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Indonesia

The 6.6-magnitude earthquake was reported at around 71 km of southwest of Bengkulu Utara. Tremor was felt strong for 10 seconds. People were panic, ran out of their houses and evacuated to higher grounds. However, there were no report of victims or damages and the earthquake did not trigger tsunami.

Source: National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) (2017, Aug 13). *A Magnitude 6.6 Earthquake Felt Strong in Bengkulu Utara, People Ran Out of Houses.*

Lao PDR

Flash floods killed two people and severely affected households in many districts in Oudomxay province. Flash flood also inundated petrol stations, houses and shops as well as farmlands in Xay district, the capital of the province. Related authorities are deployed for relief operations. However, almost all public facilities in Xay district have returned to normal modes of operation. No further cases of injured or missing persons were reported so far and information is being collected.

Source: Vientiane Times (2017, Aug 7). *Flash floods kill two, severely affect residents of Oudomxay.*

Myanmar

According to the Rescue and Resettlement Department, a total of 208,450 people from 51,774 households have fled their homes due to floods.

The areas badly hit by floods were parts of Nay Pyi Taw, the regions of Sagaing, Magwe, Bago, Ayeyarwady and Tanintharyi as well as the states of Chin, Kayin and Mon. Rescue camps in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Kayin State and the regions of Sagaing, Magwe and Tanintharyi were closed but some 69,697 evacuees remained in the camps as of 10 August 2017. However, more rains are expected in upper Sagaing region as well as in the state of Kachin and Rakhine within few days.

Source: Myanmar Times (2017, Aug 11). *Over 200,000 people displaced by floods.*

Philippines

Continuous rains in Mindanao affected 459,435 people from 93,573 families in Cotabato City and in the provinces of Sultan Kudarat and Maguindanao. This event also caused one death, six injured people and 11 damaged houses in Maguindanao. A total of 22.17 million peso (437,969 USD) worth of damages in agriculture was incurred in Sultan Kudarat. A total of 26.31 million peso (519,755 USD) worth of cost of assistance from the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Local Government Units were provided to the affected families in Cotabato City and Maguindanao province.

* 1 USD = 50.62 Philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2017, Aug 10). *SitRep No. 07 re Effects of Continuous Rains in Mindanao.*

Thailand

Floods and flash floods due to Typhoon Talas and Sonca from 5 July to 15 August 2017 occurred in 44 provinces consisting of 301 districts and 13,312 villages. There were totally 34 deaths, 1.85 million affected people from 583,448 households and 2,574 damaged houses. However, the situations remained in 7 provinces covering 136,658 affected people from 43,994 households across the northeastern and central regions such as Sakon Nakhon, Nakhon Phanom and Ayutthaya. In Sakon Nakhon, there were 11 deaths, 431,277 affected people from 136,582 households and 1,049 damaged houses. Personnel and relief items were provided for the affected provinces by related units for disaster relief.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Aug 15). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

During the same period, in terms of agriculture, the floods totally affected 762,707 farmers across 43 provinces. In terms of crop, there were 654,280 affected farmers with 6.05 million rai (968,000 hectares) of farmlands, of which paddy claimed by 5.52 million rai (883,200 hectares). Damages were found for 91,276 farmers with 776,106 rai (124,177 hectares) of paddy. In terms of fisheries, there were 44,689 affected farmers with 38,156 rai (6,105 hectares). In term of livestock, there were 63,738 affected farmers with 1.61 million livestock. In addition, there were 300 cooperatives expected to be affected.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Aug 15). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) has sent supplies worth 230,000 USD to flood-hit localities in the northern mountainous region of Viet Nam. Having been taken from the warehouse in Subang, Malaysia, the supplies include 600 household kits, 3,000 private hygiene kits, 600 kitchen kits, a mobile canvas house, a generator and 300 tool kits for house repairs. Reportedly, flash floods and landslides affected the provinces of Son La, Yen Bai, Dien Bien and Nghe An, leading to 26 deaths as well as 27 injured and 15 missing people. There were also 231 damaged houses, 338.5 hectares of submerged paddy fields and evacuation of 398 households. Economic losses were worth 940 billion dong (41.36 million USD).

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Aug 9). *ASEAN Humanitarian Centre sent \$230,000 in support for flood-hit region.*

P.R. China

The 7.0-magnitude earthquake has killed at least 19 and injured 247 people in Sichuan province. Up to 45,000 people evacuated from the area. Meanwhile, the separate 6.6-magnitude tremor struck the remote area of Xinjiang, injuring 32 people. President Xi Jinping called for efforts to rapidly organise relief work and rescue the injured people.

Source: BBC News (2017, Aug 9). *China earthquake: Sichuan tremor leaves least 19 dead.*

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