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Indonesia

Multiple provinces in Indonesia experienced flooding. Heavy rains on 24 January 2020 triggered floods in 54 areas across the capital Jakarta including North, West, South and Central of Jakarta according to the Jakarta Disaster Mitigation Agency (BPBD).

Earlier, the province of West Java also faced the same situation as flooding and landslide struck five sub-districts nearby Bandung Regency, namely Dayeuhkolot, Bojongsoang, Baleendah, Rancaekek and Majalaya, affecting a total of 18,636 people and damaging 3,744 houses, four schools and 17 places to worships on 23 January 2020.

Meanwhile, there were two people died in Sumedang Regency after heavy rain causing embankments along the Cipicung river to collapse on 25 January 2020.

The BPBD reported on 28 January 2020 that flooding remained in six sub-districts of Ciparay district, forcing 3,882 people to displace. Almost 14,000 houses and public buildings together with 278 hectares of rice fields were destroyed.

The Indonesia's Meteorology Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) has warned of further heavy rainfalls in areas of Java and Sumatra islands.

Source: Jakarta Post. (2020, Jan 24). *[UPDATED] Flooding again hits parts of Central, West Jakarta*; FloodList. (2020, Jan 26). *Indonesia – 18,000 Hit by Floods in Bandung, West Java*; FloodList. (2020, Jan 28). *Indonesia – Deadly Landslide in Sumedang, West Java*.

Philippines

The alert level of Philippines' Taal Volcano was dropped but a future eruption still threatens. On 26 January 2020, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) downgraded the alert level for the country's second most active volcano 'Taal Volcano' from 4 to 3 on a scale of 5. It implies that there is a decreased tendency towards hazardous explosive eruption. Yet, it should not be interpreted that an unrest has ceased or that the threat of a hazardous eruption has disappeared.

Most residents who were housed in the temporary shelters have started to return their homes. Meanwhile, the provincial government is setting its sights on putting up the Magiting Assistance Centers to facilitate the distribution of food, shelter, clothing, medicines and basic needs for affected residents in the aftermath of Taal's reduced alert level.

The PHIVOLCS also advised residents to observe precautions due to ground displacement across fissures, frequent ashfall and minor earthquakes.

Source: Xinhua. (2020, Jan 26). *Philippines' Taal Volcano alert level lowered to alert level 3*; Reliefweb (2020, Jan 28). *Taal evacuees return home after Volcano's status lowered to Alert Level 3*.

Japan

An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.4 struck Okinawa Prefecture. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), the quake occurred on 29 January 2020 at 8:39 a.m. (local time).

The earthquake was recorded at level 2 of the Japanese seismic intensity scale, which peaks at 7, in some parts of the prefecture.

However, no tsunami warning was issued.

Source: Xinhua. (2020, Jan 29). *5.4-magnitude quake strikes off Japan's Okinawa Prefecture, no tsunami warning issued.*

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