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Indonesia

The seven districts in the western and northern Jakarta were forecasted to face drought. The Jakarta Water Resources Agency issued a warning for the seven districts, namely Kalideres, Cengkareng and Kembangan in the western Jakarta and Cilincing, Penjaringan, Pademangan and Koja in the northern Jakarta as those areas would be at risk of experiencing drought in the upcoming week.

According to the head of the agency, the administration would cooperate with the water company to distribute water to the drought areas.

The agency has not yet received any report of water shortage; however, it warned people to save water throughout the dry season.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, August 25). *Seven districts in West, North Jakarta prone to drought.*

Philippines

A tropical storm Bailu struck the province of Ilocos Norte. The storm, on 24 August 2019, brought torrential rains to the province of Ilocos Norte of the Philippines causing massive floods in the province.

At least two people died and the other two were injured. According to the Ilocos Norte Governor, more than 18,000 people or 4,595 families were affected by heavy rains and floods, while damages of infrastructure and agriculture stood at P231.62 million (4.43 million USD).

The Laoag city and the municipal Vintar, the hard-hit areas by flooding, were declared as state of calamity. Simultaneously, other parts of Ilocos Norte province also experienced floods.

*1 USD = 52.46 PHP

Source: The Rappler. (2019, August 24). *Ilocos Norte under state of calamity due to Ineng.*

Thailand

All eastern and Andaman coastal provinces were placed on flood and runoff alert. The alert was issued by the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department over the possibility of flash floods and rapid currents from mountainous areas on 26 August 2019.

Kanchanaburi, Ratchaburi, Phetchaburi, and Prachuap Khiri Khan were on the watch list.

During 24 – 25 August 2019, heavy rains struck in the northern and northeastern regions causing floods in nine provinces.

The Meteorological Department on 26 August 2019 also warned of flooding and runoff in all areas close to the mountains where downpours took place. Landslides were also possible to occur in the areas where soils are no longer absorb rainwater.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, August 26). *Eastern, Andaman provinces on flood and runoff alerts.*

China

Heavy downpours and mudslides hit southwest China's Sichuan. The death toll has risen to 12, while 26 people have been missing after torrential downpours and landslides battered Wenchuan Country, Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture.

A total of 95,500 tourists in Wenchuan, as well as other countries, were evacuated to the safety zone.

Heavy downpours and mudslides also hit Songpan Country damaging some roads and leaving a large number of passengers stranded in the area.

The prefecture arranged buses and private vehicles to evacuate tourists immediately after the disaster occurred. In the meantime, search and rescue efforts are still underway.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, August 23). *12 dead, 26 missing as rain batters southwest China.*

Typhoon Bailu made landfalls in East China. According to the Fujian's flood control and drought relief headquarter, there were 14,012 people evacuated from aquatic farms. The authorities also closed 149 seaside scenic spots, while 1,318 construction sites were out of safety concern. About 9,926 fishing vessels were recalled to the harbour as they prepared for the coming Typhoon Bailu.

In addition, the typhoon halted ferry services between Xiamen and Kinmen in Taiwan, and between Pingtan and Taiwan's Taichung. A total of 124 flights were cancelled at Xiamen airport.

South China's Guangdong province launched a level-IV emergency response, the lowest level, for strong winds. The provincial agriculture and rural affairs department issued a notice requesting fishing vessels in related waters to return to the harbour for shelter. The Guangdong Power Grid Corporation has deployed more than 300 power generation vehicles and over 400 sets of satellite communication equipment for emergency repair.

Source: China Daily. (2019, August 25). *Typhoon Bailu makes landfall in East China;*

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