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Indonesia

Extreme weather caused severe damages in Indonesia. Floods and landslides triggered by high intensity rains hit Ujung Loe, Herlang, and Bontotiro districts of Bulukumba Regency in South Sulawesi Province on 24 May 2023. Over a hundred of houses and a mosque were damaged while facilities and infrastructure were also affected. A road connecting Gunturu village and Bajang village was closed due to the landslide. Moreover, Kota Gajah, Punggur, and Trimorejo sub-districts of Central Lampung Regency were struck by a tornado on 27 May 2023. There were hundreds of houses, an auditorium and many trees destroyed. Residents together with involved agencies worked together to repair the damaged houses. However, no casualties or injuries were reported from these incidents.

Sources: Bacagituloh. (2023, May 26). *Floods and landslides hit 3 districts in Bulukumba, damaged houses, broken dams, and cracked roads*; Kupastuntas. (2023 May 28). *Three Districts in Central Lampung Were Hit By a Tornado, Hundreds of Houses Were Damaged*.

The Philippines

Typhoon Mawar struck several areas of the Philippines. According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), Typhoon Mawar (local name Betty) affected a total of 11,264 people in the provinces of Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela, Aurora, Antique, Negros Occidental, and Apayao; 3,483 people of which had to shelter at the evacuation centers as of 30 May 2023. Meanwhile, a warehouse at the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA) was collapsed and a power supply in at least four provinces of Northern Luzon were cutoff due to the impacts of the typhoon.

Sources: Manila Bullentin. (2023, May 30). *Typhoon 'Betty' cuts off power supply in four N. Luzon provinces*.

Viet Nam

Viet Nam was affected by unfavorable weather conditions. According to a news from A Luoi District People's Committee on 24 May 2023, thunderstorms hit Thua-Thien Hue province on 23 May 2023 damaging over 80 houses in Lam Dot commune and injuring two individuals. Meanwhile, many trees were toppled by strong winds. The local government together with related units later rushed to the affected areas to collect data of damage and help those affected. Besides, on 27 May 2023, rainstorm triggered floods in Ho Chi Minh City. The traffic in the city was congested by floods while several trees were uprooted by gusts. Earlier, heavy rains and thunderstorm also struck the city on 16 and 21 May 2023 disrupting almost 20 flights at Tan Son Nhat airport.

Sources: Viet Nam Post English. (2023, May 24). *Thua Thien – Hue: 81 houses lost their roofs due to storms, 2 people were*

struck by lightning; Viet Nam News. (2023, May 24). Flights diverted, delayed due to bad weather at Tan Son Nhat airport; VN Express. (2023, May 27). Downpour floods streets, uproots trees in HCMC.

Japan

A strong earthquake affected several areas of Japan. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, an earthquake of magnitude 6.2 was detected on 26 May 2023 at a depth of 50 kilometres off the coast of eastern Chiba Prefecture. The tremor was also felt in neighbor areas including Tokyo causing the Hokuriku, Joetsu and Tohoku Shinkansen lines to be suspended due to a temporary blackout. However, tsunami warning was not issued and no abnormalities were reported at the Tokai No. 2 nuclear power plant in Ibaraki Prefecture.

Sources: The Japan Times. (2023, May 26). *Magnitude 6.2 earthquake jolts Tokyo area; no major damage reported.*

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