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Indonesia

Floods and landslides struck Indonesia affecting about 50,000 people. Heavy rains during 14-17 March 2022 triggered floods and landslides in many areas of Java Island including Grobogan, Purworejo, Kebumen and Banyumas regencies in Central Java, and Lumajang regency in East Java. More than 30,000 people were affected and almost 10,000 became displaced.

On 16 March 2021, floods and landslides also affected 9,194 people and damaged 2,837 homes in Balikpapan city and surrounding areas of East Kalimantan province on Borneo Island. Meanwhile, the island of Sumatra was hit by floods during 16-17 March 2021 affecting over 1,400 people and destroying nearly 1,800 homes.

Source: Floodlist. (2022, Mar 18). *Indonesia – Floods Affect 50,000 in Java, Borneo and Sumatra.*

Malaysia

Flash floods caused by heavy rains hit Kedah state, Malaysia. On 16 March 2021, some 50 houses in the villages of

Kampung Baru, Sungai Kob, Kampung Banggol Penyengat, Kampung Seberang Jaya and Kampung Padang Limau in Karangan, Kedah state, Malaysia were affected by flash floods after heavy rains. However, no victims were evacuated as waist-high floodwaters had already receded by 9 p.m. Moreover, the authorities deployed the rescuers to monitor the situation.

Source: New Straits Times. (2022, Mar 16). *50 houses in four Kulim villages hit by flash floods.*

The Philippines

A 5.3-magnitude earthquake struck Occidental Mindoro province, the Philippines. An earthquake with magnitude 5.3 hit 82 kilometres northwest of the municipality of Lubang, Occidental Mindoro province, the Philippines on 16 March 2022. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), the quake was an aftershock of a 6.4-magnitude earthquake that shook the province earlier on 14 March 2022. The agency had recorded 671 aftershocks ranging from 1.3 to 5.1 magnitudes.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2022, Mar 16). *Magnitude 5.3 aftershock hits Occidental Mindoro.*

China

Moderate earthquakes jolted Northwest China. According to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC), two earthquakes struck northwest China's Gansu province and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on 17 March 2022. The first quake with a magnitude of 5.1 rattled Zhangye city of Gansu province at 8:26 a.m. while another 5.2-magnitude quake struck Pishan country in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region at 9:41p.m. However, the quakes did not cause any damages.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, Mar 17). *5.2-magnitude quake hits China's Xinjiang;* Xinhua. (2022, Mar 17). *5.1-magnitude quake hits China's Gansu, no casualties reported.*

Japan

A powerful magnitude 7.4 earthquake hit Japan. An earthquake of magnitude 7.4 strongly struck off the coast of Fukushima prefecture, Japan on 16 March 2022 at a depth of about 57 kilometres, expanding strong tremors across a wide swath of the country. There were four people died and 97 others injured in Miyagi, Fukushima, Kanagawa, Ibaraki, Iwate, Akita and Yamagata prefectures. The authorities warned the residents on the possibility of further strong tremors next week. Besides, a tsunami warning was issued but cancelled early on 17 March 2022. Widespread power outages and transport disruptions were reported in northeastern and eastern Japan affecting more than 2.2 million households but no serious damage was immediately reported.

Source: The Japan Times. (2022, Mar 17). *Japan assesses damage after powerful magnitude 7.4 quake strikes off east coast.*

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