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Cambodia

Monsoon rains destroyed nearly 200 houses in Cambodia. Heavy rainstorms struck two provinces of Cambodia namely Battambang and Kampong Thom on 3 and 5 July 2021 respectively. The incidents incurred damages to a total of 189 residences, consisting of 94 in Battambang and 95 in Kampong Thom. Several of houses had their roofs blown off. Regarding this, there were 17 houses sustaining serious damages, while five others entirely collapsed. Two persons were injured but no fatalities were reported.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, July 6). *Monsoon rain leaves 95 houses damaged and two people injured*; Khmer Times. (2021, July 5). *Storm destroys 94 houses in Battambang*.

Indonesia

Aceh was severely hit by heavy floods and landslides. Inundations and landfalls occurred in seven districts of Indonesia's Aceh Province on 5 July 2021, following the torrential rainfalls of up to 127 millimetres in 24 hours. As of 6 July 2021, the natural hazards affected 6,408 people and caused 2,034 houses to be submerged. Numerous villages in Jaya District, one of the affected districts out of

seven, were isolated as the floodwater caused a local bridge to be impassable.

Source: Floodlist. (2021, July 6). *Indonesia – Floods Damage Over 2,000 Homes in Aceh Province*.

The Philippines

Thousands of people fled their homes due to the increasing unrest of a volcano. The continued unrest of the Taal volcano had driven 6,585 individuals living in Region 4A away from their homes as of 6 July 2021. Most of affected people came from Batangas Province. There were 1,044 families accommodating in 23 evacuation centres. Meanwhile, the rest of the evacuees chose to stay with their relatives.

Since 1 July 2021, the Taal volcano had been placed under Alert Level 3 or magmatic unrest, following an eruption caused by the interaction between magma and water. Furthermore, the sulfur dioxide gas emission was recorded at the ever-highest level on 4 July 2021, indicating the increasing possibility of explosions in the future.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, July 6). *Families affected by Taal unrest now 1.9K*

China

Over a million people suffered from rain-induced inundation. From 28 June-6 July 2021, a high-intensity precipitation showered many areas of China and triggered inundations in the provinces of Jiangxi and Anhui along with the municipality of Chongqing.

In Jiangxi, there were almost 1.08 million people affected while 63,000 individuals were forced to flee their homes. The flood also submerged 70,300 hectares of crops and inflicted damages to 375 residences, of which 156 collapsed.

In Anhui, there were 137,000 people facing severe impacts of heavy rainfall. The disaster left 8,400 hectares of crops inundated and several houses toppled and damaged.

In Chongqing, flooding in low-lying areas due to the rising water levels in six local rivers prompted the authorities to evacuate more than 20,000 people.

Fortunately, there were no reports of deaths or injuries in any of these natural disasters.

Source: Xinhua. (2021, July 6). *Over 20,000 evacuated after flood hits China's Chongqing*; Xinhua. (2021, July 4). *Heavy rainfall lashes China's Anhui, affects 137,000*; Xinhua. (2021, July 2). *Floods affect over 1 mln people in China's Jiangxi*.

Japan

Dozens of victims went missing after an acute mudslide pounded a city in Japan. A huge mudslide came crashing down from the top of a mountain in Atami City of Shizuoka Prefecture on 3 July 2021 as the area recorded higher-than-average rainfall of 313 millimetres in just 48 hours.

The mudslide with a speed around 40 kilometres per hour killed seven people while 27 were still missing. Also, there was a report on 6 July 2021 that at least 130 houses were destroyed. In relation to this, a total of 577 affected people resided in two local hotels and an elementary school.

The search and rescue operations were continuously carried out by the authorities working with their hands since heavy machinery was deemed too dangerous for survivors under the mud.

Source: The Japan Times. (2021, July 6). *Critical 72-hour window passes in search for Atami mudslide survivors*; The Japan Times. (2021, July 3). *Two confirmed dead, about 20 still missing in Shizuoka mudslide as heavy rain hits Japan*.

The Republic of Korea

Intense downpours left two people dead and destroyed many properties. Several southern provinces in the Republic of Korea encountered torrential rainfalls that triggered floods and landslides over 5-6 July 2021. As a consequence, two persons in South Jeolla Province were killed, one by drowning and

another by a landslide. The disaster also forced 120 people to evacuate from their residences.

Relative to this, many houses, shops along with 7,500 hectares of farmland were submerged by mud and floodwater. A total of 128 houses in Busan City also lost their electricity temporarily.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2021, July 6). *(2nd LD) Downpours trigger landslide, cut off power, leave 2 dead in southern parts of Korea*.

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