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Indonesia

The National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) has warned the public to increase vigilance against landslides during rainy season. This is resulted from 3 dead people in East Salalejo, Negekeo regency, East Nusa Tenggara province on 12 November 2018. Apart from the deaths, landslides affected 22 people and buried 5 houses. Meanwhile, landslides also hit Sukamayu Mohili village in Nias regency of North Sumatra province, leading to 1 death and 6 buried persons. The joint search and rescue team is still conducting a search. The BNPB called on residents and regional administrations to be more alert to danger of landslides by consulting the landslide risk map created by the Geological Agency of the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry. Furthermore, the BNPB reported that, between 2015 and 2017, landslides caused more fatalities than any other types of natural disaster, with 1,674 incidents resulting in 463 deaths. Millions of people are also at risk of landslides.

Source: The Jakarta Post (2018, Nov 13). *Govt warns residents of 'deadly' landslides.*

Malaysia

The Department of Irrigation and Drainage of Kelantan state will continue monitoring the level of main rivers as authorities and residents prepare for an anticipated second round of monsoonal floods. The Department reported that staff are closely watching major rivers but only Sungai Golok in Rantau Panjang has risen slightly so far. However, rainfall has eased including in rural areas of the state over the past few days. There is only small chance that big floods will hit Kelantan because most of the monsoonal rains seem to have been reduced during the first wave of flood last week. That flood struck several areas on 5 November 2018 but no residents was evacuated. Many low-lying areas in Rantau Panjang were inundated. In the meantime, the villagers living along Sungai Golok river including those in Kampung Terusan have begun building a small bridge and hut to prepare for the second round of floods.

Source: New Straits Times (2018, Nov 11). *DID monitors Kelantan rivers as 2nd round of flooding looms.*

Philippines

Due to the new low-pressure area at the East of General Santos city, South Cotabato province, rainy week will be in Mindanao. The low-pressure area is expected to traverse the southern island and may develop to a tropical depression after emerging from the Sulu sea. It will bring moderate to occasional heavy rains over provinces such as Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Bukidnon and Zamboanga del Sur. Light to moderate rains and thunderstorms will be across South Cotabato, Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. It will be called "Samuel" which is the 19th storm in 2018 if it develops into a storm. Those living near river channels and in low-lying and mountainous areas are warned to take extra precaution against possible floods

and landslides. Meanwhile, the cold front will bring cloudy skies and scattered rain showers and thunderstorms across Metro Manila, Palawan, Albay and the rest of the country.

Source: Manila Bulletin (2018, Nov 12). *Rainy week ahead in Mindanao.*

Due to Typhoon Yutu, there were 20 deaths, 2 injuries as well as 257,643 affected people across Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas and Cordillera Administrative Region as of 11 November 2018. Of the affected, 315 people are served inside evacuation centres. In total, Typhoon Yutu damaged 26,598 houses and caused 2.9 billion peso (55 million USD) of agricultural damages. Typhoon Yutu also caused suspension of classes and government works as well as flight cancellation and interrupted power supplies across mentioned regions. The state of calamity has been declared in municipalities of Mayoyao and Lamut in Ifugao province and Barlig municipality in Mountain province. The assistances were provided by related government units to the affected regions already.

* 1 USD = 52.92 philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Nov 11). *SitRep No. 20 re Preparedness Measures and Effects for Typhoon "ROSITA" (I.N. YUTU).*

Singapore

A heavy downpour caused flash floods in the several parts of Singapore including along a stretch of the Kallang-Paya Lebar Expressway (KPE) on 11 November 2018. This situation came after flash floods hit parts of Choa Chu Kang and Bukit Batok in the western part, prompting the national water agency PUB to send the officers for investigation and for assistance. Flash floods were in the Lorong 23 Geylang and the KPE to the Pan-Island Expressway in the direction of Changi. Flood risks were also reported in other locations. The levels of water in drainage system such as Yuan

Ching road, Sime Darby Centre and Lorong Chuan were at least 90% during downpour. The Meteorological Service Singapore said that the country is facing inter-monsoon conditions since October 2018. The first two weeks of November 2018 are expected to be wetter than in the previous fortnight. Moderate to thundery showers are forecast as well.

Source: The Straits Times (2018, Nov 12). *Reports of high flood risk in other locations as well.*

Thailand

Prime Minister General Prayuth Chan-ocha is concerned about weather situation in the South and has directed agencies to help victims as a matter of urgency. Flood situations were concerned in southern provinces such as Prachuap Khiri Khan due to heavy rains causing flood damages in many places. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Department also recently issued a warning concerning many areas including Phetchaburi, Chumpon and Surat Thani. The prime minister ordered keeping track of the situation and commanded the Ministry of Interior to cooperate with military officers for evacuation. Local governments were told to be prepared to alleviate the suffering and to relocate people living close to surging water to safer places. The public was asked to follow the government news. The Water Resources Management Centre was ordered to monitor and survey water levels in other areas due to incoming dry season affecting agricultural activities in the Northeast.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Nov 10). *PM concerned about water situation.*

Southern provinces of Chumpon and Prachuap Khiri Khan are battered by floods caused by rainfall. Due to the official report, districts of Lang Suan, Thung Tako, Sawi, Pathio, Muang, Tha Sae and Lamae in Chumpon were flooded. A total of 1,204 households are in need of assistance while the overflowing Chumpon Canal has

flooded 2 km of the Phet Kasem road. The army are evacuating people in the flooded areas to safer locations. Water pumps have been installed and survival kits have been distributed. In Prachuap Khiri Khan, four districts were submerged whereas Chang Raek bridge has been forced to close the traffic temporarily. People are advised to stay vigilant including those living in areas that are not prone to floods as heavy rains are expected to come over the weekend.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Nov 10). *Heavy rains trigger flooding in Chumphon. Prachuap Khiri Khan.*

Viet Nam

The central region must act fast over anti-erosion fears and ensure the future plan due to the Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc. The prime minister pointed that maintaining the existing lands and carrying out land reclamation are the critical tasks because the central region is thin stretch of land. Protecting lives of local people, properties and cultural heritages as well as minimizing damages to the affected areas are prioritised. Based on the report from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 13 provinces and cities of the central region from Nghe An to Binh Thuan account for 1,700 km coastline with dense concentration of rivers and streams. The local governments showed that there were a total of 88 erosions with combined length of 120 km dotted along the central coastline. Quang Ngai province suffers the most with 21 affected areas with 35 km of length.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Nov 8). *Central coastal erosion demand short and long-term attention: PM.*

P.R. China

The authorities of flood control in Garze prefecture in Sichuan province warned of danger on 11 November 2018 as a lake, formed by mud blocking the

Jinsha river, is expected to discharge a flood early in the next morning. Local authorities declared the second-highest emergency response to alert people from rising water levels after the discharge while a repair crew was evacuated from the lake already. Vulnerable areas including Garze prefecture in Sichuan and Changda in Tibet autonomous region will evacuate all people and vehicles. Entering into these areas is forbidden until the end of the emergency response. A total of 34,200 people have been evacuated along the river in Sichuan and Tibet whereas there were inundated farmhouse and bridge in Jinsha township. Moreover, 52 barns as well as farms and roads suffered damages while 25 families' houses, the township government building, school and clinic are under flood threat.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Nov 11). *Authorities alert danger ahead from flood discharge.*

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