USD) to Guangdong province and Guangxi Zhuang region after being hit by Typhoon Mangkhut.

According to the Ministry of Emergency Management, the funds will be used for relocation, emergency livelihood support and rebuilding damaged homes. Some 3 million people were affected by the super typhoon which landed on the coast of the city of Jiangmen in Guangdong on 16 September 2018. China's disaster relief authorities launched a level IV emergency response in the areas and sent multiple workgroups to assist with local disaster relief work.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Sep 30). *China allocates 210 m yuan to typhoon-hit areas.*

Typhoon Trami, had forced over 2,000 residents of the eastern China's Fujian province to be evacuated. Due to the National Meteorological Centre, Trami was moving northeast to Japan at a speed of 25 kilometres per hour at sea, packing winds of up to 180 kilometres per hour near its centre. The province's flood control headquarters has initiated an emergency response by orders 268 fishing boats to take shelter as well as 2,282 residents to evacuate. In addition, 19 offshore tourist spots and construction sites have been shut down so far.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Sep 29). *Over 2,000 relocated in Fujian as Typhoon Trami approaches.*

Japan

Typhoon Trami caused 3 deaths and injured about 200 people due to the officials. Dead people were reported from Tottori, Yamanashi and Kyoto prefectures. One missing people were also reported in Miyazaki prefecture. Typhoon Trami led to fierce winds and torrential rain to many areas that had already been battered by a string of recent extreme weather episodes. Its strength forced the public transportation to shut down services on 30 September 2018 across central, eastern and western Japan while the airlines also cancelled the flights. Some 450,000 households in Tokyo and vicinity had been hit by power outages whereas around 860,000 households in the Tokai area and 57,000 households in the northeastern Japan and Niigata prefecture were left without power, as well. Typhoon Trami moved through the archipelago on 1 October 2018 before weakening into depression at the east of Hokkaido. The weather officials still warned of potential floods and landslides. Advisories on non-compulsory evacuation were also issued, leading about 36,000 people nationwide to take shelter on 30 September 2018.

Source: The Japan Times (2018, Oct 1). *Three reported dead and around 200 hurt as Typhoon Trami hammers Japan.*

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