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Cambodia

Incessant rains kept flooding situations to persist in Cambodia. Inundations in Banteay Meanchey Province of Cambodia still saw no improvement since 20 September 2021 as unceasing torrential rainfalls continued to cause an increase in floodwater levels. The worst affected areas in the provinces were Serei Saophorn City and Mongkul Borei District and, as of 12 October 2021, more than 1,500 families still resided in flood shelters. The inundations also resulted in the erosion of 66,110 metres of roads along with the destruction of another 1,950 metres. Likewise, persistent deluges were present in Prey Veng Province as well.

In addition to this, the country was expected to experience the impacts of the tropical cyclone Kompasu from 13 to 19 October 2021, according to the Water Resources Ministry.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Oct 13). *Floods inundate Banteay Meanchey and Prey Veng, more to come soon.*

Indonesia

Floods forced over a hundred people in Indonesia to flee their homes. A total number of 4,957 people in four provinces of Indonesia namely North Sumatra, East

Kalimantan, Aceh and Central Sulawesi encountered serious inundations triggered by high tides in the coastal areas and high-intensity downpours during 6-10 October 2021. As a consequence, there were 134 people, mostly from Penajam Paser Utara Regency of East Kalimantan Province, forced to evacuate from their homes. The natural hazards also caused 762 houses along with 800 hectares of rice fields, several public facilities and infrastructures to be badly affected. Fortunately, no deaths and injuries were reported.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Oct 6-12). *DISASTER EVENT REPORTS: Indonesia.*

The Philippines

Death tolls rose amid the onslaughts of two severe weather disturbances. A severe tropical cyclone Kompasu, packing a maximum sustained wind speed of 100 kilometres per hour, already killed 30 people, injured three and caused 14 to go missing in the Philippines after making landfall at Cagayan Province on 11 October 2021. The impacts of the tropical storms including torrential downpours and landslides could be seen in Region 1, 2, MIMAROPA, 6 and CAR, affecting 194,677 people. There were 14,909 people required to flee their homes. Regarding this, 99 evacuation centres were established to accommodate those evacuees. The natural disasters also damaged 236 houses partially and 89 entirely along with 53,375 hectares of crops and 2,559 livestock, incurring USD 22,821,528 of damage cost.

Prior to this, the Philippines also witnessed the deadly effects of the tropical cyclone Lion Rock that made its way across the country on 4-6 October 2021. As of 11 October 2021, the storm left three people dead and affected 8,048 persons in Region 6 and MIMAROPA.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Oct 11). *Philippines, Flooding, Landslide, Storms, and Winds in Region 1, 2, MIMAROPA, 6, CAR (TC KOMPASU); ReliefWeb. (2021, Oct 11). Philippines, China - Tropical Cyclone LIONROCK, update (GDACS, NDRRMC, Government of China-Hong Kong, AHA Centre, PAGASA, CMA) (ECHO Daily Flash of 11 October 2021).*

Thailand

Floods generated widespread sufferings in many provinces of Thailand. Inundations, triggered by the tropical cyclone Lion Rock that weakened itself into a low-pressure cell, broke out in eight provinces of Thailand consisting of Chanthaburi, Chiang Mai, Chumphon, Lampang, Loei, Prachin Buri, Ranong and Trat from 8 October 2021. The situations collectively affected 31,255 people with no reports of any deaths and injuries. In this regard, the situations in six provinces had already been resolved.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Oct 8). *Thailand, Flooding in 8 Provinces (TC LIONROCK)*.

China

Record flooding and a fierce storm led to mass casualties in two parts of China. North China's Shanxi Province underwent the strongest flooding in its record following the continuous rainstorms that battered the province during 2-7 October 2021. As of 12 October 2021, the fatal calamities caused 15 people to be killed and three others to go missing as well as acutely affected 1.76 million residents across the province. Relative to this, there were 120,100 residents who had to relocate from their homes. This catastrophic flooding destroyed 37,700 houses and 238,460 hectares of crops, causing the direct economic loss to USD 780 million.

In the meantime, a total of 14 injuries and 140 displaced people were reported in Hong Kong as the tropical cyclone Lion Rock traversed past the southern parts of China on 8-10 October 2021. Likewise, some impacts of the storm were noticeable in Hainan Province as well.

Source: ReliefWeb. (2021, Oct 11). *Philippines, China - Tropical Cyclone LIONROCK, update (GDACS, NDRRMC, Government of China-Hong Kong, AHA Centre, PAGASA, CMA) (ECHO Daily Flash of 11 October 2021)*; Xinhua.

(2021, Oct 12). *15 killed, 3 missing as rainstorms hit north China's Shanxi.*

Japan

The strongest quake to hit Japan's capital since 2011 left numerous people injured. An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.9 occurred on the night of 7 October 2021, jolting Tokyo and its surrounding prefectures including Saitama, Chiba and Kanagawa. It was considered to be the strongest tremor to the country's capital since the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster in 2011. The shake frightened and generated chaos among residents of Tokyo. Over 20 people were injured. The train transportations were disrupted while around 250 households experienced power outages. A house in Saitama Prefecture also caught on fire. Relative to this, the Meteorological Agency further warned that a quake of the same or larger scale could occur again within a week with a focus potentially below the metropolitan area, which would lead to greater casualties and destructions.

Source: The Japan Times. (2021, Oct 8). *Tokyo jolted by strongest earthquake since 2011 disaster.*

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