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Indonesia

Multiple areas of Aceh Province were lashed by catastrophic floods. During 4-7 November 2020, severe floods struck many parts of Aceh Province, consisting of Aceh Singkil Regency, South Aceh Regency, North Aceh Regency and Langsa City. These occurrences collectively inflicted damages to more than 1,300 houses and caused suffering to around 7,000 persons, some of them had to evacuate from their homes. The inundation also destroyed around 300-hectare crop area. However, no one was killed or injured.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, Nov 9). *Indonesia – Floods Damage Hundreds of Homes in Aceh.*

The Philippines

Another potential strong typhoon may hit the areas devastated by Typhoon Goni. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) expected that tropical storm Ulysses, internationally known as Vamco, may intensify into a typhoon with the windspeed of up to 140-

155 kilometres per hour in 11 November 2020.

The tropical storm was located around 485 kilometres East of Borongan City, Eastern Samar or 560 km East of Catarman, Northern Samar on 9 November 2020 and likely to make landfall over Quezon or Bicol, a region devastated by the Typhoon Goni, on 11-12 November 2020.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2020, Nov 10). *'Ulysses' to intensify into severe tropical storm.*

Thailand

More floods caused further suffering to farmers in Nakhon Ratchasima Province. Phimai Dam needed to release a large volume of water that it had received from several storms to avoid the overflowing. As a result, Moon and Lam Phlai Mat rivers burst their banks and caused more than 160 hectares of nearby agricultural areas in Chum Phluang district to be inundated.

Relative to this, since 7 October 2020, heavy rains triggered flash floods, runoff and landslides in 36 provinces of Thailand and already killed 11 people. As of now, there are three provinces still struggling with floods including Nakhon Ratchasima, Suphan Buri and Chumphon provinces.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Nov 11). *Dam discharges hit Korat farmers.*

Viet Nam

Two people were killed as another tropical storm blew into Viet Nam. Tropical storm Etau, which made landfall on Viet Nam's south-central coast and weakened itself into tropical depression on 9 November 2020, claimed two people's lives in Quang Nam and Binh Dinh Provinces.

It also caused heavy rains, which triggered floods in Khanh Hoa and Phu Yen Province and damaged around 31 houses. One fishing boat also sank during a rough sea

period off the Khanh Hoa's coast, but all crew members survived.

In addition, the country was expected to face another tropical storm Vamco on 12 November 2020 with a potential to become a typhoon if the windspeed rises above 119 kilometres per hour.

Source: VnExpress. (2020, Nov 10). *Storm Etau claims two lives in Vietnam.*

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