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Indonesia

Multiple hazards put more than a hundred thousand in Indonesia through difficulties. During 24-30 November 2021, large-scale floods and landslides triggered by torrential downpours coupled with strong winds broke out across nine provinces of Indonesia comprising Central Java, East Java, West Java, Aceh, North Sumatra, South Kalimantan, South Sulawesi, West Nusa Tenggara and Banten. These events caused four people to die and one to be injured as well as brought impacts to 131,573 people, of which 5,457 had to evacuate. Also, there were 27,201 houses affected including 49 sustaining partial damages and 16 entirely destroyed. A number of public buildings and infrastructures also experienced negative effects.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Nov 24-30). *DISASTER EVENT REPORTS: Indonesia*.

Malaysia

Intense downpours forced people in Malaysia to leave their homes. A total of 94 people in Hilir Perak District of Perak State, Malaysia needed to evacuate to a relief centre on 24 November 2021 after their houses were submerged by floodwater following continuous rainfalls for

the past few days. Likewise, the number of flood evacuees in Kubang Pasu and Kota Setar Districts in Kedah State also saw an increase to 92 people on 24 November 2021, compared to 58 people on the previous day. All the evacuees were housed in three flood relief centres in both districts.

Source: New Straits Times. (2021, Nov 24). *Flood evacuees in Kedah rise to 92*; New Straits Times. (2021, Nov 24). *Flood relief centre opened in Hilir Perak with 94 flood victims taking shelter*.

The Philippines

A weak explosion was detected at one of the volcanoes in the Philippines. A small burst occurred at Mount Pinatubo located in Central Luzon on 30 November 2021, blasting a plume of smoke up in the sky. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) later provided the information on the steam-blast eruption. It was probably occurred by the shallow hydrothermal processes beneath the volcano. Fortunately, there were no reports of ashfall. However, the PHIVOLCS has warned people to stay away from the vicinity of the mountain and prepare for both earthquakes and volcanic hazards that may occur at any time.

Source: Rappler. (2021, Nov 30). *Phivolcs: 'Weak explosion' at Mount Pinatubo was phreatic eruption*.

Thailand

Sudden floods created widespread chaos in Thailand's southern province. Heavy rains on 29 November 2021 induced floods in three districts of Surat Thani province including Ban Na Doem, Khian Sa and Ban Nasan. The incidents led to at least 220 houses being flooded, forcing villagers to move their belongings to higher grounds, while some people had to flee their homes. Regarding this, the evacuees would be accommodated in a central flood shelter set up in Phun Phin District. Besides, floodwater also damaged roads and bridges, causing disruption to transportation in some areas.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, Nov 30). *Heavy rain, flooding in Surat Thani*.

Viet Nam

Central Viet Nam suffered casualties and destruction causing by extreme inundations. Torrential rainfalls during 26-30 November 2021 had triggered massive deluges and landslides in Viet Nam's central provinces of Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen and Kon Tum. According to the Vietnam Disaster Management Agency, the natural hazards already killed two people, destructed 2,617 residences and pushed 182 families out of their homes. Some communities were also left isolated after floods and landfalls blocked transportation routes in the areas.

Source: Floodlist. (2021, Nov 30). *Vietnam – 2 Dead and 2,500 Homes Damaged After Floods in Central Provinces.*

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