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Cambodia

High-intensity rainstorm led to injuries and destructions. A large number of properties including 19 houses, a children's playground and two markets with tens of stalls in Poipet City were badly damaged by the sudden gust of wind incorporated with pouring rains on 4 April 2021. In addition, there were five persons injured.

The local government officials together with the army troops promptly visited the affected site to evaluate damages as well as to set up temporary shelters for accommodating those who had lost their residences.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Apr 6). *Heavy rainstorm destroys properties and injures five.*

Indonesia

Over a hundred lost their lives to a deadly tropical cyclone. As many as 128 people in East Nusa Tenggara Province were killed by flash floods and landslides, influenced by the powerful tropical cyclone Seroja since 3 April 2021. The tropical cyclone triggered an immense amount of rainfall in many areas of the province, especially in the capital city, Kupang,

where approximately 500 millimetres of precipitation were observed in just 48 hours. More than half of the death tolls were found in Lembata Regency with 67 reported dead, followed by East Flores Regency and Alor Regency with a total of 49 and 12 respectively. Aside from the fatalities, the Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB) also reported 72 missing as well as nearly 10,000 individuals had to evacuate to safer areas after the disastrous incidents damaged around 2,000 houses. These figures incurred all in East Nusa Tenggara.

The neighboring province of West Nusa Tenggara also experienced heavy rains, flooding, and landslides; however, there has yet to be any report on casualties.

Source: Floodlist. (2021, Apr 7). *Indonesia and East Timor – Flood Death Toll Climbs, Thousands Displaced;* Floodlist. (2021, Apr 5). *Indonesia and East Timor – Dozens Dead or Missing After Heavy Rain Triggers Floods and Landslides.*

Thailand

Summer storm left one dead and many thousands of houses destroyed. The Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department, on 5 April 2021, reported the casualties and widespread destructions of the properties caused by a vicious summer storm lashing out 34 provinces of Thailand. Regarding this, there were a total of 3,800 damaged houses, most of them were in the northern region, caught in the trails of thunderstorms, gusty winds and hail showers. A woman was killed by a tree branch falling down onto her car in Nan province, while other five people were injured in Nan, Surin and Pichit provinces.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, Apr 5). *Storm damage in 34 provinces, 1 dead.*

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