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Indonesia

Heavy downpours caused floods and landslide in many areas of Indonesia on 29 January 2019. The landslide occurred in Mengening Village, Buleleng Regency, the northern part of Bali.

There were four people died after the landslide buried a house while 16 people were injured.

Meanwhile, the floods were caused by an overflow of the Bukit Gading Raya Boulevard river hit four areas in Kelapa Gading North Jakarta.

As of 30 January 2019, people were able to use the roads. Vehicles were forced to seek alternative routes to avoid the floods and the traffic.

Source: Flood List. (2019, Jan 30). *Indonesia – Deadly Landslide in Bali*; The Jakarta Post. (2019, Jan 30). *Floods hit North Jakarta*.

The final count of victims in the Central Sulawesi disaster had claimed 4,340 people. According to Central Sulawesi Governor, the last count is 4,340 lives. Almost half of the victims, 2,141 occurred in Palu, where was the most effected by disaster, while 289 bodies were found in

Sigi regency, 212 in Donggala regency, and 15 in Parigi Moutong regency. There are 667 people missing and another 1,016 bodies were unidentifiable. Until present, some of the survivors of the disasters still live in shelters.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, Jan 30). *Central Sulawesi disasters killed 4,340 people, final count reveals*.

The Mount Merapi volcano in Yogyakarta has being spewing hot ash for the past few days. The monitoring post first recorded hot ash emissions on Tuesday evening, 29 January 2019.

The authorities set the alert level at caution, the second-highest level in the four-tiered alert system in the country on 22 May 2018. However, the authorities would maintain the volcano's alert level and would not immediately upgrade it to a higher level.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, Jan 31). *Merapi volcano spews hot ash*.

Within a week, powerful earthquakes of 6.1 magnitude rocked the Indonesian island twice. The earthquake hit at a depth of 10 kilometers in the Mentawai island region in West Sumatra province on 2 February 2019 and later in North Sumatra province on 5 February 2019.

The quakes were felt very strongly in those areas. However, there were no reports of damage and casualties and no tsunami warnings issued.

Source: The Straits Time. (2019, Feb 2). *Strong 6.1-magnitude quake rocks western Indonesia*; Xinhua. (2019, Feb 2). *6.1 magnitude earthquake strikes off western Indonesia, not potential for tsunami*; Anadolu Agency. (2019, Feb 5). *Powerful earthquake hits Indonesia*.

Philippines

A magnitude 4.0 earthquake struck Western Davao on Tuesday, 5 February 2019. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), the quake hit 36 kilometers southwest of Sarangani at 12:25 p.m. (local time) at a depth of 174 kilometers.

There have been no reports of damage or aftershocks.

Recently, several areas in the Philippines were shaken by the quakes in different magnitudes without prior signs.

Source: Inquirer.net. (2019, Feb 5). *Earthquake shakes Davao Occidental*; Philippine news. (2019, Feb 5). *4.0 Magnitude Earthquake Hits Davao*.

China

An earthquake with 5.2 magnitude jolted Tacheng city in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

The quake struck at 5:54 a.m. (local time) at a depth of 16 kilometers, according to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC).

The quake was felt in several cities, and many houses were damaged in the Kizbeyit village, which is located about 30 kilometers from the epicenter Qaxa Township. However, no casualties have been reported.

Source: China.org.cn. (2019, Feb 2). *5.2-magnitude quake hits Xinjiang, no casualties*.

Japan

On Tuesday, 5 February 2019, a winter storm hit northern island of Hokkaido.

The snow caused more than 100 train services to cancel following the cancellation of 102 on a day before.

Some traffic accidents occurred due to a low pressure system bringing heavy snow and blizzard conditions to the island.

The blizzard dropped 35 centimeters of snow on Horokanai town and 28 centimeters on Bibai city on Monday, 4 February 2019.

The Meteorological Agency has warned, the storm could bring breeze of up to 126 kilometers per hour and generate waves of

up to 5 meters around Hokkaido and north-eastern Japan.

Source: The Straits Times. (2019, Feb 5). *Snowstorm batters Japan's Hokkaido, causes transport cancellations*.

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