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Myanmar

A 5.9-magnitude earthquake jolted Myanmar. According to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology of Myanmar, the earthquake struck northwest of Myanmar on 16 April 2020 at 6:15 pm (local time) at a depth of 10 kilometres.

The epicentre was located approximately 40 kilometres southeast of Falam City, Chin State and 43 kilometres south of Kalay Town, Sagaing Region.

An aftershock of 4.1 magnitude occurred after the main shock. It was registered 3 kilometres below the earth's surface.

The quake was also felt across a wide area. Still, there was no report of fatality or injury.

Source: Reliefweb. (2020, Apr 17). *Myanmar - Earthquake (GDACS, USGS, MOEZALA, media) (ECHO Daily Flash of 17 April 2020)*.

Philippines

Moderate earthquakes shook the Philippines. An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.2 rattled Sarangani, Davao Occidental on 18 April 2020 at 9:09 p.m. (local time) at a depth of 132 kilometres.

Meanwhile, Central Mindanao was struck by a 4.3-magnitude earthquake on 20 April 2020 at 4:30 a.m. (local time). Its epicentre was 5 kilometres northeast of Columbio, Sultan Kudarat province. The tremor had a shallow depth of 8 kilometres

Earlier, a 4.2 magnitude earthquake was also recorded at 2:16 a.m. (local time) on the same day. The epicentre was traced 22 kilometres northeast of Malapatan, Sarangani, at a depth of 32 kilometres.

The earthquakes were tectonic in origin and there was no aftershock or tsunami alert raised by the agency.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, Apr 19). *5.2 magnitude quake jolts Davao Occidental*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, Apr 20). *4.3-magnitude quake jolts Central Mindanao*.

Thailand

A storm slammed Nakhon Ratchasima province on 19 April 2020. In Nong Bunmak district, a big tree was uprooted by the storm and collapsed onto a shelter, causing a 16-year teenager to die while her grandmother was seriously injured.

The traffic on Chok Chai-Samakha road between Bu Kut Chok and Nong Chong Kho villages was blocked by fallen trees.

The storm also damaged several houses and other structures in the area.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Apr 20). *Storm kills teen, grandma injured*.

Japan

A powerful earthquake struck parts of Japan. A magnitude 6.9 earthquake occurred in the Pacific Ocean west of the Ogasawara island chain on 18 April 2020 at 5:26 p.m. (local time). The epicentre was at 450 kilometres below the sea surface.

Later, on 20 April 2020 at about 5:30 a.m. (local time), an earthquake of magnitude

6.1 jolted Miyagi Prefecture. The epicenter of the earthquake was 41.7 kilometres beneath the Pacific seabed. The quake was registered at 4 on the Japanese intensity scale which a peak is 7.

However, there were no tsunami warning issued and report of damages or injuries.

Source: Japan Today. (2020, Apr 18). *M6.9 quake hits off islands south of Tokyo*; The Japan Times. (2020, Apr 20). *Magnitude 6.1 earthquake jolts Miyagi area*.

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