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Philippines

Heavy downpours triggered flash floods to hit low-lying areas of Digo City. More than 300 residents in Digo City, Davao del Sur province were forced to evacuate from their houses due to a sudden surge of floodwater.

In response to this, the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) dispatched vehicles and emergency responders to the flood-hit zone for helping those affected people.

However, there were no casualties reported.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, Jun 29). *Over 300 families in Digos City evacuate due to flash flood.*

Viet Nam

Landslides blocked traffic on highways in Viet Nam. Landslides and floods occurred in the northern province of Lai Chau due to heavy rains. It caused many roads connecting to Muong Te district as well as highway 12 and 4H to be disrupted.

Many households in the province were evacuated to the safer areas.

The Provincial Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Search and Rescue instructed the transportation sector and local authorities to cope with the situation.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2020, Jun 26). *Heavy rains cause landslides and traffic jams in Lai Châu.*

China

Massive flooding continually battered several parts of China. More flooding occurred in parts of Sichuan province causing over 20 people to die or missing and at least 7,705 people were evacuated. The township of Yihaixiang was the hardest hit area where 223 residents trapped in the flood.

Earlier, there were 74,000 people in 12 counties or cities of Guizhou province, southwest China affected by deadly floods.

Meanwhile, eastern parts of the country were hit by flooding. Approximately 526,000 people in 45 counties, cities and districts in Jiangxi were affected. Furthermore, 20 counties and cities, including Ma'anshan, Lu'an, Anqing, Xuancheng and Huangshan in Anhui province were inundated.

Widespread areas of Yichang, Xiangyang, Jingmen, Xiaogan, Huanggang and Enshi cities of Hubei province were submerged by severe flooding as a result of torrential rains. More than a million of locals were affected whilst almost 3,000 houses were damaged.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, Jun 25). *China – Flooding Worsens in Guizhou and Chongqing*; Floodlist. (2020, Jun 29). *China – More Deadly Floods in Sichuan*; Floodlist. (2020, Jun 30). *China – Over 1 Million Affected by Floods in Hubei.*

Japan

Tokyo was rattled by a strong earthquake. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, a magnitude 6.1

earthquake struck off eastern coast of Japan on 25 June 2020, shaking buildings in Tokyo and nearby prefectures. However, no tsunami warning was issued.

The quake had a depth of 36 kilometres and was recorded at lower 5 of Japanese seismic scale which peaks at 7 in Asahi city, Chiba prefecture.

The meaning of an intensity of lower 5 is people get scared by shaking and feel the need of holding something stable.

Source: Japan Times. (2020, Jun 25). *Magnitude 6.1 quake off eastern coast of Japan rattles Tokyo.*

Republic of Korea

Various parts of South Korea were lashed by heavy downpours and strong winds. During 29 – 30 June 2020, heavy rains and strong winds hit central and eastern parts of the country including the Chungcheong region, Gangwon Province, and the southernmost island of Jeju. Several flights bound for Jeju were suspended.

Moreover, southern and eastern coastal areas were also struck by a powerful rainstorm.

A total of 22 houses and a dozen vehicles were flooded by downpours overnight across the country. Fortunately, no casualties were reported

Source: Yonhap. (2020, Jun 29). *Heavy rain, strong winds hit S. Korea;* Yonhap. (2020, Jun 30). *Coastal areas, Jeju hit hard by downpours and strong winds.*

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