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Myanmar

Cyclone Mocha wreaked havoc Myanmar.

The powerful Cyclone Mocha made landfall on the coast of Myanmar on 14 May 2023 triggering severe floods in Rakhine State. There were hundreds of people, including Rohingya Muslims, feared dead. Meanwhile, some of the cyclone victims were seriously injured. Phone network services in the area were also disrupted causing the situation to be more difficult. Besides, the need of humanitarian aids was rocketed after food rationing were lost due to the cyclone.

Sources: Reuters. (2023, May 16). *Hundreds feared dead after Cyclone Mocha hits western Myanmar.*

The Philippines

Flash floods struck the Philippines' Koronadal city. On 15 May 2023, heavy downpours brought flash floods to hit several communities of Koronadal city. More than 150 people were forced to evacuate, and at

least four people were slightly injured. Flash floods also damaged two houses while several low-lying areas were submerged by knee-high floods. To relieve the situation, the government provided food aid to displaced people.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2023, May 16). *4 hurt, 30 families flee Koronadal City floods, landslides.*

Thailand

Northern Thailand was hit by downpours.

Heavy rains triggered a landslide in Mae Fah Luang district, Chiang Rai province on 13 May 2023. The landslide collapsed one house and killed one person. Moreover, the downpours caused damages in Mae Chan district while landslides blocked access to Pa Tung sub-district. Also, the water level of the Chan River increased and flooded many houses in the district. As of 14 May 2023, the damage was reported in three sub-districts and five villages across Mae Fah Luang and Mae Chan districts.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2023, May 14). *One killed as storm hits Chiang Rai.*

Japan

A moderate earthquake jolted Japan.

According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, a magnitude 5.2 earthquake struck eastern Japan on 11 May 2023 including Chiba Prefecture and downtown Tokyo. There were two people in Chiba Prefecture and another two in Kanagawa Prefecture injured. Some East Japan Railway Services that run through Chiba Prefecture were canceled or delayed. However, no serious damage or injury was reported. The earthquake originated in southern Chiba

Prefecture at a depth of around 40 kilometres.

Sources: The Japan Times. (2023, May 11). *Several injured as magnitude 5.2 quake rattles east Japan.*

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