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Indonesia

Rain-triggered floods and gales wreaked havoc in two provinces. On 21-23 July 2021, high-intensity downpours caused flooding and gusty winds to break out in the Provinces of Central Java and North Sumatra respectively. As a result, 809 residents and 176 houses were affected. Besides, an inundation in Central Java Province forced 80 people to evacuate from their homes. Luckily, no one was harmed in any of these events.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, July 19-25). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 29.*

Lao PDR

Continuous precipitations led to severe inundations in Lao PDR. Torrential rainfalls that had been pouring down for many days ended up causing severe floods in Luang Namtha Province and Savannakhet Province on 21 and 25 July 2021. A number of residences and agricultural areas were affected.

Meanwhile, the authorities issued warnings over the risks of flooding for the people living alongside rivers as rainfalls continued to lash down in many areas.

Source: The Laotian Times. (2021, July 27). *Floodwaters Inundate Savannakhet After Days of Heavy Rain*; The Laotian Times. (2021, July 22). *Luang Namtha Inundated by Floods after Torrential Rain.*

Malaysia

A vicious windstorm inflicted damages to more than 30 houses in Malaysia. There were 32 houses in eight villages of Pasir Puteh District of Kelantan State receiving various degrees of damages from the impact of a ferocious windstorm blasting through the areas on 23 July 2021. The natural hazard caused extreme damages to six houses, some of which had their roofs blown off or got smashed by fallen trees. No casualties were incurred in this incident.

Source: New Straits Times. (2021, July 24). *Storm damages 32 houses in Pasir Puteh.*

Myanmar

Myanmar suddenly confronted heavy floods. Several townships in Kayin, Mon and, Rakhine States along with Tanintharyi Region experienced acute flooding situations triggered by unceasing torrential rainfalls since 22 July 2021. According to the report from the AHA centre, a total of 48,472 people had been gravely affected. Also, 25,799 flood-displaced people had to take shelters in 23 evacuation camps in Kayin, Mon and, Rakhine States, as of 26 July 2021.

In relation to this, the authority advised the residents in already affected areas to be aware of further lashing rainfalls as the new low-pressure area was likely to form over the Bay of Bengal.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, July 26). *Myanmar, Flood and Storms in Kayin, Mon, and Rakhine States*; Burma News International. (2021, July 26). *Flooding in Karen state, Mon state and Tanintharyi region.*

The Philippines

Multiple aftershocks rattled the Philippines after a strong quake struck. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) logged a total of 24 aftershocks following a strong 6.6-

magnitude earthquake hitting the Municipality of Calatagan in Batangas Province on the morning of 24 July 2021. Most of aftershocks were measured at 2 magnitudes with the strongest scaled at 5.5. In the meantime, the Provincial Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) conducted an assessment of the possible damages to properties.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, July 24). *24 aftershocks logged after strong quake jolts Batangas town.*

Fatalities mounted as the influences of fierce storms prevailed. Various calamities including heavy rainstorms, floods and landslides occurred in several areas of the Philippines, particularly the Regions of Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Western Visayas, CAR and the National Capital Region (NCR). These natural disasters were induced by the influence of the southwest monsoon accompanied by the impacts of Typhoon In-Fa. As of 25 July 2021, three persons were killed and five others were injured. There were 87,493 people seriously affected as well. Furthermore, the incidents drove 24,798 people away from their homes, 22,263 of whom moved to evacuation centres, while the rest chose to stay with their relatives.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, July 25). *3 die, 5 injured due to monsoon rains; agri damage at P14-M.*

Thailand

Weather disturbances brought damages to 14 provinces of Thailand. Since 23 July 2021, there were 1,130 residents in 14 central, eastern, northern, northeastern and southern provinces of Thailand facing difficulties from multiple natural hazards consisting of heavy rains, flash floods, strong winds and landfalls. The widespread calamities were the effects of tropical depression Cempaka and the southwest monsoon blowing over Andaman Sea. Fortunately, the incidents did not cause any casualties.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, July 19-25). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 29.*

Viet Nam

Severe flooding forced hundreds of households in Viet Nam to evacuate.

From 22 July 2021, the heavy rains induced by tropical depression Cempaka triggered flooding in Muong Lat District of Thanh Hoa Province. As of 24 July 2021, there were a total of 305 households or around 1,400 individuals having to leave their residences and evacuate to safer places.

Source: ReliefWeb. (2021, July 19-25). *Viet Nam, Flooding in Muong Lat District, Thanh Hoa (TC Cempaka) (24 Jul 2021).*

China

Death toll in Henan's flooding skyrocketed while another typhoon made landfall. The catastrophic flooding hit central China's Henan Province killing 71 people, as of 27 July 2021, up from 25 on 21 July 2021. Likewise, the total number of affected people surged to 13 million similar to the number of destructed residences rising to 15,500.

To make matters worse, as of 25 July 2021, more than 1.65 million residents in Zhejiang Province were relocated from the high-risk areas as Typhoon In-Fa made landfalls on 26 July 2021. It is expected that the influences of the typhoon such as gales, intense rainfalls and high tides might affect the Provinces of Zhejiang and Jiangsu and the Municipality of Shanghai along with other East China areas.

Source: Global Times. (2021, July 26). *More than 1.65 million residents transferred across E. China Zhejiang as Typhoon In-Fa lands twice;* Xinhua. (2021, July 27). *Death toll rises to 71 in China's rain-ravaged Henan.*

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