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Indonesia

Volcanic ash rain hit several villages located on the slope of Mount Merapi.

Mount Merapi in Central Java spewed volcanic ash on 9 November 2019, bringing down mild ash rain and causing effects to those nearby villages.

The eruption occurred at 6:21 a.m. (local time) with an ash column to a height of 1,500 meters and a duration of about 160 seconds.

The National Disaster and Mitigation Agency advised residents to wear face masks when they are outside and stay clear of the areas within a 3-kilometre radius of the peak of Merapi to avoid any possible danger.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, Nov 9). *Mount Merapi spews hot ash.*

Philippines

A magnitude 5.5 earthquake rocked Quezon province. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), the earthquake was felt around 4:52 a.m. (local time) and traced 42 kilometres northeast of Jumalig town in Quezon province at a depth of 7 kilometres.

The tremor was caused by the movement of an active fault in the area. The PHIVOLCS expected that the aftershocks would be likely to occur.

However, there was no report of damage or casualty.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2019, Nov 7). *5.5-magnitude quake shakes Quezon.*

At least six people died during the onslaught of typhoon Nakri. Former tropical storm Nakri strengthened into a typhoon in the South China Sea on 8 November 2019, bringing strong winds, high waves and heavy rain to parts of Luzon island.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), at least 6 people reported dead and nearly 85,000 people affected while approximately 5,720 people evacuated to relief centres. Around 7 houses, 56 roads and 10 bridges across the island were damaged.

Source: Flood List. (2019, Nov 9). *Philippines – Rain From Typhoon ‘Nakri’ Causes Deadly Floods and Landslides.*

Viet Nam

Storm Nakri was downgraded to a tropical depression. Yet, the rain was expected to continue affect Viet Nam.

The central region and central highlands tended to face torrential rains for the next couple of days.

Khanh Hoa province was the hardest-hit area. About 350 hectares of rice and cash crops were damaged while 10 cages of aquaculture affected. The storm also caused landslides along the roads.

As of 11 November 2019, electricity was restored to 53 out of 112 communes which suffered blackouts the previous day.

The localities were requested to inspect the areas at risk of flash floods and landslides and be proactive in evacuating people and adopt safety measures.

According to the National Centre for Hydro-meteorological Forecasting, under the influence of the tropical depression, medium to heavy rain would impact provinces from Quang Binh to Binh Dinh until 12 November 2019.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2019, Nov 11). *Storm Nakri weakens to tropical depressions.*

Japan

The eruption of Sakurajima volcano hit the 3-year record high. Mount Sakurajima located in Kyushu island spewed smoke and ash 5.5 kilometres high into the sky over Kyushu island on 8 November 2019 at 5:24 p.m. (local time). It was the first time that the ash cloud had passed 5 kilometres since July 2016.

According to the Kagoshima Prefectural Government, no damage has been reported.

Source: Japan Times. (2019, Nov 8). *Sakurajima erupts in miles-high plume of ash.*

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