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Indonesia

There were two strong earthquakes happening in Indonesia this week. A 7.3-magnitude earthquake struck the remote Maluku island on 15 July 2019 at 6:28 p.m. (local time), according to the US Geological Survey while thousands of people were forced to relocated.

In south Halmahera district, the closest area to the epicentre, around 160 houses collapsed. A woman was confirmed dead while approximately 2,000 people had been displaced while two bridges had also been damaged by the quake.

Furthermore, 66 aftershocks had been recorded. Some people in South Halmahera were still taking refuge on higher ground due to a fear of tsunami.

In the following day, according to the Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation Center (PVMBG), a 5.8-magnitude earthquake at a depth of 65 kilometres hit Nusa Dua, Bali island at 8:18 a.m. (local time).

The quake affected neighbouring coastal city Banyuwangi, resulting in two people were injured. Over 72 houses, four school buildings and three mosques were affected.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, July 16). *Nusa Dua earthquake affects buildings, residents in Banyuwangi*; The Jakarta Post. (2019, July 16). *Nusa Dua earthquake: Rock*

sediment triggers strong jolts; CNA. (2019, July 15). *Thousands evacuated after 7.3-magnitude quake in Indonesia's Maluku kills at least 2*.

Myanmar

The Rakhine ethnic refugees have been moved to safer places due to the severe downpours. According to the Rakhine Ethnic Congress, approximately 16,000 Rakhine refugees from 15 camps in Mrauk-U, Minbya, Kyauktaw and Ponnagyun townships have moved to safer places because the rain that has started since earlier July caused floods at those camps on 13 July 2019.

In addition, people from two refugee camps in Kachin state also moved to relief camps.

Although the river level in Myitkyina declined from the danger zone, river levels in other cities, such as Taungngu, Maduck, Paletwa, Kyauktaw and Mrauk-U were still above the danger zone.

Source: Myanmar Times. (2019, July 16). *Floods force 16,000 Rakhine refugees to move to safer places*.

Philippines

A 5.8-magnitude earthquake struck the northeast coast of Mindanao island. According to the US Geological Service, the quake hit at a depth of 11.8 kilometres on 13 July 2019 at 4:42 a.m. (local time), followed by seven less intense aftershocks.

The impact of the earthquake was also felt in four neighboring towns. Many people ran away from their homes.

Several constructions were damaged while there were 51 injured in this disaster. Meanwhile, patients in Madrid District Hospital were evacuated to a safer area.

Source: CNA. (2019, July 13). *51 injured as quake rocks southern Philippines*.

Viet Nam

Heavy downpours hit the northern mountainous province of Cao Bang. The rain fell for three days since 13 July 2019 triggering floods in many areas. Over 918 houses and nearly 1,000 hectares of rice and vegetables in the province were affected.

The rain and flooding also damage several roads across the province, especially in Quang Uyen district while the National Highway No.3 was blocked because of high water levels in the river and a collapsed bridge.

Local authorities deployed staff to help people evacuate and provided equipment to remove soil and stones from roads to resume the normal traffic.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2019, July 15). *900 homes, 1,000ha of crops flooded in Cao Bang.*

China

A yellow alert for floods was issued in 10 provincial-level regions of Jiangxi, Hunan and Guangxi. The Ministry of Water Resources gave a flood warning in Qinghai, Gansu, Ningxia, Inner Mongolia, Guangxi, Guangdong, Jiangxi, Hunan, Anhui and Jiangsu

According to the Department of Flood and Drought Disaster Prevention of the ministry. Floods hit the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River, the upper reaches of the Yellow River and the Xijiang River in the Pearl River basin.

Moreover, the recent heavy rainfall caused floods in the upper reaches of the Yellow River and flew in the Lanzhou section of the main stream. It has exceeded the warning level.

The ministry also upgraded the flood and drought disaster prevention level on 10 July 2019 and sent more working groups to affected areas.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, July 11). *Floods put 10 provinces, region on alert.*

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