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Indonesia

Violent gales and deluges battered Indonesia. During 1-3 August 2021, torrential rainfalls caused flooding in three provinces of Indonesia including Banten, West Java and South Sulawesi. Moreover, destructive strong winds also struck West Java Province alongside with the heavy rainfalls within the same period.

As a consequence, there were 1,207 people affected, but no casualties were reported. A total of 27 people, mostly in Banten Province, had to evacuate from their residences, while 38 houses in West Java Province received partial damages caused by the windstorms.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Aug 3). *Indonesia, Flooding in North Luwu Regency, South Sulawesi*; AHA Centre. (2021, Aug 2). *Indonesia, Strong Wind in Cimahi City, West Java*; AHA Centre. (2021, Jul 26 - Aug 1). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 30*.

The Philippines

Nearly a million Filipinos suffered from devastating impacts of a monsoon. Since 28 July 2021, numerous light to heavy downpours brought over by the influence of southwest monsoon already caused massive sufferings to 703,711

people in Regions 1, 3, MIMAROPA, 8, 9, CAR, and NCR of the Philippines, as updated on 4 August 2021.

Several rain-induced floods, landslides, thunderstorms, and gusty winds occurred in many areas of the country, forcing 99,287 residents to evacuate from their homes. The number of 135 evacuation centres was opened to accommodate those who were displaced. There were two people missing. Regarding the damages to properties, there were 321 houses sustaining damages, of which 44 were totally destroyed. As many as 104 roads, one bridge and 11,974 hectares of rice field were badly affected.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Jul 26 - Aug 1). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 30*.

Thailand

Fatal storms triggered heavy inundations in the north of Thailand.

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), on 28 July 2021, reported that numerous areas in northern Thailand's Tak province experienced acute flooding and forest runoff triggered by the impacts of monsoon storms. Prior to that, the province witnessed torrential rainfalls for seven consecutive days.

The large amount of rainwater caused some rivers and creeks to break their banks, sending floodwaters to cut off transportation route. Meanwhile, many people were trapped in their flooded houses. As a result, one person was killed and over 140 residences were damaged. Extensive damages to agricultural areas were reported as well.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, Jul 29). *Monsoon causes heavy floods in Tak*.

China

Fatalities from China's Henan floods passed 300, while another typhoon remained rampant. The death tolls in central China's Henan Province's flooding rapidly soared to 302, as of 2 August 2021, rising multiple times compared to only 71 reported on 27 July 2021. Apart

from that, the inundation also caused another 50 people to go missing. The majority of deaths and missing individuals were reported in Zhengzhou City, the capital city of the province. In addition to this, the disastrous situations that had persisted since 16 July 2021 had affected more than 14.53 million people along with damaging over 1.09 million hectares of crops and destroying over 30,600 houses.

At the same time, an intense inundation also took place in the Province of Hebei due to the severe influence of typhoon In-Fa. As of 2 August 2021, the flooding had already killed two people, affected 654,000 and forced 103,000 to flee from their residences. In response, a level-IV emergency response, the lowest tier in a four-tier flood-control emergency response system, was activated.

Source: Xinhua. (2021, Aug 3). *China activates emergency response to north China floods*; Xinhua. (2021, Aug 2). *China Focus: Death toll from floods rises to 302 in China's Henan*.

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