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Indonesia

Almost 20,000 families were affected by heavy floods in North Sulawesi, Indonesia. Intense downpours along with the overflowing of Salongo, Molibagu, and Tolondadu rivers in Bolaang Mongondow Regency caused Bolaang Uki, Tomino, and Helumo sub-districts to be inundated on 24 Jul 2020.

The Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana (BNPB) estimated that around 90,000 people from approximately 18,500 households suffered from this calamity. Meanwhile, several refugee camps were set up for those displaced by flood.

Fortunately, no injuries and deaths were reported.

Source: AHA Centre. (2020, Jul 24). *Flooding In Bolaang Mongondow, North Sulawesi, Indonesia Flash Update #1*; AHA Centre. (2020, Jul 24). *Indonesia, Flooding in South Bolaang Mongondow, North Sulawesi Province.*

Myanmar

Mandalay is at risk of flooding. The water level of the Ayeyarwady River in Mandalay and Myinmu (township in Sagaing Region) could reach a danger level in the next two days, according to the Department of

Meteorology and Hydrology of Myanmar (DMH) on 28 July 2020.

The authority therefore warned people living along the river to be more cautious of floods.

Source: The Myanmar Times. (2020, Jul 28). *Mandalay braces for Ayeyarwady River flooding.*

Viet Nam

A series of earthquakes struck province in Viet Nam while Hà Nội could feel aftershocks. Earthquakes with 5.3, 3.0, and 3.8 magnitudes jolted Sơn La Province at 12.14pm, 12.40pm, and 3.52 pm on 27 July 2020 respectively.

There were no reports on damages or casualties. However, the aftershocks caused a panic amongst the citizens of Hà Nội.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2020, Jul 27). *Hà Nội shakes after strong earthquake hits Sơn La Province*

People in southern province of Viet Nam were evacuated from the area affected by erosion. The erosion happened along the Hậu River and Canal No. 10 on 20 July 2020 destroying 25 out of 44 residents in Vĩnh Thạnh Trung Commune, Châu Phú District in the province of An Giang.

Thanks to the warning issued by the provincial Department of Natural Resources and Environment prior to the situation, there were no records of deaths and injuries.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2020, Jul 23). *An Giang moves residents affected by erosion to safety.*

Thailand

Death was a result of severe monsoon in Thailand. People in Northern, Northeast, Central, and Eastern regions of Thailand faced with floods, landslides, and strong winds due to the southwest monsoon, which prevailed over the Andaman Sea.

The disasters caused property damages and one woman in Nakhon Ratchasima province to be killed.

Currently, the situation has been resolved in all provinces.

Source: AHA Centre. (2020, Jul 25). *Thailand, Floods, Storms, and Winds in Multiple Regions*; Floodlist. (2020, Jul 27). *Thailand – Hundreds Affected After Monsoon Rain Triggers Floods in Lampang and Pathum Thani Provinces*.

China

Devastating floods led more deaths and missing in China. Hubei Province and Chongqing Municipality witnessed nine deaths and one missing caused by more floods and landslides.

The third flooding in the Yangtze River triggered by intense rainfalls had swept across the area of Chongqing on 27 July 2020. This caused the deaths of four villagers with the displacement of 4,343 people and the destruction of 746 houses.

Likewise, landslides in Hubei Province left five deaths and one people missing. The landslides occurred after the heavy rains hit Jianshi County of Enshi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture on 26 July 2020.

The downpours also affected more than 160,000 citizens of Hubei, almost one third of them had to be evacuated. Moreover, 2,900 hectares of crops were completely inundated.

Source: Xinhua. (2020, Jul 27). *Heavy rainfall leaves four dead, affects 140,000 in China's Chongqing*; Xinhua. (2020, Jul 27). *5 dead, 1 missing as rainstorm batters China's Hubei*.

Japan

More flood struck Kumamoto and Nagasaki leaving two deaths. People in Kumamoto and Nagasaki prefectures encountered a severe flood again after already suffering from it three weeks ago.

The heavy downpours on 24 July 2020 led around 25 houses to be inundated in Kiyanosumi and two other settlements in Kuma, Kumamoto Prefecture.

Two deaths and one injury were also found in Nagasaki Prefecture after a landslide triggered by the heavy downpours early on 24 July 2020 hit near the Todoroki Valley.

Source: The Asahi Shimbun. (2020, Jul 25). *Kumamoto village flooded again; 2 die in Nagasaki slide*.

Republic of Korea

Busan and Ulsan as well as other parts of the Republic of Korea were affected by intense rains and flash floods. The amount of rainfall in Busan on 23 July 2020 reached the 10th highest since 1920 while 162 cases of flash floods were reported and 43 roads were submerged.

According to the Central Disaster Management Headquarters, three people were found dead in their vehicles. In the city of Ulsan, mudslides and flash floods were also triggered from heavy rainfalls causing one man to be missing.

In the meantime, other cities and provinces including Seoul, Incheon and the provinces of Gyeonggi, Gangwon, South Chungcheong and North Gyeongsang still declared heavy rain advisories.

Source: Yonhap. (2020, Jul 24). *(LEAD) Heavy downpours pummel S. Korea, unleash flash floods, leave 4 dead or missing*.

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