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Cambodia

Over 700 families in Stung Treng province were evacuated from floods.

The heavy rain caused the Mekong River to overflow and trigger floods in the province. Most of the province was affected from floods, except for Sesan and Siem Pang districts.

According to a Provincial Hall spokesman, 3,220 families were hit by floods, including 790 that were evacuated to higher ground.

After the water level at the Mekong River rose to 11.9 metres, above the dagger level of 10.7 metres, an alert was announced through radio and television to all districts, communes and villages for people to be careful about floods.

Moreover, authorities with vehicles were standby to help flood victims while the Water Resources Ministry sent 2,000 gabion baskets to the water resources departments in all 25 provinces to help stem water overflowing from the river and distributed 5,000 sacks to the department in the capital and all provinces.

Source: Khmer Times. (2019, September 6). *Hundreds flee floods in Stung Treng.*

Lao PDR

A tropical storm Podul and Kajiki struck the central and southern parts of Lao PDR. The thunderstorm advisories and heavy rainfall warnings were issued in the provinces of Khammouan, Savanhnakhet, Champasack, Sarava, Sekong and Attapeu while floods occurred in those provinces.

According to Lao PDR's Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH), a light to moderate with intermittent heavy rain would be experienced over central and southern provinces due to the weather disturbance.

On 8 September 2019, 14 people were confirmed dead. Meanwhile, 123,000 families (367,000 people) were affected in these disastrous calamities. Around 88,000 people were displaced from their homes and 20 people were still in evacuation centres.

The Government deployed personnel and volunteers to evacuate affected people to safe zones and provided reliefs.

Source: AHA Centre. (2019, September 8). *Flash Update: No.03-Tropical Storm PODUL and Tropical Depression Kajiki, Lao PDR*; AHA Centre. (2019, September 7). *Flash Update: No.02-Tropical Storm PODUL and Tropical Depression Kajiki, Lao PDR.*

Thailand

Floods have hit twelve provinces, mostly in the Northeast since 6 September 2019. The floods were reported in many provinces consisting of Phichit, Phitsanulok and Sukhothai provinces in the North and Amnat Charoen, Khon Kaen, Roi Et, Sakon Nakhon, Si Sa Ket, Ubon Ratchathani, Yasothon and Nakhon Phanom in the Northeast and Nakhon Sawan in the Central Plains.

In Amnat Charoan, Ubon Ratchathani and Yasothon, about 3,400 people were evacuated while 22 districts in Ubon Ratchathani were flooded as large scale of water flowed through the province to many rivers.

According to the Meteorological Department, rains have been continuing

heavily in the Northeast, the North and the western coast of the South.

Meanwhile, Uthai Thani, Chai Nat, Sing Buri, Ang Thong, Suphan Buri, Ayutthaya and Lop Buri were at risk from overflow of the Chao Phraya River, according to the Royal Irrigation Department.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, September 6). *12 provinces remain under water*; Bangkok Post. (2019, September 9). *Rising Chao Phraya brings renewed flood alert for 7 provinces*.

Viet Nam

Heavy rains and floods struck central Viet Nam. According to the Central steering Committee on Natural Disaster Prevention, at least six people were confirmed dead while nine have been missing around the central region.

About 15,000 houses in the central region have been flooded and over 3,700 people evacuated.

On 3 September 2019, tropical depression Kaijiki brought severe flooding and landslides in Quang Nam province of the central region.

Source: VnExpress. (2019, September 6). *Flooding death toll rises to six in central Vietnam*.

Japan

A powerful Typhoon Faxai struck Japan, affecting people nationwide. On 9 September 2019, the typhoon landed near Tokyo, killing at least three people and affected hundreds of thousands of rush-hour commuters in the metropolitan area at the start of the week.

The weather agency warned the central and eastern Japan, including Tokyo, could see record winds. It forced airlines to cancel flights and some roads to be closed.

Authorities issued voluntary evacuation warnings to more than 390,000 people as forecasters cautioned the rain and wind could reach record proportion.

Source: The Japan Times. (2019, September 9). *Powerful Typhoon Faxai kills three, injures 40 and wreaks havoc on Tokyo transport system*.

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