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Indonesia

Indonesia's island provinces were once again ravaged by flash floods. Heavy rainfalls caused severe floods in the provinces of East Java and Central Java on 2 and 3 February 2021 accordingly.

In East Java, the several broken river banks triggered flash floods to swept across the areas of Pasuruan and Nganjuk Regencies, which resulted in one person killed and another going missing. From this event, almost 15,000 persons were severely affected and more than 60 houses were damaged. The disaster also forced over 65 people to flee from their homes.

In Central Java's Kudus Regency, the flood brought sufferings to 10,672 people, while causing serious damages to more than 3,000 homes. Luckily, no casualties were found due to this event.

Source: Floodlist. (2021, Feb 4). *Indonesia – 25,000 Affected by Floods in East and Central Java.*

Malaysia

More people returned home after the flooding situation started recovering. The number of evacuees in flood-hit Serien

district of Sarawak, Malaysia decreased to 486 on 9 February 2021 as the flooding situation had been gradually improved after facing the third wave of inundation. The latest flood solely struck the district on 3 February 2021, leaving nearly 800 persons stranded in 11 temporary relief centres. However, the Sarawak State Disaster Management Committee Secretariat lately reported that only two relief centres have still operated in the district.

Source: Malay Mail. (2021, Feb 6). *Number of flood evacuees rises to 1,070 in Sarawak*; New Straits Times. (2021, Feb 9). *Sarawak floodwaters continue to recede; evacuees down to 486.*

The Philippines

Earthquakes followed by tens of aftershocks jolted the Philippines. During 5-9 February 2021, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) reported on the earthquakes occurring in many provinces of the country.

In Davao del Sur, 6.1 and 4.8-magnitude quakes took place on 7 February 2021 causing 45 individuals, most of them were COVID-19 patients receiving treatment in the university's facility, to evacuate. A total of 44 aftershocks was detected; however, only three were felt by people.

The impacts of the tremors could also be seen in the nearby provinces of North Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat, as eight landslides were triggered and more than 20 houses sustained some damages. Around five persons were injured from the panic that set in.

Relative to this, other provinces experiencing the quakes were Camarines Norte, Davao Oriental and Occidental Mindoro. Nevertheless, no significant damages or aftershocks were reported.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, Feb 9). *Aftershocks possible from magnitude 5 quake in Occidental Mindoro*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Feb 8). *5 hurt, 21 houses damaged as quakes jolt NoCot, S. Kudarat*; Philippine News

Agency. (2021, Feb 8). *44 aftershocks recorded after magnitude 6.1 quake in DavSur*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Feb 8). *Magnitude 5.7 quake hits DavOr*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Feb 8). *6.1 tremor leaves minor damages in Davao City, DavSur town*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Feb 5). *Magnitude 5.4 quake jolts CamNorte*.

Thailand

Hailstorms pounded three northern provinces of Thailand. Several areas in the northern parts of Thailand experienced hailstorms on 8 February 2021. Hails were seen falling down on Doi Angkhang in Fang district of Chiang Mai and on Doi Inthanon as well as in Mae Sai district of Chiang Rai. Meanwhile, the same event occurred at a school in Muang district of Lamphun. No one was hurt from this.

In addition, a number of areas in the northern and northeastern regions were placed under the warning of possible hailstorms and strong wind on 8-9 February 2021. Rainfall and the cold spell were expected to cover in 44 provinces.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, Feb 8). *Hailstorms hit North, weather warning for 44 provinces*.

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