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Cambodia

A storm heavily hit the province of Kampot. According to the commune police chief, the storm occurred on 29 October 2019, at 11:30 p.m. (local time). There were five people injured and 111 houses damaged.

Local authorities and Cambodian Red Cross officials assisted affected people for evacuation and building temporarily shelters while waiting for national authorities to provide more aids.

The authorities advised villagers to be careful of storms or lightning.

Source: Khmer Times. (2019, Oct 30). *Five hurt, houses damaged in Kampot province storm.*

Philippines

Mindanao island was struck by third powerful earthquake in a month. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), a 6.5-magnitude earthquake jolted the island at 9:11 a.m. (local time) on 31 October 2019, at a shallow depth of 6 kilometres.

There were five people confirmed dead in Cotabato province and, a number of people injured. Besides, many of city's buildings were destroyed.

The PHIVOLCS advised residents to remain outside their homes and offices as there would be the possibility of more and stronger aftershocks in the next several days.

The island was also rattled by two strong earthquakes on 16 and 29 October 2019, forcing hundreds of people to leave their houses for their safety.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2019, Oct 31). *3rd strong quake jolts Mindanao.*

Viet Nam

Typhoon Matmo swept through central and south-central provinces of Viet Nam. At least 6 people were reported injured and hundreds of houses were damaged after the typhoon churned across the country from Quang Ngai to Khanh Hoa on 30 October 2019.

According to the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting, the typhoon weakened into a tropical low-pressure system on 31 October 2019 and moved to the east of Cambodia.

Although the typhoon was over, it still caused torrential rains in central provinces from Quang Tri to Quang Ngai causing water levels in some rivers to rise rapidly. Mountainous areas were on high alert for flash floods and landslides while floods were also likely to occur in low-lying and urban areas.

The National Committee for Disaster Response and Search and Rescue was on standby in case of emergencies. Meanwhile, authorities in the affected provinces have continually helped residents get back to their normalcy.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2019, Nov 1). *Typhoon Matmo injures 6, collapses hundreds of houses.*

China

Prolonged drought brought enormous impacts to East China. According to the provincial meteorological department, east China's Anhui province was hit by severe drought damaging agricultural areas and causing water shortage.

Nearly two months, the province received only 60 percentages of its normal amount of rainfall reaching the second-lowest level since 1961.

The drought affected more than 1 million people and damaged 400,000 hectares of crops in a total of 45 cities and countries, inflicting a direct economic loss of 1.6 billion yuan (277 million US dollar)

The provincial meteorological authority has been using cloud seeding for artificial rain as no precipitation was forecasted in the coming week. Meanwhile the provincial water resources department has ordered lower-level authorities to unveil plans to ensure an adequate supply of drinking water for residents and livestock.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Nov 1). *Drought affects crops, drinking water in east China.*

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