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Cambodia

Lightning strikes killed a farmer and one cattle during the storm. On 14 May 2021, a lightning struck villagers who went farming, killing a woman and seriously injuring four others in Phnom Srok district, in Banteay Meanchey province. Meanwhile, a cow was found dead due to another lightning strike.

According to the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), during 1-15 May 2021, there had been nearly two thousand buildings, including houses, schools, and markets, in 11 provinces affected by strong winds and lightnings. These natural disasters also caused widespread injuries to people and a death of livestock in many areas.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Mar 17). *Lightning kills woman and cow, injures four more in storms.*

Indonesia

Rain-induced disasters brought sufferings to several tens of thousands. There was a report of numerous rain-related disasters across nine provinces of Indonesia throughout 12-16 May 2021. On 12-13 May 2021, several flooding, strong wind and landslides affected nearly 20,000 people and around 4,500 residences in South, West and Central Kalimantan

provinces. There were overall 242 people, all in South Kalimantan, who needed to fled from their homes and stay at two refuge centres.

During the same period, in North, West Sumatra and South Sulawesi provinces, around 6,200 people and 1,500 houses were affected by flooding that triggered by torrential rainfalls and water overloads of rivers and a dam in the nearby areas. From this, roughly 500 houses were partially damaged.

Later, on 14-16 May 2021, inundations due to high-intensity rainfalls in Aceh, Riau and West Java provinces caused difficulties to above 3,000 people and affected nearly a thousand houses.

There were no people harmed by these natural disasters. Besides, a water level has continued to decrease over time.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, May 10-16). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 19.*

Malaysia

Heavy floods forced hundreds of people to flee from their homes. Many areas of Meleka State on 17 May 2021 experienced flash flood situations while the rising water level in Sabah State forced over 600 people to evacuate from their homes and take refuge in state-established relief centres.

In Melaka, the number of evacuees surged to 554 on 18 May 2021 as compared to 321 on the day before. In response, there were seven relief centres opened in the state to accommodate the flood victims.

Meanwhile, in Sabah, the authority logged a total of 72 displaced people on 18 May 2021, rising from 59 on a day before. The number of evacuees was expected to continue increasing as the evacuations in additional 56 villages were still in progress.

Source: Malay Mail. (2021, May 18). *Over 500 evacuated as floods worsen in Melaka;* Malay Mail. (2021, May 18). *Sabah flood evacuees up to 72 this morning.*

The Philippines

Earthquakes left people worrying about possible aftershocks. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) on 12 May 2021 detected a 5.8-magnitude quake in Occidental Mindoro Province centered at 11 kilometres northwest of the municipality of Abra de Ilog. Likewise, a 5.6-magnitude earthquake, on 13 May 2021, struck Davao Occidental Province, 397 kilometres southeast of Sarangani town. No casualties or damages were reported in both earthquakes; however, there was still a possibility of aftershock striking.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, May 13). *Aftershocks possible from magnitude 5.6 DavOcc quake*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, May 12). *Magnitude 5.8 quake jolts Occidental Mindoro*.

Over ten thousand families encountered severe difficulties due to a forceful tropical storm. On 14 May 2021, there were 12,733 families (62,000 people) in Zamboanga Peninsula and Davao Region heavily affected by the strong tropical storm, locally named 'Crising'. Light to heavy rainfalls and inundations were seen in some areas. The impacts of the storm drove 8,710 people away from their residences to stay either at the evacuation centres or with their relatives and friends. Almost 100 houses were damaged; two of them were totally destroyed.

Starting from a low-pressure area formed over the east of Davao City, it then developed into the tropical depression and the tropical storm 'Crising' respectively on 13 May 2021. It later weakened itself back to the tropical depression on the same day and made landfalls in the vicinity of Baganga, Davao Oriental. As it travelled further westward or west northwestward on 14 May 2021, it once again reduced into the low-pressure area.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, May 10-16). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 19*.

China

Extreme weather and tornados battered China, causing deaths, injuries and destruction. Tornado, gales and hails pounded three major provinces of China

including Jiangsu, Hubei and Jiangxi from 14 May 2021, killing 12 people and leaving nearly 250 injured.

In Jiangsu, a tornado hit Suzhou city, causing four people to be killed and 19 to be injured, two of them were in critical conditions. On the same day, the tornado also swept through Wuhan, the capital city of Hubei Province, especially in Caidian district, where over 3,500 people were affected. As the result of this incident, there were eight deaths, 230 injuries, 130 houses damaged as well as other 28 houses collapsed. The gales and hails also affected some 19,000 residents in Jiangxi Province. As reported on 16 May 2021, more than 340 houses were damaged resulting in estimated economic loss of over USD 2 million. There were no reports on casualties.

Source: Xinhua. (2021, May 16). *Gales, hail batter thousands in China's Jiangxi*; Xinhua. (2021, May 15). *China Focus: Casualties rise after tornadoes tear through Wuhan, Suzhou*; Xinhua. (2021, May 15). *Tornado kills 1, injures 21 in China's Jiangsu*.

Republic of Korea

A small earthquake rocked Korea's southwest region. The Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) reported that a 2.0-magnitude earthquake hit around 15 kilometres away from Wanju, a county in southwestern North Jeolla Province on 13 May 2021. Level 3 of seismic intensity scale was designated to the area around the centre and Level 1 to surrounding areas. The authority received two reports of people who felt the trembling. Luckily, no injuries, deaths or damages occurred.

Source: Yonhap. (2021, May 13). *2.0 magnitude quake hits S. Korea's southwestern region: KMA*.

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