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Indonesia

Thousands of people were displaced due to numerous floods and landslides hitting many parts of Java Island. During 25-28 October 2020, several floods occurred in Cimahi City, Cilacap Regency, Ciamis Regency, Banyumas Regency, Kebumen Regency and Pangandaran Regency of West Java and Central Java Provinces after the areas were pummeled by heavy rains that triggered rivers to overflow. As the result, there were three persons killed, nearly 3,000 forced to leave their residences, and around 15,000 affected. Moreover, the floods also damaged about 1,500 houses in Depok and Bekasi cities in West Java.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, Oct 30). *Indonesia – 1 Dead, Hundreds Displaced After More Floods in Central and West Java.*

Lao PDR

A powerful typhoon damaged properties and agricultural products causing over USD-million losses. Acute emergencies caused by strong typhoon Molave, which struck the coast of Viet Nam on 28 October 2020, could be seen in the

provinces of Savannakhet, Borikhamxay and Champassak as the flood water submerged around 51,000 hectares of cultivation fields and the entire village of Napae. The gust wind also caused many powerlines to topple.

Regarding this, an official from the Savannakhet's provincial Agriculture and Forestry Department stated that total losses in farm production and livestock in the province were estimated over USD 6,000,000. However, no reports on a number of deaths were given.

Source: Radio Free Asia. (2020, Oct 30). *Death Toll Climbs in Vietnam, Laos Heavily Flooded Following Major Storm.*

Malaysia

Torrential rains led to flooding in seven villages in Malaysia. A flood water of up to two metres poured into the areas of seven villages in Seremban district of Negeri Sembilan State following the heavy rain that kept falling down on the night of 3 November 2020, forcing 420 people to evacuate to the relief centres.

In relation to this, one man was swept away by the strong flood current and the rescue officials have been racing against the time to search for him.

Source: The New Straits Times. (2020, Nov 4). *420 flood victims evacuated in Seremban, one missing.*

The Philippines

The Philippines faced the most powerful typhoon in 2020. At least 16 casualties were reported after the ferocious typhoon Goni with a wind speed of 225 kilometres per hour made landfall on the Catanduanes Province of the Luzon Island on 1 November 2020. The communications in many worst-hit areas were disrupted, such as provinces of Albay and Catanduanes, where all the deaths were found.

Overall, the typhoon caused over 20,000 houses to be entirely destroyed, while around 55,000 houses were partially damaged, leaving nearly 400,000 people displaced.

The death tolls would have been significantly higher if the pre-emptive evacuation had not been deployed in advance.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Nov 2). *16 dead after Typhoon Goni batters Philippines.*

Thailand

Heavy flooding killed one person and several missing. An overflow of water from Lam Takhong and Lam Phra Phloeng dams as well as runoff from Khao Yai and Thap Lan national parks occurred due to the heavy downpours influenced by deadly typhoon Molave wreaking havoc in Viet Nam. The overflowing water caused Mun River to break its bank and inundated residential areas in Phimai District of Nakhon Rachasima. It also provoked chaos in Prachin Buri and some parts of Nakhon Ratchasima, which led to the missing of two people along with the death of one.

A total of seven provinces including Nakhon Sawan, Chai Nat, Sing Buri, Kanchanaburi, Phangnga, Chumphon and Ubon Ratchathani witnessed the impacts of the powerful typhoon, leaving three people injured and 77 houses damaged.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Nov 2). *Two missing in heavy flooding;* Bangkok Post. (2020, Oct 31). *Korat hit as floods ravage 4 provinces.*

Viet Nam

Almost 40 people died in Viet Nam from several catastrophes triggered by country's most powerful typhoon. Typhoon Molave, said to be the most violent typhoon to hit Viet Nam in 20 years, slammed on the central coastal region on 28 October 2020, causing strong wind and heavy rainfalls in many areas.

The death of 36 people and the missing of 46 others were mostly reported in Quang Nam, Nghe An, Dak Lak, Binh Dinh and Gia Lai provinces. Most of the death toll came from landslides in Quang Nam province, where 13 families were buried and 53 people were feared dead.

Millions of people were also evacuated and faced a tough condition with a nutrition and sanitation being the most concerned aspects. To make matters worse, typhoon Goni, after ravaging the Philippines, is in route to make landfall in central Viet Nam in a short while.

Source: ReliefWeb. (2020, Nov 3). *Viet Nam: Landslides caused by Storm Molave bury at least 13 families in remote district;* Xinhua. (2020, Nov 3). *Typhoon Molave leaves 36 dead, 46 missing in Vietnam.*

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