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Indonesia

Torrential rains caused numerous casualties in Indonesia. Heavy rainfalls triggered a river in Bandung Regency of West Java to break its bank on 10 January 2021, causing one-metre deep floodwater to hit the residence area. The deadly disaster affected almost 70,000 people with inflicting damages to more than 10,000 homes, 28 schools and 46 places of worship.

Earlier, on 9 January 2021, two deadly landslides also hit Sumedang Regency of the same province, killing at least 11 people. Some of them were the rescue personnel as the second landslide struck while rescuing operation was underway. Around 15 houses, bridge and roads also sustained severe damages. The tragedies were a result of unstable soil condition caused by heavy rainfalls.

Source: Floodlist. (2021, Jan 11). *Indonesia – Thousands of Homes Flooded in Bandung Regency, West Java Province*; Floodlist. (2021, Jan 10). *Indonesia – Deadly Landslides in Sumedang, West Java Province*.

Increasing volcanic activities prompted an evacuation in the nearby areas. Mount Merapi located between Central Java Province and the Special Region of

Yogyakarta has recently increased its volcanic activities, as reported on 6 January 2021. The situation caused around 500 individuals from Magelang Regency to evacuate from their homes. However, there were no reports on any casualties. The third level of volcanic alert status was also issued due to this event.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Jan 6). *Indonesia, Volcanic Eruption, Mount Merapi in Central Java*.

Malaysia

Stagnant floodwaters prevented the evacuees from returning homes. On 10 January 2021, around 25,000 displaced persons in Pahang, Malaysia still remained in evacuation centres, even though some of them had been allowed to return homes. The reason to this was stagnant floodwaters caused by light rainfalls continuing to fall down. The number of evacuees was expected to drop more in a few days. However, the major factor was the uncertain weather pattern.

Besides, flood-affected people were also reported in many other areas of the country such as Pekan and Lipis, where around 2,500 and 2,000 persons were still unable to leave the relief centres.

Source: New Straits Times. (2021, Jan 10). *Stagnant floodwaters hamper recovery process in Pahang*.

The Philippines

Several families have fallen victim to massive floods in the Philippines. A torrential rain which kept pouring down for many hours together with severe flooding lashed out northern Negros Occidental on 8-9 January 2021. The disaster affected roughly 27,000 families in local government units such as Talisay, Silay and Victorias. More than 1,000 houses were either partially damaged or totally destroyed. Furthermore, some public infrastructures such as roads, bridge and flood control projects were damaged.

In this regard, the city councils of Talisay and Victorias declared a state of calamity

in their areas, while such declaration still needed an approval in Silay.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, Jan 12). *Over 1K houses damaged by floods in northern Negros.*

Thailand

Floods heavily hit every district of Pattani and other southern provinces.

Intense downpours forced the Bang Lang reservoir to discharge its water which caused the Pattani River to overflow. This resulted in every district of Pattani to be ravaged by inundation while over 14,000 households were affected. One death and one missing were reported. In addition, several thousand hectares of agricultural areas were also submerged.

The same situation could also be seen in other southern provinces of Thailand namely Narathiwat, Songkhla and Yala. Three people were killed and more than 60,000 were affected in these provinces including Pattani.

As the inundation was expected to last until the end of the week, the authorities were required to provide flood relief supports to the affected people. Moreover, a financial support would also be provided to compensate for the loss in properties after the flood receded.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, Jan 12). *More aid for Pattani as floods to stay for a week.*

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