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Indonesia

A tornado swept through East Java. The tornado struck three different villages in Batu City, East Java over the weekend, causing one person died and more than 1,200 people displaced.

Three affected villages were Sumber Brantas, Gunungsari, and Sumbergondo. About 20 houses were ravaged by the tornado while telecommunication and electricity networks were reportedly damaged.

A joint team of police and military officers were deployed to those three affected villages to safeguard vacant houses.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, Oct 21). *One dead, thousands displaced by East Java tornado.*

Philippines

A powerful earthquake hit several southern Philippine provinces. A magnitude 6.3 earthquake shook the southern Philippines causing landslides in some areas of the country. As of 17 October 2019, the death toll rose to five while nearly 80 people were injured.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council has yet to release an official count of the casualties and damages from the tremor.

According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), the quake struck at 7:37 p.m. (local time) on 16 October 2019, at a depth of 2 kilometres and about 23 kilometres southwest of Makilala. More than 200 aftershocks were recorded after the tremor struck the area.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Oct 17). *Death toll from Philippine earthquake rises to 5.*

Viet Nam

Torrential rain has destroyed thousands of houses in central province of Nghe An. The continuous rain has caused severe floods since 15 October 2019. More than 5,000 houses were submerged while almost 3,000 hectares of vegetable farms were destroyed.

The national highway and many roads were blocked by floods and landslides. Approximately 700 households were evacuated from the affected areas.

In Nam Dan district, there was one person died from lightning.

The provincial authority has instructed districts and sectors to continue updating the situation and take immediate action to protect people and production.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2019, Oct 17). *Heavy rain submerges thousands of homes in Nghe An.*

Japan

The death toll from typhoon Hagibis rose to 80. The powerful typhoon triggered floods and landslides affecting areas of central, eastern and northeastern Japan.

As of 20 October 2019, 80 people were confirmed dead while ten people have been

still missing. There were 4,000 people remaining in evacuation centres, and over 78,000 homes with no water supply.

According to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency, the number of homes damaged by the typhoon stood at 56,753.

Source: Japan Today. (2019, Oct 21). *Typhoon death toll rises to 80.*

Japan predicted to face another heavy rainfall in many prefectures including the areas recovering from the deadly typhoon Hagibis. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, torrential rains with thunderstorms and waves were expected in Tokyo and the potential for flooding and mudslides in parts of Nagano Prefecture and the northwest of Tokyo, including Nagano city on 22 October 2019.

The agency also cautioned that landslides and floods will likely to hit even in areas where official warnings had not been issued.

The northern and central Japan, especially Nagano, Fukushima and Miyagi were badly hit by powerful typhoon Hagibis earlier this month. Currently, residents in those areas are continuing recovering after being hit by this disastrous calamity.

Source: Japan Today. (2019, Oct 22). *Meteorological Agency warns of more rain, mudslide risk in typhoon-hit areas.*

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