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Cambodia

Strong winds hit Preah Vihear province.

The strong winds damaged 55 houses in Choam Khsan district of Preah Vihear province on 24 April 2019. However, there was no report of casualties.

Recently, this district has been struck by the storms with strong winds. The local authorities, therefore, has alerted people to be careful.

Source: Khmer Times. (2019, Apr 26). *Strong winds destroy 55 houses.*

Indonesia

Heavy rainfall caused devastating floods and landslides in Indonesia. As of 29 April 2019, the death toll from floods and landslides in Indonesia's western provinces Bengkulu and Lampung as well as the capital of Jakarta rose to nearly 40 while a dozen more are still missing.

Bengkulu province was the hardest hit by floods and landslides on 26 April 2019, caused 29 people died and more than 12,000 people evacuated to stay in temporary shelters and infrastructures in the province were destroyed.

Meanwhile, a landslide triggered by heavy rain also struck Sumatra's Lampung

province on 27 April 2019, killing six people and disrupting transportation.

Flooding in parts of the capital Jakarta during this week also killed at least two people and more than 2,000 were forced to leave their homes.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, Apr 29). *Floods in Indonesia kill 31, dozen missing*; The Jakarta Post. (2019, Apr 29). *Death toll in Bengkulu floods, landslides climbs to 29*; Xinhua. (2019, Apr 29). *Death toll from Indonesia's floods, landslides climbs to 31.*

Philippines

An earthquake of 5.5 magnitudes struck the southern Philippines. Surigao del Norte province in the southern Philippines was hit by a 5.5-magnitude quake at 1:26 p.m. (local time) on 26 April 2019.

The tremor was detected at a depth of 11 kilometres and it was felt in Gingoog City, Surigao City and also in Mindanao region in the southern Philippines.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology also detected at least 21 aftershocks, including a 5-magnitude tremor which struck at 2:04 p.m. (local time) at a depth of 3 kilometres.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Apr 26). *Magnitude-5.5 earthquake rattles southern Philippines.*

Thailand

Storms hit many parts of Thailand within this week. Strong winds and hailstones battered Bangkok, affecting many flights at Don Mueang Airport between 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (local time) on 25 April 2019.

There were two flights diverted to nearby airports while 18 flights were delayed, causing a total of 3,000 passengers stranded in the airport.

Meanwhile, approximately 50 houses in three villages in Ratchaburi province were destroyed by summer storms on 26 April 2019, and another 30 houses in 15 villages were also damaged by the storms on 28 April 2019.

Nong Phan Chan Tambon Administration Organisation (TAO) inspected the damage to provide assistance to the affected villagers

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, Apr 25). *Summer storm, small hailstones in northern Bangkok*; Bangkok Post. (2019, Apr 28). *50 houses in Ratchaburi damaged by summer storms.*

China

Thunderstorm and heavy rains hit many parts of China. On 24 April 2019, severe thunderstorms and hail swept through Wenzhou of Zhejiang Province in eastern China, causing about 20 people were injured, including students of Wenzhou Vocational & Technical College and recruiters.

The injured people were provided treatment however, there was no report of other damages.

Meanwhile, torrential rain hit southern China's Guangzhou on 27 April 2019.

As of 4:00 p.m. (local time), a total of 120 flights were cancelled. There were 89 outbound flights delayed at the Baiyun International Airport and 36 incoming flights forced to land at other airports.

According to the Provincial Meteorological Observatory, the rainstorms also hit northern Guangdong province and the Pearl River Delta region within this week.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Apr 24). *20 injured after thunderstorm, hail hit east China*; Xinhua. (2019, Apr 27). *Torrential rain affects flights in Guangzhou.*

Japan

A 5.6-magnitude earthquake jolted Hokkaido Prefecture on 28 April 2019.

According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, the quake occurred at 2:25 a.m. (local time) at a depth of 110 kilometres. Its centre was in the Tokachi-chiho Nambu region.

The earthquake logged 4 on Japan's seismic scale which peaks at 7, but no tsunami warning was issued.

As a result of the quake, there was no report of damages or injuries.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Apr 28). *5.6-magnitude quake strikes Japan's Hokkaido Prefecture, no tsunami warning issued.*

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