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Indonesia

Massive landslides occurred in the northern part of Sulawesi during Idul Fitri (a religious holiday). Landslides cut off the main road connecting Palu, Gorontalo and Manado and disrupted transportation to the mining site in Morowali.

Due to the constant rainfall, at least four points of the trans-Sulawesi toll road, including Tawaeli-Toboli, Parigi-Moutong, Luwuk-Baturube and Bungku, on the border of Central and Southeast Sulawesi, were affected by heavy floods.

In the meantime, temporary evacuation centres were established in northern Sulawesi for people who have lost their houses.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, June 16). *Landslide cut off access to cities, nickel mine in northern Sulawesi.*

Malaysia

Heavy downpour hit Penampang city causing flash floods in several areas. On 13 June 2019, heavy rains triggered flooding in low-lying areas of Penampang city.

Flash floods made a sinkhole with at least 4 metres in length, 6 metres wide and

between 2.5-3 metres deep. The floods also hit various roads and villages. Some villagers moved to higher ground, but some chose to stay in their homes while vehicles were submerged by floodwaters.

According to the Sabah Fire and Rescue Department, an evacuation centre was readied for evacuation even no one had been moved yet. In the meantime, the Kota Kinabalu City Hall activated its call centre to monitor the flood situations at its area.

Source: The Star. (2019, June 13). *Heavy rains cause floods, sinkhole near Penampang;* Daily Express. (2019, June 14). *Heavy rain causes floods, sinkhole in Penampang.*

China

Floods hit the eastern China's province. Flash floods following a heavy downpour struck Jiangxi province on 13 June 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (local time). As a result of incident, approximately three million residents were affected with 229,000 relocated and 120,000 in urgent need of aids.

Additionally, the floods also affected 208,700 hectares of crops and 3,918 houses. Meanwhile, the economic losses were estimated to reach 8.78 billion yuan (about 1.27 billion USD).

The provincial authorities sent relief material to the disaster-hit areas while the provincial government allocated six million yuan (about 866,000 USD) in disaster relief funds.

*1 USD= 6.9052 CNY

Source: Xinhua. (2019, June 15). *Floods leave 12 dead, 3 missing in eastern China province.*

A 6.0-magnitude earthquake struck Sichuan province. The earthquake hit Changning country of Yibin in Sichuan province on 10 June 2019 at 10:55 p.m. (local time).

According to the China Earthquake Networks Center, the epicentre hit at a depth of 16 kilometres. The quake totally collapsed 73 houses and damaged other 19 houses. A total of direct economic losses was up to 10.82 million yuan (about 1.57 million USD).

As of 18 June 2019, the death toll rose to 13 people and 200 people were injured while nearly 4,500 people were evacuated.

President Xi Jinping ordered full efforts in relief and rescue work to ensure the safety of people's lives and properties.

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Source: China Daily. (2019, June 18). *Magnitude 6 earthquake strikes Sichuan, kill 13.*

Japan

A 6.7-magnitude earthquake hit northeast Japan. The quake struck the area at 10:22 p.m. (local time) on 18 June 2019 following a tsunami alert which later was called off. Only small 10-centimetre ripples were recorded.

At least 26 people were injured. The official also warned that the bad weather was forecasted in the region. Thus, it might be caused landslides.

Regarding infrastructures, bullet train services in the region were immediately stopped for the safety while all nuclear power plants still operated normally.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told that his government would be on maximum alert to prepare for possible rescue operations in the region.

Source: Japan Today. (2019, June 19). *M6.7 quake strikes off northeast Japan; at least 26 injured.*

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