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Cambodia

Floods hit many areas of Cambodia. Following several days of heavy rains, many provinces in Cambodia were affected by flooding, especially in the coastal provinces as of 31 July 2023. Numerous roads in the provinces of Preah Sihanouk, Kep, and Kampong Speu were temporarily closed for passenger safety and to avoid further damage. Plenty of houses in Kampot province were also flooded while an evacuation was underway. Besides, people living along the Kranhung and Sung Sangke rivers in Battambang province were cautioned to stay vigilant of flooding.

Sources: The Phnom Penh Post. (2023, July 31). *Flooding, road closures hit multiple provinces.*

The Philippines

Death toll from Typhoon Doksuri in the Philippines climbed to 36. Since the Philippines was severely battered by powerful Typhoon Doksuri, locally known

'Egay,' the death toll rose to 36 as of 28 July 2023. Meanwhile, 382,385 people in 11 regions from Luzon to Mindanao were affected. Around 26,697 people in the areas had to shelter in 206 evacuation centres. Besides, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Cavite provinces and Sablayan town in Occidental Mindoro province declared a state of calamity. The typhoon also destroyed rice, corn, high-value crops, livestock, and poultry, agricultural facilities and fishing materials.

Sources: Inquirer. (2023, July 28). *'Egay' toll up: 25 dead in Laguna Lake tragedy*; Inquirer. (2023, July 30). *Egay destroys P1.3 billion worth of agricultural products.*

Thailand

Nakhon Phanom province of Thailand was ravaged by flooding. As of 1 August 2023, almost 1,000 rai of farmland in That Phanom district, Nakhon Phanom province were flooded after hours of downpours. A huge volume of water from the Phu Phan Mountain range gushed into two tributaries of the Mekong River causing the rivers to overflow their banks and flood many areas in That Phanom district and parts of Na Kae district. Provincial authorities coordinated with district authorities to warn local residents to protect their properties against more runoff.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2023, Aug 1). *Floods hit 1,000 rai of farmland in Nakhon Phanom.*

Viet Nam

Heavy rains wreaked havoc in Viet Nam. The southwest monsoon enhanced by Typhoon Doksuri brought prolonged heavy rains and strong winds to hit the provinces of

Lam Dong, Binh Thuan, Ba Ria-Vung Tau, Bac Lieu, Ca Mau, An Giang, Hau Giang, and Kien Giang in the south and central highlands of Viet Nam. The rains also triggered floods and landslides killing five people. Meanwhile, two people went missing and another one was injured as of 30 July 2023. Hundreds of houses were damaged or destroyed while a vessel was capsized due to strong waves and winds. Also, some roads were blocked by soil, rocks and floodwaters.

Sources: VN Express. (2023, July 30). *5 killed in landslide, flooding as rain lashes south.*

China

Almost million people in China were affected by severe rainstorms. Downpours under the influence of Typhoon Doksuri had started to ravage China since 29 July 2023 leaving 11 people dead and 27 others to be missing in Beijing. Meanwhile, around 127,000 residents were relocated. Likewise, there were nine people dead while other six people were missing in Hebei province. The rainstorm caused 847,400 people to evacuate as of 1 August 2023. Zhuozhou city was the hardest-hit area with 133,913 affected people. Moreover, a total of 42,211 people in Shanxi province were also forced to leave their homes due to the rainstorms.

Source: Xinhua. (2023, Aug 1). *11 dead, 27 missing in Beijing rainstorms*; Xinhua. (2023, Aug 1). *9 dead, 6 missing in Hebei rainstorms.*

Japan

Powerful Typhoon Kanun lashed Japan. Typhoon Kanun approached southwestern island of Okinawa on 1 August 2023 bringing strong winds and high waves to hit the island.

Hundreds of flights were canceled while the public transportation including buses, light rail transit systems, and ferries was also suspended. There was also a report of fallen trees; however, no injury was reported from this extreme weather event. Officials warned residents of violent winds, high waves, and floods.

Sources: Japan Today. (2023, Aug 1). *Typhoon lashes southwest Japanese islands, grounding flights and closing businesses.*

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