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Indonesia

Deadly flooding and landslides broke out in several provinces across Indonesia. Torrential rainfalls caused an overflowing of rivers, several flash floods and landslides. These natural calamities killed at least two people, destroyed many houses and caused the missing of four people. Meanwhile, hundreds of families were evacuated while more than 10,000 persons were affected in West Java, East Java, Greater Jakarta and Papua provinces as well as the Island of Sumatra throughout the period between 29 September to 5 October 2020.

The situation was very severe as the water level in some parts was up to two metres deep. As a result, the Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) in many areas had to step up and instantly provide emergency responses to the people in need.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, Oct 6). *Indonesia – Homes Damaged After Floods in East and West Java Provinces*; Floodlist. (2020, Oct 2). *Indonesia – Deadly Flash Floods Strike in Papua Province*.

Malaysia

Hundreds evacuated from an incessant downpour. A total of 341 villagers from five districts in Sabah were forced to leave their settlements and find shelters in relief centres set up by authorities to alleviate people's difficulties due to heavy continuous downpours on 6 October 2020.

In regard to this, the Malaysian Meteorological Department predicted that Sabah had tendency to be hit by more rainstorms until 12 October 2020.

Source: New Straits Times. (2020, Oct 6). *Sabah floods: 341 evacuated from 5 districts*.

Myanmar

Torrential downpours brought the Ayeyarwady River up to the danger level. On 27 September 2020, an official from the Myitkyina Meteorology and Hydrology Department stated that the water level of the Ayeyarwady River in Myitkyina reached 1,094 cm. at a rate of 10 cm. per hour, which was nearly above the danger level.

As a result of this, several communities in low lying areas were inundated causing difficulties to 424 people from 94 households as well as the destruction of many plantations.

Meanwhile, people in Shwe Ku left their homes as a water level beyond to the danger level. Around 320 villagers from 51 households in Shwe Ku were evacuated from the areas affected by the increasing water level in the Ayeyarwady River to 933 cm., above the danger level set at 930 cm.

The evacuation was operated with the help of Red Cross members and the administrative office. Most of the evacuated people took shelters at monasteries, church buildings or their relatives.

Source: Eleven Myanmar. (2020, Sep 28). *Ayeyawaddy River in Myitkyina reaches near danger water level*; Eleven Myanmar. (2020, Oct 1). *Rescue operation underway in Shwe Ku as the Ayeyawaddy River water level rises to danger level*.

Viet Nam

Devastating flood and landslides left people dead and destroyed several properties in Viet Nam. Almost 340 mm. of rainfall was recorded during 24-hour period between 26 and 27 September 2020 in northern Phu Tho Province. The heavy downpour triggered landslides killing two people. In addition, there were seven people injured and over 60 houses along with some infrastructures, such as roads and bridges, damaged.

People in Ha Giang, Lao Cai and Yen Bai Province also witnessed the effects of the said disasters as around 12 houses and a number of agricultural fields suffered damages.

Source: FloodList. (2020, Sep 28). *Vietnam – Deadly Floods and Landslides in North After 340mm of Rain in 24 Hours.*

China

A person was killed from landslide in China's Hubei Province. Landslide took place in the city of Enshi in Hubei Province on 6 October 2020 trapping five people underneath. Only three were rescued successfully while one person was killed and another sustained a minor injury, according to the city government of Enshi.

Residents in vicinity were also evacuated as a precaution measure to prevent from any losses.

Source: Xinhua. (2020, Oct 6). *1 killed, 1 injured in central China landslide.*

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