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Singapore

Western Singapore was struck by downpours. On 20 July 2023, flash flood warnings were issued for several areas of western Singapore after four hours of heavy rains. Later, flash flood was reported along a 200-metre stretch of Dunearn Road near Sime Darby Centre causing two traffic lanes to be temporarily closed, and the Public Utilities Board's Quick Response Team to be activated as a precautionary measure. The flash flood subsided soon after.

Sources: The Straits Times. (2023, July 21). *4 hours of rain in western S'pore on Thursday nearly equals July monthly average.*

Thailand

Torrential rains dumped on Thailand. Continuous heavy rains on 20 July 2023 triggered flash floods in several parts of Nakhom Phatthana district, Rayong province.

Residents in flood-affected areas were evacuated to a safer zone. Roads were blocked while many cars were submerged by floodwaters. Rayong governor ordered involved agencies to check the water levels, and assigned district and village chiefs to prepare for further evacuation. Besides, hours of heavy rains on 21 July 2023 pounded Bangkok, and caused floods in many areas. Ratchadaphisek Road was the hardest-hit area by flooding. Some cars and small vehicles stalled as their engines were flooded while rescue workers helped flood-affected people throughout the night.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2023, July 22). *Nikhom Phatthana hit hard by heavy rain, floods*; Bangkok Post. (2023, July 22). *Flooding hits Bangkok after hours of heavy rain.*

China

Many parts of China were flooded. Rainstorms battered southwest China's Chongqing municipality on 20 July 2023 causing floods in many parts of the city and partial damages to the wall of Tongyan Gate, an ancient city gate. Moreover, heavy downpours in a mountainous area of Hangzhou city, Zhejiang province on 22-23 July 2023 triggered 32 flash floods and 144 geological disasters. There were five people killed, three people missing and a total of 1,536 people forced to evacuate. Dozens of houses were damaged or collapsed while 21 roads were blocked. Electricity supply to 1,619 households were disrupted. Rescuers joined the search and rescue work to help those affected.

Sources: Xinhua. (2023, July 21). *Heavy rains, flooding in China's Chongqing*; Xinhua. (2023, July 23). *Heavy downpour leaves 5 dead in east China city.*

Republic of Korea

Monsoon rains disrupted people's lives in South Korea. Intensive rainfalls battered South Jeolla province over the past few days resulting in travel difficulties. On 24 July 2023, people in Mokpo city had to wade into the mud to get to work. The eight-lane road around Seokhyeon Samgeori was also submerged by thigh-high floodwaters forcing more than a dozen shops to be closed. Other roads were also closed while shopping centres were left flooded. However, no casualties were reported from this incident.

Sources: The Korea Herald. (2023, July 24). *[Photo News] Commuting scenes after heavy rains batter S.Korea.*

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