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Indonesia

Floods affected Bandung Regency, West Java province. Several areas in 7 sub-districts including Dayeuhkolot, Baleendah, Bojongsoang, Katapang, Soreang, Banjaran, and Majalaya had been affected by flooding due to heavy and intense rainfalls on 20 March 2020.

There were 11,944 families or 42,352 people affected while around 230 people were displaced.

Baleendah was the worst-affected area with water levels reaching a height of over 3 metres. In some areas, floods cut off roads and highways.

Source: Flood List. (2020, Mar 24). *Indonesia – Thousands Affected by Floods in Bandung.*

Philippines

Alert status on the Taal volcano has been down to level 1 since 19 March 2020. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS)

downgraded Taal Volcano's alert status from level 2 to level 1 after observing a decrease in volcanic earthquakes and surface activity at the main crater.

Despite the downward trend of Taal's volcanic activities, phreatic explosions, volcanic earthquakes, minor ash fall and expulsions of volcanic gas can occur and threaten the areas within the volcano island under alert level 1.

Residents were urged to observe precautions. Entry into the volcano island, which was tagged as a permanent danger zone, still remains strictly prohibited.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, Mar 19). *Taal Volcano's alert status now down to Level 1 – Phivolcs.*

Viet Nam

Hailstorms damaged houses in Nghe An province. On 22 March 2020, Hailstorms and strong winds hit Ky Son district in Nghe An province causing serious damages to houses and crops.

One day earlier, more than 60 houses in Hat Ta Ven Village, Keng Du Commune also faced the same disastrous incidents.

Local soldiers and related agencies were deployed to help residents repair damaged houses.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2020, Mar 23). *Dozens of houses damaged in hailstorm.*

China

A 5.0-magnitude earthquake shook China's Xinjiang. According to the China Earthquake Networks Center, the quake jolted Baicheng county of Aksu prefecture in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on 23 March 2020 at 3:21 a.m. (local time).

The earthquake occurred at a depth of 10 kilometres beneath the Earth's surface.

Still, there was no immediate report of damage or injuries

Source: Xinhua. (2020, Mar 23). *5.0-magnitude quake hits Xinjiang.*

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