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## **Cambodia**

**Tropical storm Noul killed more than ten people in Cambodia.** The record from National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) of Cambodia showed that there were 11 people died and one missing due to the heavy rains, strong winds and lightnings caused by tropical storm Noul, which wreaked havoc during 17-20 September 2020.

Regarding to the impact of the storm, flash flood hit nearly 2,000 houses, forcing almost 500 residents to flee from their homes. Moreover, infrastructure and crops damages could be seen all over the provinces of Preah Sihanouk, Koh Kong, Oddar Meanchey, Pailin and Pursat.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2020, Sep 21). *Tropical storm Noul leaves 11 dead in Cambodia.*

## **Indonesia**

**Floods occurred in some parts of Indonesia.** On 21 September 2020, Sukabumi Regency in West Java witnessed a flash flood originating from a heavy rainfall that caused Cipeuncit River to break its bank. On the same day, Bogor Regency including Bogor City in West Java

also experienced a flood happened because of the overflow of several rivers in the areas. Furthermore, the capital city, Jakarta, was reported to be inundated as well.

Due to these natural calamities, two people were killed and 20 were injured. At least 300 houses and 10 bridges were partially damaged, while the report stated that one house and one vehicle were swept away by the current. The disasters caused around 210 families and 100 individuals to be displaced.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2020, Sep 22). *Indonesia- Floods in West Java and Jakarta.*

## **Lao PDR**

**Floods heavily lashed out several areas in Lao PDR.** Tropical storm Noul, entering Lao PDR, after ravaging the nearby country, brought downpours and flooding to many areas of Xekong province on 18 September 2020. Warned about the strong tropical storm in advance by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department, the residents in affected areas were able to evacuate their livestock to higher ground, however properties including multiple agricultural fields were damaged by flood.

The influence of the storm was also seen in Saravan and Champassak provinces as some electricity poles and power lines as well as trees collapsed due to strong gusted wind.

**Source:** Vientiane Times. (2020, Sep 21). *Storm causes disruption in the south.*

## **Myanmar**

**Myanmar was hit hard by a tropical storm.** Strong wind, flash floods, along with a tidal wave were a result of a powerful tropical storm Noul sending severe deadly impacts to a number of areas of the country including Taninthayi and Bago regions and Mon state during 17-20 September 2020. The heavy storm also left three persons dead.

According to Dr. Min Thein, Director of the Department of Disaster Management, the

vigorous storm caused a direct misery of almost 10,000 people along with the destructions of at least 150 houses.

**Source:** AHA Centre. (2020, Sep 20). *Myanmar, Storms and Winds in Tanintharyi Region*; Xinhua. (2020, Sep 21). *3 killed, over 220 houses destroyed by tropical storm Noul in Myanmar.*

## **The Philippines**

**Heavy downpours induced flash flood and fatalities in the Philippines.** A village in Sultan Kudarat was declared to be inundated by flood water on 16 September 2020. The disaster killed two persons whose houses were swept away by a flood. It also damaged 20 houses, and caused around 500 families to evacuate to safety at the barangay gymnasium.

The flash flood occurred due to the overflow of Palimbang River, which received an immense amount of water from torrential rainfalls.

**Source:** Manila Bulletin. (2020, Sep 17). *Two killed, 500 families displaced as flash floods inundate Sultan Kudarat village.*

## **Thailand**

**Multiple regions in Thailand felt the influence of a heavy tropical storm.** Tropical storm Noul started sending impact to Thailand on the late hours of 18 September 2020, provoking floods, strong winds and landslide in several provinces in the northeast, the north, the east, the south and the central regions.

The destructions were seen in wide stretch across the country, especially in Nakhon Ratchasima province where large-scale damages to farmlands and private properties were reported. The situations required several government agencies to provide relief items to the affected families for mitigating their sufferings. However, no reports on deaths and injured were given.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2020, Sep 20). *Storm leaves wide trail of destruction.*

## **Viet Nam**

**Viet Nam faced the fifth tropical storm of the year.** Fatalities, over a hundred injured, and numerous damages to the properties and infrastructure were reported as the violent tropical storm Noul made landfall in the central region of the country on 18 September 2020, reported the Office of the Central Steering Committee on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control.

The said tropical storm directly caused the death of three and the injured of 112 individuals. Overall, more than 22,000 houses were partially damaged or completely destroyed either by floods or strong wind. Besides, the gust wind allegedly wrecked some power poles and telecommunications towers causing many households to live without electricity or communication for a period of time.

Apart from this, residents in some landslide-prone localities were also instructed to temporarily evacuate from the areas.

**Source:** Viet Nam News. (2020, Sep 20). *Storm Noul leaves three dead in central region.*

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