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Malaysia

Flood hit two parts of Malaysia causing property damages and evacuation. On 13 July 2020, a river burst its bank creating flash flood at Taman Negara in Jerantut district, Pahang. As a result, there were six vehicles submerged in the water.

On the same day in a southern part of Malaysia, Batu Pahat was the latest district in Johor Bahru to be inundated causing 707 people to evacuate from the area.

This made a total number of residents, who had been forced to leave their homes, increase to 1,271.

However, there were no casualties reported from these two incidents.

Source: New Straits Times. (2020, Jul 14). *Johor floods: Number of evacuees surges to 1,271*; New Straits Times. (2020, Jul 13). *Flash floods: 6 vehicles damaged in Taman Negara*.

Myanmar

Villages located in lower areas in Kani Township, Sagaing Region have been covered with water since 9 July 2020.

Lower areas of Sinthay, Kyarmaw, Shwemyinmo, and Kachin villages have been inundated due to the rising water level of Chindwin river.

The water level in the river was 1,175 centimetres as measured by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) on 10 July 2020. While the residents in Kani believed that the water will continue rising in the next coming days.

Source: Elevenmyanmar. (2020, Jul 11). *Water flows into lower areas of Kani*.

Viet Nam

Serious drought strikes a province in central Viet Nam. The drought in Nghệ An was stated to be the worst since 1993 as 750 hectares of vegetables and rice farming areas were destroyed and hundreds of households are now suffering water shortage.

Natural water sources and dams in the province have been dried up due to the several heatwaves that has hit the province since the early of 2020.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2020, Jul 13) *Nghệ An Province suffers severe drought*.

China

Several earthquakes jolted regions in China. Hebei Province and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region experienced earthquakes during 12-13 July 2020.

A series of non-violent earthquakes struck Guye District of Tangshan City in Hebei Province on 12 July 2020. People from other regions including Beijing were able to feel the rattle.

In the next day, Huocheng County in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region was reported to witness a 5.0-magnitude earthquake.

Fortunately, there were no reports regarding the destructions and casualties on both areas.

China raised its flood emergency response level as the number of dead are still increasing.

China's Ministry of Water Resources (MWR) upgraded a flood emergency response level from III to II, the second

highest, due to continuing floods and downpours in the regions along the Yangtze river.

Since the beginning of the disaster in June, 141 people have died or gone missing while over 29,000 homes have been damaged., Direct economic losses have reached nearly 12 billion USD.

Source: Xinhua. (2020, Jul 13) *China braces for more floods, extremely heavy downpours*; Xinhua. (2020, Jul 13) *5.0-magnitude quake hits China's Xinjiang*; Xinhua. (2020, Jul 12) *China raises flood response to second highest level*; Xinhua. (2020, Jul 12) *5.1-magnitude quake hits north China, no casualties reported*.

Japan

Torrential rains and floods caused more dead in Kyushu. Severe rainfall in Kyushu that commenced at the beginning of July and activated floods and landslides caused more dead in Kumamoto Prefecture. There were three people announced dead on 12 and 13 July 2020, making a total death toll to 64.

As of 13 July 2020, the disaster has already claimed 68 lives in Kumamoto Fukuoka, Oita and Nagasaki prefectures.

Source: The Asahi Shimbun. (2020, Jul 13). *Drowning cited in 80% of deaths in downpour-hit Kumamoto*.

Republic of Korea

Downpours in southern parts of the Republic of Korea (ROK) left many people dead and property destructions. Several areas including Sancheong of Gyeongsang Province, Buan of Jeolla Province, Geoje of Busan, Gwangju, and Daejeon were hit with heavy rains and gust wind on 13 July 2020.

The incidents resulted in several accidents that led to the deaths of four people, two injured, and three, who had to be rescued.

There were around 25 houses, several roads and 170 vehicles that were flooded or completely destroyed as well as 357 hectares of rice fields submerged in the water.

Source: Yonhap. (2020, Jul 13). (2nd LD) *Southern South Korea hit by devastating downpours*.

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