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Indonesia

Anak Krakatau volcano shoot a plume of ash and smoke. The volcano in a province of Lampung erupted on 10 April 2020 spewing out a column of ash and smoke as far as 500 metres into the sky.

According to the Center for Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation (PVMBG), the volcano was continuously erupting until 11 April 2020.

Also, there were three volcanos namely Mount Kerinci in West Sumatra, Mount Semeru in East Java and Mount Merapi in Central Java showing elevated activity on 10 April 2020.

The activity at the four mountains was unrelated to one another as each volcano had a different magma chamber.

However, there were no casualties reported

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2020, Apr 11). *Anak Krakatau erupts, loud rumble heard in virus-stricken Greater Jakarta*; The Jakarta Post. (2020, Apr 11). *Anak Krakatau not alone as three more Indonesian volcanoes erupt.*

Philippines

A 4.3 magnitude earthquake shook an archipelagic province of Batanes on 11 April 2020. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) reported the quake occurring at 12:44 a.m. (local time). Its tectonic was recorded at 16 kilometres northeast of Basco, Batanes at a depth of 174 kilometres.

The earthquake intensity was also registered in the cities of Laoag, Ilocos Norte and Vigan.

Due to the tectonic, it might cause aftershocks.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, Apr 11). *6.2 -magnitude quake jolts Batanes.*

Thailand

Storms rolled through several provinces in Thailand. On 7 April 2020, there were 16 provinces in the east, northeast and upper central areas comprising Phitsanulok, Phichit, Phetchabun, Nong Khai, Loei, Sakon Nakhon, Khon Kaen, Mukdahan, Chaiyaphum, Nakhon Ratchasima, Surin, Si Sa Ket, Nakhon Sawan, Lop Buri, Prachin Buri and Trat provinces struck by strong thunderstorms, gusty winds and hail.

The storms were the result of a clash between a high-pressure zone from China and winds from the South.

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation reported that the storms damaged 1,589 houses, 47 livestock barns and one school in 16 provinces.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Apr 8). *Freak storms cut destructive trail across country.*

Many provinces in Thailand were threatened by severe drought. Approximately 6,255 villages in 24 provinces have been facing consecutive years of drought and water shortage.

The dams and reserves in the affected areas dried up. There were only 26% of the water can actually be used.

The Deputy Prime Minister instructed the Office of the National Water Resources (ONWR) and other concerned state agencies to speed up integrating their work to ensure that every household has sufficient access to clean water during the long dry spell.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Apr 14). *Drought adding to coronavirus woes.*

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