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Cambodia

Lightning killed a woman in Cambodia's Banteay Meanchey province. On 21 June 2023, rains and thunders struck Phnom Srok district of Banteay Meanchey province resulting in a woman to be killed and two children to be seriously injured by lightning while they were cleaning out a pond. The children later were taken to Siem Reap Provincial Hospital for a medical treatment.

Sources: Khmer Times. (2023, June 22). *Woman killed, two children seriously injured by lightning.*

Indonesia

Floods hit areas in Central Indonesia. Central Indonesia especially Java Island had been lashed by heavy rainfalls since 19 June 2023. According to the ASEAN Disaster Information Network (ADINet), almost 70 people were displaced, a total of 128 people were affected, and over 30 houses

were damaged in Bunijaya village of West Java province as of 22 June 2023. Also, moderate rainfall was forecast to continue to hit western Java Island.

Sources: Reliefweb. (2023, June 22). *Indonesia - Landslide (ADINet, BMKG, BNPB) (ECHO Daily Flash of 22 June 2023).*

Malaysia

A storm seriously slammed Pasir Puteh district of Malaysia. More than 10 houses in the villages of Bukit Abal, Permatang Rambai, Sungai Durian, Sungai Kelong, and Selising in Pasir Puteh district of Kelantan province were damaged after being hit by trees during a storm surge according to Pasir Puteh Malaysian Civil Defence Force. However, there were no casualties or injuries reported as of 25 June 2023.

Sources: The Star. (2023, June 26). *Over 10 houses damaged in Pasir Puteh storm.*

The Philippines

A tornado wreaked havoc in Pampanga province of the Philippines. The villages of San Vicente and Cabalantian in Bacolor town of Pampanga province were hit by a storm on 22 June 2023. It destroyed five houses. Meanwhile, 16 houses and other structures were partially damaged. The tornado also knocked down several electric posts along Macarthur highway, and many trees. Besides, power outage was reported in the affected areas.

Sources: Inquirer. (2023, June 23). *21 houses destroyed in first-ever tornado to hit Pampanga town.*

Viet Nam

Heavy rains battered parts of Viet Nam.

On 22 June 2023, many parts of Ho Chi Minh city were flooded due to heavy rains accompanied by strong winds. Floodwaters disrupted traffic in several areas, and the ward of medical centre in Go Vap district. Also, a big tree was uprooted and blocked Cau Xeo street in Tan Phu district. Likewise, the central highlands city in Lam Dong province was soaked by a half-hour of heavy rains triggering several Da Lat streets to be flooded. Floodwaters also submerged houses in low-lying areas and damaged many vehicles. The heavy rain in Viet Nam was influenced by a low-pressure system in the East coast.

Sources: VN Express. (2023, June 22). *Flooding as rains lash HCMC*; VN Express. (2023, June 24). *Da Lat streets underwater after 30-minute rain*.

China

China experienced severe floods and drought. Torrential downpours battered central China's Hunan province causing the emergency response for flood control to be upgraded to Level 3 as of 23 June 2023. Over 276,000 people were affected while many houses, and more than 16,400 hectares of crops were damaged. Water level of some tributaries in Xiangjiang area was exceeded a warning mark. Local authorities later took the necessary measures to relocate over 18,000 residents to safer areas. China has a four-tier flood control emergency response system, with Level 1 representing the most severe response. Additionally, several areas of China mainly in Inner Mongolia and the provinces of Hebei, Liaoning, and Yunnan

were facing severe drought. About 200,000 people and 760,000 livestock lacked access to sufficient water while three million hectares of farmland were affected as of 25 June 2023, according to the Ministry of Water Resources.

Sources: Xinhua. (2023, June 24). *Over 270,000 affected by heavy rains in central China's Hunan*; Xinhua. (2023, June 25). *Drought affects 3 mln hectares of farmland in China*.

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