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Cambodia

There were 18 deaths by floods of the Mekong, Sekong and Sesan rivers caused by Tropical Storm Bebinca due to the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology. Among flood-hit provinces of Stung Treng, Kratie, Kampong Cham, Kandal, Prey Veng and Tboung Khmum, a total of 61,900 houses were flooded and 5,660 families had been evacuated to 53 safe places. However, the water levels of the Mekong river in Stung Treng, Kratie and Kampong Cham are rising due to the storm effect. The governor of Stung Treng gave donation to 200 families in the district of Thala Barivat while it is cautioned that the Sekong river in Siem Pang district is threatening for floods in some areas. The situation in Preah Sihanouk province was also reported that the governor ordered the officials to provide boat support for people and to urge travelers to use other roads instead of the flooded national road.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Aug 20). *Number of flood deaths rises to 18.*

Indonesia

The earthquakes that hit Lombok Island of West Nusa Tenggara Province since 29 July 2018 were updated to cause 436 deaths 1,353 injuries, 352,793 displaced people and 368 million USD of economic loss, verified by the National Disaster Management Authority as of 13 August 2018. The provincial governor has extended the emergency response period effectively from 12 to 25 August 2018 for facilitating operations. Moreover, President Joko Widodo already visited the affected areas of Tanjung district in North Lombok Regency on 13 August 2018. This regency was the hardest hit as evidenced by 396 deaths, 218,533 affected people as well as 17,874 damaged houses. The government of Indonesia stimulated the funds to rebuild houses for beneficiaries and committed for rehabilitation and reconstruction of houses and public facilities as the initial stage of recovery. Related units and humanitarian actors have also provided assistances to the victims.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Aug 16). Situation Update No. 5 M 6.4 Lombok Earthquake (29 Jul 2018) & M 7.0 Lombok Earthquake (5 Aug 18), Indonesia.

Lao PDR

People living along the Mekong river are warned of possible floods due to Tropical Storm Bebinca. The warning was issued on 20 August 2018 after floods occurred in low-lying areas of Vientiane and in other parts of the country. The rising Mekong river was also caused by torrential rains from the upstream Oudomxay, Luang Prabang, Xieng Khuang, Xayaboury and Huaphan provinces. In Vientiane, the river had flooded 58 families out of 386 houses in Nongda village and 13 families out of 769 houses in Tadthong village in Sikhottabong district whereas the authorities are helping residents for moving to safe places. In the meantime, in Hadxaifong district, only 5 out

of 36 villages along the Mekong river had been flooded but the river had not risen to the danger level yet. The authorities are also warning people living near the Nam Ngum and Xebangfay rivers to move their belongings to higher places and to pay close attention to weather forecasts and emergency announcements.

Source: Vientiane Times (2018, Aug 21). *Weathermen issue alert for Mekong flooding.*

Myanmar

Nearly 90 houses collapsed and almost 40 others were damaged by a storm surge across several villages in Pyapon Township, Ayeyarwady Region.

The local authorities have evacuated 673 residents of the villages to safety whereas the Pyapon District Disaster Management Centre distributed rice and relief supplies to those affected. Tides and winds have been higher than normal, eroding the bank and causing houses to collapse but there were no any casualties or injuries. In addition, the tidal surges have also damaged houses in Kyaikto and Paung townships in Mon State as well as in Thongwa Township in Yangon.

Source: The Irrawaddy (2018, Aug 15). *Scores of Homes Destroyed, Damaged by Storm Surge in Pyapon.*

Philippines

Tropical Storm Yagi was updated to cause 2 deaths, 3 missing, 1.6 million affected people from 395,493 families in Ilocos, Central Luzon, National Capital Region, CALABARZON and Cordillera Administrative Region. Of the affected people, 121,331 persons of 26,836 families were being served by evacuation centres. There were also 1,038 damaged houses, class suspensions across 435 cities and municipalities and the total damage costs on infrastructure and agriculture at 52.1 million peso (975,473 USD). Some flooded roads are now passable while powers have

been restored to normal states. During 13 – 14 August 2018, the state of calamity has been declared in Lacub municipality, Abra province and in San Mateo and Rodriguez municipalities, Rizal province. Recently, the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Local Government Units have provided the assistance to the affected people in the mentioned regions.

* 1 USD = 53.41 philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Aug 20). *SitRep No. 12 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Southwest Monsoon Enhanced by Tropical Storm "KARDING" (I.N. YAGI).*

Thailand

According to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of Thailand, Tropical Storm Bebinca led to 3 deaths and 21,286 affected people of 9,106 households across 6 provinces in the northern part from 17 to 19 August 2018. The situations still remained across provinces of Nan, Phayao and Chiang Rai. Tropical Storm Bebinca caused 1 death, 12,348 affected people, 4,020 affected rai (643 hectares) of affected plantation areas as well as damages on 228 houses in Nan province. Meanwhile, there were 1 death, 6,970 affected people, 2,500 affected rai (400 hectares) of agricultural areas and 46 damaged houses in Phayao province. In Chiang Rai province, this storm caused 1 death and affected 1,646 people. Related units have already provided assistance to the affected people in those provinces. The water levels in Nan and Phayao were still increasing but decreasing in Chiang Rai.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Aug 20). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

Viet Nam

Due to the Office of the Central Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, the death toll from floods by Typhoon Bebinca has increased to 10 as of 18 August 2018.

Nghe An province was the hardest hit by 6 deaths while two people were still missing in Son La and Thanh Hoa provinces. Roads in Son La, Yen Bai, Thanh Hoa and Nghe An provinces have been shut by landslides while dykes have burst in the provinces of Bac Giang and Thanh Hoa. Ministries and relevant departments are strictly implementing the Prime Minister's official dispatch to address the impacts of the storm. Authorities in Nghe An province are sparing no effort to arrange shelters for residents isolated in Ky Son, Tuong Duong, Con Cuong, Tan Ky, Anh Son and Nghia Dan districts.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Aug 20). *Typhoon-triggered floods leave 10 dead, 2 missing.*

P.R. China

Typhoon Rumbia has moved in the northwest direction and will bring heavy downpours and floods along the way after making a landfall in Shang Hai.

In Anhui province, Typhoon Rumbia led to 1 death, 13 injuries, more than 1.7 million affected people along with nearly 243,000 hectares of affected crops. Economic loss from the typhoon was estimated at 160 million USD and above 4,000 houses were damaged. In Henan province, there were 1 death, 888,000 affected people, 109,000 hectares of affected crops and 198 million yuan of economic loss. The Meteorological Centre upgraded the rainstorm alert the third-highest of a four-tier warning system as storms were expected to better Henan, Hebei, Shandong, Anhui as well as Jiangsu provinces.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Aug 20). *Typhoon Rumbia leaves heavy damage; 2 killed.*

Japan

Two typhoons are approaching the western parts of Japan including the areas faced by torrential rain and floods already in July 2018.

Typhoon Soulik with maintained strength is projected to lash the Amami Island as well as the southern part of Kyushu. The Meteorological Agency forecasts that the typhoon is unlikely to make landfall on Kyushu, moving instead across the sea but stormy weather is still expected in the region. Heavy rain is also projected in the Kinki and Tokai regions. In the meantime, Typhoon Cimaron, currently located far south of Tokyo, is projected to hit western Japan on 24 August 2018 and make landfall with an increasing strength while moving toward the archipelago.

Source: The Japan Times (2018, Aug 21). *Already battered western Japan braces for one-two typhoon punch this weekend.*

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