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Cambodia

Heavy rainstorms struck three provinces and damaged a total of 3,190 houses while two people were injured.

According to a spokesman for the National Committee for Disaster Management, the rainstorms occurred in three provinces namely Svay Rieng, Prey Veng and Kandal with damaged 2,301 houses, 859 houses 30 houses respectively.

The Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology already predicted of storms occurring in the southwest of Cambodia, starting from Phnom Penh to Prey Veng province, Svay Rieng province and the coastal area. The spokesman said that the provinces located in the southwest would be affected by the storms during these few days.

Source: Khmer Times. (2019, June 24). *Two injured, thousands of homes damages.*

Indonesia

A 6.3-magnitude earthquake hit Papua, the province in eastern Indonesia.

The quake at a depth of 12 kilometres jolted about 250 kilometres west of the town of Abepura in Papua province on 20 June 2019 at 12:46 a.m. (local time).

In Abepura province, the quake was felt weakly. Most people did not notice it.

A resident said she stayed at home with felt nothing during the quake and saw no one ran out from their home.

However, there was not report of casualties after the earthquake.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, June 20). *6.3-magnitude earthquake rocks Papua.*

Thailand

Farmers in Prathai district in Nakhon Ratchasima province have suffered from the severe drought. More than 200,000 rai (32,000 hectares) of rice fields have faced severe drought with no rain for a long period.

Although farmers in the area had a groundwater-pump to keep rice plants alive and growing, they were worried if the drought still hits their crops, it would be a cause of crops losses.

Moreover, most of the natural water resources in the district have dried up while many of the reservoirs are at a low level of water.

*1 rai= 0.16 hectare

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, June 23). *Korat hit by severe drought.*

Viet Nam

A summer heat hit the central and northern regions in Viet Nam. According to the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (NCHMF), the average temperature was around 36 to 39 degrees Celsius but the temperature on 22 June 2019 was up to 39 degrees Celsius in the north and 41 degrees Celsius in the central localities respectively.

The NCHMF warned people to beware of dehydration, exhaustion and heat stroke.

At least 15 hectares were burned down in the central province of Nghe due to dry weather while the increasing number of children admitted to the Yen Bai Obstetrics and Pediatrics Hospital with heat-related illnesses.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2019, June 23). *Central region continues to suffer summer heat.*

Downpours and floods since 23 June 2019 hit Lai Chau and neighbouring provinces causing the many of damages. In the northern mountainous province of Lai Chau, as of 25 June 2019 at 6:00 a.m. (local time), one person died while three people have been missing. Seven houses were swept away by floods, along with 46 hectares of rice and crops. Total economic losses in Lai Chau were estimated more than 21 billion VND (901,770USD).

Meanwhile, floods submerged 24 houses in Lao Cai province and damaged one suspension bridge in Sa Pa district along with several roads and irrigation works.

The Central Steering Committee on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control instructed the northern provinces to deploy unit to look for the missing and provide support to affected households.

*1 USD = 23,298 VND

Source: Vietnam Plus. (2019, June 25). *Heavy rain, floods wreak havoc in northern mountainous localities.*

China

An earthquake of 5.4 magnitudes struck Gongxian. On 22 June 2019 at 10:29 p.m. (local time), the quake jolted Gongxian country in Southwest China's Sichuan province at a depth of 10 kilometres.

As of 23 June 2019, 31 people were confirmed injured after the quake. However, none of them was in critical situation. Meanwhile, a house in Yuchi Village collapsed and a village road was disrupted by the quake.

More than 40 rescuers were deployed to help people in the area. They rushed to send the injured to hospital.

Source: China.org.cn. (2019, June 23). *19 injured in Sichuan 5.4-magnitude quake*; Xinhua. (2019, June 23). *China Focus: 31 injured in Sichuan 5.4- magnitude quake.*

Heavy downpours hit several districts of Guizhou province in China. According to local emergency management authorities, the floods hit 17 countries and districts in Guizhou.

It affected a total of 455,700 residents and damaged 11,500 hectares of crops. Direct economic losses were estimated at 776.5 million yuan (about 113.86 million USD). Regarding the report on 23 June 2019 as of 4:00 p.m. (local time), three people died caused by floods while three have been missing.

The Guizhou's provincial finance department and emergency management distributed tents, clothes, quilts, folding beds and other relief supplies to the affected residents in the area.

*1 USD= 6.88 CNY

Source: Xinhua. (2019, June 23). *3 dead, 3 missing in rain-triggered southwest China floods.*

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