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Lao PDR

Floodwaters have inundated six districts of Khammuan province after tropical storm Doksuri blasted through recently. The six flood-affected districts are Bualapha, Nongbok, Mahaxay, Xebangfay, Yommalath and Xaybuathong consisting of 94 affected villages, 3,182 affected hectares of rice fields and 20 damaged houses. Bualapha was hardest hit. Meanwhile, there were one death, 7,000 affected families in 72 villages and 1,000 affected hectares of rice fields in Vilabouly district of Savannakhet province.

Source: Vientiane Times (2017, Sep 21). *Storm wreaks havoc in six districts of Khammuan.*

Malaysia

Floodwaters in Kedah and Perlis are expected to recede after the high tide phenomenon ends. The number of victims has been increasing due to the upstream water passing through low-lying areas although floodwaters in both states are receding. As of 24 September 2017, there were totally 4,443 victims from 1,325 families at 37 relief centres.

Source: The Star Online (2017, Sep 24). *Flood situation in Kedah and Perlis to improve after high tide phenomenon ends.*

Myanmar

U Aye Tha Aung, the Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, and other donors traveled and donated sacks of rice to the camps of internally displaced people in Maungtaw. They have donated 225 rice sacks to the camps in Maungtaw Township as well as 140 rice sacks to the camps in Buthidaung Township.

Source: Ministry of Information of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (2017, Oct 1). *Rice sacks donate to IDP camps in Maungtaw.*

Philippines

Typhoon Talim and Tropical Depression Maring led to 16 deaths, 6 missing, 40,966 affected people from 9,432 families and 1,822 damaged houses in the Region III, NCR and CALABARZON. Laguna, Cavite and Gumaca of Quezon province declared the state of calamity on 12 September 2017 while Noveleta of Cavite province also declared the state of calamity on 13 September 2017. The cost of damages on infrastructure and agriculture was worth 267.04 million peso (5.25 million USD) of which damages on rice claimed by 66 percent. The cost of assistance was worth 1.06 million peso (20,842 USD) provided to the affected families in the provinces of Laguna and Quezon. However, Typhoon Talim and Tropical Depression Maring has already exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility.

* 1 USD = 50.86 Philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2017, Sep 25). *SitRep No. 10 re re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Typhoon "LANNIE" (I.N. TALIM) and Tropical Depression "MARING".*

Thailand

Authorities are diverting part of the Chao Phraya River into irrigation channels and low-lying fields in a bid to halt rising water levels, with more expected torrential rain. A monsoon was expected in the Central Plains and the East while a low-pressure system would pass through the Northeast and upper Central Plains, leading to heavy downpours. Eight provinces are at risk of flooding including Sukhothai, Chai Nat, Sing Buri, Ang Thong, Ayutthaya, Prachin Buri, Lop Buri and Saraburi.

Source: Bangkok Post (2017, Oct 10). *Floods feared as monsoon sweeps in.*

Viet Nam

Local residents in the central provinces of Ha Tinh and Quang Binh have been warned of flashfloods due to a tropical depression. Neighbouring provinces of Nghe An, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue were also impacted by heavy rains causing urban flooding, one death, school suspension and chaotic traffics. In Thua Thien Hue, local authorities also alerted 29,350 families in landslide-prone areas of an evacuation in case of risks.

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Oct 10). *Heavy rains cause chaos, flooding in central provinces.*

P.R. China

Above 43,000 people in central China's Hubei Province have battled flooding of the Hanjiang River, a tributary of the Yangtze River, during the National Day holiday. The flood was caused by recent rainfall and increasing discharge from the Danjiangkou reservoir. In Jingmen City, 76 households have been evacuated while construction projects and shipping services have been suspended. Floodwater has been released from 146 swollen reservoirs. The city activated a higher Grade-III response on 5 October 2017, which meant stepping up flood prevention work such as dam checks and public announcements.

Source: Xinhua (2017, Oct 8). *Over 43,000 battle Yangtze tributary flood.*

Japan

The 6.1-magnitude earthquake has been detected off the coast of Japan. The earthquake struck about 175 miles south east of Kamaishi and around 200 miles east of Fukushima. The depth was measured at 10km. There are no details of damage and tsunami warning. Only 41 people were reported feeling the quaking effects whereas residents were evacuated and an exclusion zone was set up. The zone was finally made smaller and residents have been allowed to return homes. The incident led Japan to close all 54 of its nuclear plants for a time, while five are now back online.

Source: The Independent (2017, Sep 20). *Japan earthquake: Magnitude 6.1 tremors hit east coast.*

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