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Indonesia

The 5.5-magnitude earthquake hit an area bordering Padang Sidempun municipality and South Tapanuli reGENCY in North Sumatra. The earthquake lasted almost 20 seconds but was not felt in Medan, the capital of North Sumatra. Reportedly, there were one injury and 60 damaged houses.

Source: The Jakarta Post (2017, Jul 15). *Island focus: One injured, homes damaged in earthquake.*

Lao PDR

A landslide in Phongsaly province after two weeks of rainfall killed six people. A landslide took place in Phearluang village of Samphan district. However, tropical storms could move into the country, bringing torrential rains that increase the chance of landslides and flash floods, particularly in northern and central regions.

Source: Vientiane Times (2017, Jul 11). *Landslide claims six lives in Phongsaly.*

Malaysia

Flood and flash flood hit several cities in Sabah State and Penang. In Sabah State, flood inundated Kota Belud, Sipitang City and Ranau District. Forty-two families were evacuated due to the flood in Sipitang City where in other affected areas, the flood has also damaged several houses. Meanwhile in Penang, the flood has caused one death and submerged numbers of houses.

Source: ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) (2017, Jul 16). *ASEAN Weekly Disaster Update 10 – 16 July 2017.*

Myanmar

As of 14 July 2017, more than 19,000 people have been temporarily displaced in the Sagaing and Magway regions due to monsoon season floods, with thousands of people affected. Four people are reported dead and over 180 schools in Sagaing are closed. The Relief and Resettlement Department (RRD) and the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) are providing food, drinking water and hygiene kits to the displaced families. On 17 July 2017, OCHA and humanitarian partners are conducting a mission to flood affected areas.

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2017, Jul 17). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (11-17 July 2017).*

Philippines

An earthquake with magnitude of 6.5 in Ormoc City, Leyte caused 3 deaths and 27,071 affected people from 5,427 families. Around 6,024 affected people from 1,611 families have been already served in 19 evacuation centres. This earthquake also damaged 3,523 houses in the province. Reportedly, damage costs were totally worth 220.21 million peso (4.35 million USD). The Department of Social Welfare and Development provided food and non-food items worth 18.79 million peso (371,197 USD) to affected population in Leyte province. The state of calamity was declared in the municipality of Kananga and in Ormoc City, respectively.

* 1 USD = 50.62 Philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2017, Jul 17). *SitRep No. 14 re Magnitude 6.5 Earthquake in Ormoc City, Leyte.*

Thailand

The Royal Irrigation Department (RID) has instructed all irrigation projects to brace for the tropical storm Talas. The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives has assigned the RID to convey accurate understandings to the public and provide immediate relief efforts to the people living in lowland areas outside the Chao Phraya River's levee, where the water level has risen during the rainy season.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2017, Jul 17). *RID braces for tropical storm "Talas".*

Viet Nam

The tropical storm Talas is forecast to hit the central provinces of Thanh Hoa and Ha Tinh. Heavy downpours and expected to hit Hanoi and other northern and coastal provinces while rough seas and strong winds are also forecast off the coast. Weather forecasters in Viet nam are predicting a particularly stormy typhoon season in 2017, with 13-15 typhoons and tropical depressions expected to develop over the East Sea. Three to four are likely to make landfall in central Viet Nam.

Source: VNEXPRESS (2017, Jul 16). *Tropical storm Talas bearing down on central Vietnam.*

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