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Cambodia

Heavy storms threatened lives and properties in Cambodia. Strong winds and harsh downpours uprooted several trees damaging vehicles and properties and causing the traffic disruption in many areas of Cambodia on 9 May 2022. However, there were no casualties or injuries reported. Residents were warned to stay vigilant during the rainy season and stormy weather.

Source: Khmer Times. (2022, May 10). Stormy weather brings danger of toppling trees.

Malaysia

Torrential downpours triggered floods in Sabah state. According to the Sabah State Disaster Management Committee, prolonged heavy rains on 9 May 2022 triggered flash floods in 49 villages of Sabah state, Malaysia including 36 villages in Beaufort district and 13 villages in Tenom district. In relation to this, four evacuation centres were opened in Tenom as a precautionary measure. Several roads were impassable while a landslide was reported. There were 2,425 students affected after floods forced eight schools in Beaufort, Tenom and Penampang districts to temporarily close.

Source: Malay Mail. (2022, May 10). Flash floods in Sabah force eight schools to shut; Malay Mail. (2022, May 10). Floods in Sabah affect 49 villages in Beaufort, Tenom.

The Philippines

Multiple earthquakes hit the provinces of Surigao del Sur and Davao Oriental. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), a magnitude 5.2 earthquake struck Surigao del Sur province, the Philippines on 6 May 2022. The quake was detected 16 kilometres east of Marihatag municipality with a depth of 31 kilometres. Likewise, four earthquakes with magnitudes of 5.1, 5.2, 5.7, and 6 also jolted Davao Oriental province during 5-6 May 2022. The quakes had epicenters located more than a hundred kilometres away from the municipality of Tarragona. The PHIVOLCS did not expect any damages from these quakes while the aftershocks were likely to occur.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2022, May 6). Magnitude 5.1 quake hits DavOr; Philippine News Agency. (2022, May 6). Magnitude 5.2 quake jolts Surigao del Sur.

Thailand

One person died after sudden floods swept through the south of Thailand. Severe flash floods triggered by heavy rains from 5 May 2022 affected at least 350 households in six provinces of Thailand consisting of Chumphon, Songkhla, Surat Thani, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Chiang Mai and Nakhon Phanom. One person was found dead in Surat Thani on 7 May 2022 after being washed away by flood current. Meanwhile, incessant downpours caused U-tapao canal to overflow and submerge three villages in Prik district as well as crop fields, rubber plantations and fruit orchards in Sadao district, Songkhla province on 9 May 2022. The authorities were dispatched with flat-bottom boats to help villagers move their belongings to higher ground and evacuate bedridden people. Flooding was expected to spread to other areas in Sadao and Khlong Hoy Khong districts. The

Meteorological Department warned of more precipitation in southern Thailand due to the influence of tropical storm Asani.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2022, May 9). *Heavy rain causes Songkhla flooding*; Bangkok Post. (2022, May 8). *Myanmar man dies in Surat Thani flash flood, more rain forecast*; Floodlist. (2022, May 9). *Thailand – Severe Flash Floods Hit Southern Provinces*.

Japan

Japan's prefectures were shaken by a 4.8 magnitude earthquake. An earthquake measured 4.8 on the Richter scale rocked Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma prefectures located near the capital Tokyo, Japan on 5 May 2022, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. The quake struck 40 kilometres deep in southern Ibaraki prefecture and the tremor could be felt in central Tokyo. However, no tsunami occurred.

Source: The Mainichi. (2022, May 5). *M4.8 quake jolts areas near Tokyo, no tsunami*.

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