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Cambodia

According to the National Committee for Disaster Management, Preah Vihear, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey and Pailin Provinces are currently suffering from flash floods.

Those provinces had heavy rain causing floods in some areas but homes were not affected and crops were not destroyed. Yet, a large storm hit three communes in Svay Rieng, resulting in one death and three injuries. The country will face more floods than in 2017 over the next two months from possible typhoons in the Pacific Ocean and the South China Sea.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, May 2). *Heavy rains bring flash floods to four provinces.*

Indonesia

Floods were reported in Tapin Regency, South Kalimantan Province.

Floods led to 369 affected people and 128 submerged houses as well as schools in Subdistricts of Tapin Utara and Bungur. Those affected people were evacuated from the floods already.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, May 2). *Indonesia, Flood in Tapin Regency, South Kalimantan.*

The orange colour code was published due to volcanic eruption of the Mount Marapi in West Sumatra Province on 2 May 2018. The eruption sent ash column about 4 kilometres above the peak. The affected people were estimated at 70,000 persons in 16 districts such as Tanjung Mutiara, Lubuk Basung and Candung of West Sumatra. The material exploded and reached 300 metres in depth to the southeast direction. The status is in Level II. However, there were still no displaced people although daily lives have been affected.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, May 2). *Indonesia, Volcanic Eruption in Mt Marapi, West Sumatera.*

Lao PDR

The World Bank provided a loan above 257 billion kip (31 million USD) to Lao PDR for implementing disaster risk management project. The five-year project will initially be launched in model provinces of Phongsaly, Oudomxay and Luang Prabang which have been badly affected by natural disasters in recent years. Main works include embankment construction for reducing flood risks, releases of information about reducing natural disaster risks for boosting socio-economic development as well as early warning and meteorology systems with preparedness for disaster preventions. This project will help prevent floods as well as protect lives of local people being affected by disasters and reduce risks to farmers.

* 1 USD = 8,290.32 kip

Source: Xinhua (2018, May 4). *WB supports Laos to reduce disaster risks.*

Myanmar

A landslide due to heavy rain killed 20 people in Hpakant Township in Kachin State. A landslide occurred near the Waikha mine. Several people were still buried under tonnes of mining waste and the total number of victims has yet been confirmed. The government officials and civil society groups as well as the members of the National League for Democracy formed a rescue team to search for missing people soon after the accident. Rescuers recovered 16 bodies from the site while there were four deaths and six injured people being treated in the hospital. Prior to this, at least 15 people were killed in three landslides in the same areas in January 2018.

Source: The Myanmar Times (2018, May 7). *Death toll in Hpakant landslide rises to 20.*

Philippines

The earthquakes struck the province of Catanduanes in Bicol Region on 5 May 2018. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, the tremors were felt as far as in the capital Manila and local people had been warned of aftershocks although no damages were expected. Moreover, the intensity 4 was recorded in Legazpi, Iriga and Jose Panganiban Municipalities in Camarines Norte Province while the intensity 3 was felt in Guinayangan, Lopez and Infanta Municipalities in Quezon Province of CALABARZON Region.

Source: The Philippine Star (2018, May 5). *Magnitude 6.0 quake strikes Catanduanes.*

A whirlwind totally affected 260 people in Valencia City of Bukidnon Province in Northern Mindanao Region.

The affected people were from 52 families whereas a whirlwind also damaged 52 houses. The affected areas were in five zones of villages under Tongantongan, Valencia City and Bukidnon. The actions were taken by dispatches of responders to the affected areas, clearing operations and damage assessment.

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, May 2). *Report re Whirlwind in Valencia City, Bukidnon.*

Thailand

Storms and floods due to tropical storm during the period from February to 4 May 2018 affected 19,565 farmers along with 93,808 rai (15,000 hectares) of agricultural areas across 29 provinces over the country. Storms affected 18,695 farmers with 89,514 rai (14,322 hectares) across 25 provinces such as Chiang Mai, Nakhon Ratchasima, Trat and Chumphon. Floods affected 870 farmers with 4,294 rai (687 hectares) and 564 livestock across eight provinces such as Mae Hong Son, Lampang, and Sa Keo. In total, damages on crop were by 3,401 farmers along with 12,637 rai (2,022 hectares) equivalent to 16.1 million baht (0.5 million USD). The total assistance of 0.52 million THB (0.02 million USD) assistances were given to 136 farmers with 335 rai (54 hectares) and 564 livestock.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

** 1 USD = 31.64 baht

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2018, May 4). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version).*

The Meteorological Department has forecast continued rainfall in several regions. Isolated thundershowers are forecast for the northern and lower northern provinces such as Chaing Rai, Lamphun, Phrae, Uttaradit and Tak while the northeastern provinces such as Loei, Udon Thani, Surin and Chaiyaphum are expected for downpours. Meanwhile, the East, the South and the central region will experience rainfalls during this period as well. Cloudy weather and rainfall will affect 60 per cent of Bangkok and nearby cities. Residents in risk-prone areas are advised to beware of dangers of thunderstorms.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, May 4). *Rainfall continues in many provinces.*

P.R. China

The National Meteorological Centre issued the yellow warning of rainstorm on 5 May 2018 while the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) activated a level four emergency response to address the rainstorm.

It is required that relevant meteorological sectors attached to the CMA enter the corresponding emergency position and put corresponding meteorological services in place. The potential affected areas including Chongqing, Hubei, Anhui and Jiangsu are expected to sustain or adjust the emergency state according to local situations.

Source: China Meteorological Administration (CMA) (2018, May 5). *CMA activated a level four emergency response to address rainstorm.*

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