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Indonesia

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck eastern North Maluku Province of Indonesia. According to the Meteorology, Climatological and Geophysics agency, the quake jolted the province on 7 July 2019 at 10:08 p.m. (local time) followed by several aftershocks.

The quake's epicentre was at 136 kilometres southwest Ternate of the province and it struck at a depth of 49 kilometres under sea floor. Tsunami warning was issued for safety of residents.

However, there was no report of casualty, any injury or serious damage that was affected by this earthquake.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, July 8). *7.0-magnitude quake strikes off eastern Indonesia, tsunami alert lifted.*

Thailand

Heavy rain hit Sa Kaeo province, causing serious damages in nine districts. Due to heavy downpours, dozens of electricity poles and large trees were fallen and damaged many vehicles and houses. Those also blocked several roads and brought numerous blackouts in the areas.

Several hundred military officers, district chiefs, village heads, local officials and volunteers were instructed to help

residents and survey the damages for planning the restoration work.

The chief of the Thai Meteorological Department warned that storms would return to Sa Kaeo on 8 June 2019 due to the southwestern monsoon and southeastern winds. As a result, heavy rains were expected in 60 percent of eastern region, as well as Sa Kaeo province, the Northeast, the South and Bangkok in a week.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, July 7). *Sa Kaeo storm results in 'unprecedented' damage.*

Viet Nam

The tropical storm Mun reached Viet Nam, causing bridge collapse. The storm made landfall in northern Viet Nam. The devastating tropical storm pulled trees up in the northern port city of Hai Phong and caused strong waves damaging the dam along the city's Do Son Beach.

After the bridge collapsed during the heavy rains, there were two people were confirmed dead.

The storm caused downpours in the nearby Quang Ninh Province, but did not cause major impacts to daily activities. Fishing boats and cruise ships in the province had been called back to shore the previous day.

Source: VnExpress. (2019, July 4). *Two killed in bridge collapse as storm Mun slams into Vietnam.*

China

Floods caused by heavy downpours struck many parts of China.

The rainstorms had hit the province of Jiangxi since 3 July 2019, leading five cities to be inundated by floods.

The storm affected 228,000 people in the province, while 6,351 residents had to be evacuated.

The floods destroyed 34 households in the disaster while a total of 14,900 hectares of

cropland were affected. A total of the direct economic losses at 310 million yuan (USD 45.06 million).

Meanwhile, the torrential rains struck several cities in central Hunan Province and south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The rains brought floods in Hunan Province. Rivers in the province flew out to several cities. There were three people died and another three people have been missing

In south China's Guangxi Zhuang, floods and waterlogging hit 40 counties and districts under the cities of Nanning, Liuzhou, Guilin, Guigang, Baise, Hechi, Laibin and Chongzuo.

As of 5 p.m. (local time) on 9 July 2019, a total of 286,329 residents were affected, with one missing while 9,302 residents were relocated. The rain damaged over 15,000 hectares of crops and collapsed 467 houses while another 749 houses were damaged.

*1 USD = 6.88 CNY

Source: Xinhua. (2019, July 07). *228,000 people in east China province affected by rainstorms*; Xinhua. (2019, July 09). *Over 280,000 affected by rainstorms in Guangxi*; Xinhua. (2019, July 9). *3 dead, 3 missing in central China floods*.

Japan

Heavy downpours hit Japan's southernmost island Kyushu causing more than 1.09 million people to be relocated. As of 6 p.m. (local time), people in Ebino, Miyazaki, Satsumasendai and Kagoshima Prefecture were forced to evacuate as the excessive rainfalls continually hit the island raising a concern on the risks of floods and mudslides.

Particularly, the entire residents in three cities in Kagoshima were ordered to relocate. To provide an urgent assistance to the people, Kagoshima prefecture requested

the Self-Defense Forces to deploy in case of becoming large-scale disaster.

Further, the special rain warning might be issued in Kumamoto and Kagoshima prefectures as well as other areas if the precipitation is continually reaching its highest levels in decades.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe urged people in the affected areas to be alert and stay safe from these severe rainfalls and instructed ministers to be ready for help people amid the disasters.

Source: The Japan Times. (2019, July 3). *More than 1.09 million residents in Kyushu ordered to evacuate as torrential rains continue*.

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