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Cambodia

Severe floods submerged several parts of Siem Reap, Cambodia. Heavy rains triggered floods in eight districts of Siem Reap province including Angkor Chom, Srei Snam, Puok, Sonikum, BaKong, Varin, Kralanh, and Chi Kraeng. Floods affected 5,872 households, 184 villages, and 41 communes and damaged over 20,000 hectares of crops. The authorities were closely monitoring the situation to protect people's lives, and avoid possible accidents. Also, some trucks and heavy vehicles were prohibited to enter those affected areas in order to avoid road damage.

Sources: Kiri Post. (2022, Sep 23). *Heavy floods threaten thousands of Siem Reap families.*; Khmer Times. (2022, Sep 24). *Siem Reap reports damages to crops in flooding.*

Philippines

The strongest typhoon 'Noru' killed six people in the Philippines. On 25 September 2022, typhoon Noru, locally

known as 'Karding', made landfall near the Polillo Islands bringing strong wind and heavy rains to the Philippines. It was the strongest typhoon hit the country this year. Nearly 79,000 people in Ilocos, Cagayan, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Bicol Region, the National Capital Region, and Cordillera were preemptively evacuated for safety concerns. Five rescuers were killed due to helping flooded residents in the province of Bulacan. Meanwhile, a man was found dead in Burdeos municipality after a landslide hit the area. Also, six fishermen went missing in Camarines Norte province when the typhoon swept through Luzon Island. Police officers and firefighters were sent to affected areas, vital installations, and evacuation centers to assist those affected. The Philippine Air Force was also standing by for humanitarian missions.

Sources: The Manila Times. (2022, Sep 27). *'Karding' leaves 6 dead.*

Viet Nam

Super typhoon 'Noru' forced a great number of people in Viet Nam to evacuate. Super typhoon Noru was forecast to hit central Viet Nam on 27 September 2022. Under strict instructions in response to the typhoon, hundreds of thousands of people were evacuated to safer zones. Safety instructions were prepared for the tourists. Local polices and military forces were placed on full alert to provide assistance and distribute emergency aids and other essential items to evacuated people. Transportation services were temporarily closed, suspended or rescheduled to avoid the impacts of the typhoon.

Sources: Viet Nam News. (2022, Sep 27). *Urgent preparations made in response to super typhoon Noru.*

China

'Red alert' was assigned for China's largest lake due to a worsening drought.

Local authorities in Jiangxi province of central China declared a water supply 'red alert' for the first time after the prolonged drought has dried up Poyang Lake, China's largest freshwater lake, since June 2022. The water level of the lake dropped from 19.43 metres to 7.1 metres in the past three months and would fall even further in the coming days. Besides, a long dry across the Yangtze River basin has hampered hydropower output and damaged crop growth ahead of the autumn harvest. Although heavy rain has relieved the drought in much of southwest China, central regions continue to suffer with extremely dry conditions. Drought has also affected neighboring Anhui province causing 10 reservoirs to be unable to discharge water downstream. The efforts of seeding clouds and diverting water from elsewhere were required to mitigate the situation.

Sources: South China Morning Post. (2022, Sep 23). *Central China drought puts Poyang freshwater lake supply on red alert.*

Japan

Talas inflicted severe damages in central Japan. A storm named Talas just off the Pacific coast dumped more than 400 mm of rain within 24 hours in Shizuoka Prefecture during 23 - 24 September 2022. Landslides occurred, including in remote mountains, causing electricity pylons to topple. As the result, about 120,000 households lived without electricity on 24 September 2022. There were three died in the cities of Kakegawa and Fukuroi while another three were injured in Hamamatsu city. As of 25 September 2022, 2,910 households in

Shizuoka Prefecture and neighboring Gifu Prefecture still experienced power outages. Meanwhile, around 55,000 households in Shizuoka Prefecture were without running water. Municipal officials and the coast guard provided clean water to the residents. The storm was downgraded to a depression on 24 September 2022 before moving back to the Pacific Ocean.

Sources: The Japan Times. (2022, Sep 25). *Three killed as storm lashes central Japan.*

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