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Cambodia

Cambodia's coastal city confronted heavy flooding. A huge deluge broke out in the coastal city of Sihanoukville in Cambodia, following a torrential rainstorm on 24 August 2021. The areas affected by flooding included Sangkat 1, 2, 3 and 4, with Sangkat 4. One person had gone missing after falling down into a canal. Relative to this, the country was forecast to continue experiencing heavy rainfalls until 31 August 2021.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Aug 25). *VIDEO & PICTURES: 1 person missing and widespread flooding in Sihanoukville after 'major' storm.*

Indonesia

Hundreds evacuated as rain-induced flooding struck vast areas of Indonesia. From 18-24 August 2021, intense rainfalls caused several local rivers and watersheds along with embankments to break their banks, leading to heavy flooding in 10 provinces of Indonesia namely Aceh, Banten, Central Kalimantan, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, Southeast Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, South Kalimantan, West Kalimantan and West Java. It terribly affected 20,292 people and caused 324 of them to flee from their residences. There were also 4,524 houses

submerged. Fortunately, no one was hurt in any of these incidents.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Aug 18-24). *DISASTER EVENT REPORTS: Indonesia.*

Malaysia

Widespread floods and landslides killed several people in Malaysia. During 18-19 August 2021, four states in Malaysia namely Kedah, Penang, Perak and Selangor were hit by fatal inundations and landfalls.

In Kedah State, the disasters took place in Gunung Jerai of Yan District, killing six people and causing 800 houses to be affected, as of 23 August 2021. Flooding also generated difficulties in other districts of the state including Bandar Baharu and Kuala Muda. A total of 96 people fled their homes while 200 houses were damaged.

In Perak State, the inundation forced 257 people to relocate to four evacuation centres in Kerian, Larut Matang and Selama, and Kampar Districts, as of 24 August 2021. The number of evacuees slightly dropped from a day before.

Besides, the impacts of flooding in the states of Penang and Selangor caused 34 and 63 residents to be displaced.

Source: Floodlist. (2021, Aug 19). *Malaysia – 4 Dead, 2 Missing After Flash Floods in Kedah;* Malay Mail. (2021, Aug 24). *Social Welfare Dept: 257 flood victims still at four relief centres in Perak;* Malay Mail. (2021, Aug 23). *Yan floods: Cops say body of sixth victim reported missing, found in Titi Hayun.*

Myanmar

Heavy casualties were incurred due to deadly rain-related calamity. A powerful landslide occurred on 24 August 2021 in PyinOoLwin District in Mandalay Region, Myanmar due to a severe rainfall. The large volume of mud and dirt buried a total of four houses and 14 residents inside caused 11 to be killed and three others to sustain injuries, according to an official from Mogok Township Red Cross Society.

Also, the heavy rainfall triggered other landslides and flooding in Muse District in Shan State on 20 August 2021. It destructed four houses and affected the

camp of internally displaced persons. About 510 people seriously needed food and medical assistance.

Source: Eleven Media Group. (2021, Aug 25). *11 killed, 3 rescued in Mogok landslide*; Eleven Media Group. (2021, Aug 20). *Heavy rain in Muse causes landslide and flooding*.

The Philippines

Two bodies were found at the landslide crash site in the Philippines. There were two people buried under mud and soil on 19 and 20 August 2021 because of a landslide striking Itogon Municipality of Benguet Province, the Philippines on 17 August 2021. Relative to this, the landfall affected 800 people in the area but did not leave any damages to properties.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Aug 16-22). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 33*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Aug 20). *2nd body in Benguet landslide retrieved*.

Singapore

Flash floods submerged numerous vehicles and injured one person in Singapore. At least 13 vehicles were found underwater due to flash floods provoked by a torrential downpour in Pasir Ris area of Singapore on 20 August 2021. There were 25 people evacuated from these vehicles while one person was injured and taken to the hospital. The authority warned of another 10 locations across the country that were at risk of flash floods and urged the public to avoid being around those areas.

Source: Channel News Asia. (2021, Aug 20). *SCDF evacuates 5 people after vehicles were stuck in flash floods at Pasir Ris; 1 person taken to hospital*.

Thailand

Hundreds of people experienced sudden flooding in northern Thailand. During 23-24 August 2021, severe rainfalls caused floodwater from forests to flow into residential areas in Phusang, Dok Kham Tai, and Pong Districts of Phayao Province, Thailand. The event affected 550 people and 110 houses while four hectares of rice fields were damaged. Luckily, there were no reports on casualties.

Source: ADINet. (2021, Aug 24). *Thailand, Flooding in Phusang, Dok Kham Tai and Pong District, Phayao*.

China

Deadly floods battered China's megacity. Violent rainstorms had ravaged numerous districts and counties of China's Chongqing Municipality since 22 August 2021. Water levels in 12 small to medium-size rivers increased above the warning and safety guarantee levels. Regarding this, torrential rainstorms, on 23 August 2021, set off sudden floods sweeping away a vehicle, killing four passengers and causing two to be missing.

Source: Xinhua. (2021, Aug 24). *Four dead, two missing in China's mountain torrents*; Xinhua. (2021, Aug 24). *Rain-triggered floods hit China's Chongqing*.

The Republic of Korea

A ferocious tropical storm brought chaos into the Republic of Korea. Typhoon Omais made landfall over the Republic of Korea on 23 August 2021, shortly before weakened into a tropical storm. The cities of Jeju and Busan, and the provinces of South Gyeongsang and South Jeolla experienced heavy rainfalls along with lightning and thunders on 24 August 2021. As a result, 18 houses and 20 shopping quarters along with nine roads were flooded, while 217 households were a temporary blackout. There were 1,190 residents fleeing from their homes. The situation also disrupted a railway operation in South Gyeongsang Province and ferry operations in several areas.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2021, Aug 24). *(2nd LD) Typhoon Omais leaves behind flooded homes, damaged roads, railways in S. Korea*.

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