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Indonesia

The eruption of Mount Agung volcano spewed out a column of volcanic ash in Bali on Thursday evening, 11 January 2019. Indonesia's Center of Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation (PVMBG) has set a danger zone of 4 km from Mount Agung's crater, advising locals, tourists and trekkers not to have any activities within the danger zone.

The agency kept the alert status of Mount Agung at the second highest Level 3 out of the highest Level 4 and also advised residents living around rivers with upstream near Mount Agung's summit to stay alert on secondary impacts from the eruption.

The eruption was the second after 30 December 2018. Those were the first after five months of no eruption activities during the series earthquakes that hit Lombok, which began in July last year.

Source: Tempo. (2019, Jan 11). *Bali Volcano Mount Agung Eruption Phase Returns*; Xinhua. (2019, Jan 11). *Agung volcano on Indonesia's Bali island erupts again*.

On 12 January 2019, a whirlwind struck West Java province in western Indonesia. According to the National Disaster Management Agency, a total of 16 people were injured and more than 371 houses in Jelagong village of Bandung district were destroyed due to the calamity

which caused villagers to flee home and take shelters.

Indonesia is often stricken by whirlwind, a weather phenomenon in which a vortex of wind, vertically oriented rotating column of air, formed because of instabilities and turbulence created by heating and flow gradients.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Jan 11). *Whirlwind injures 16, damages hundreds of houses in western Indonesia*.

A landslide occurred in Sukabumi district, West Java province on 10 January 2019. Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, the National Disaster Management Agency spokesperson said that a landslide engulfed children who were playing near a cliff in central Indonesia. Three children out of a group of six were injured, two were safe, and one died.

Landslides and floods occur regularly during seasonal rains in Indonesia.

Still, the Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) has warned the residents of Cimapag Hamlet in Sukabumi to stay alert to the threats of new landslides due to ongoing intense rainfall.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, Jan 11). *Landslide engulfs children in Indonesia, killing 1*; Antara News. (2019, Jan 11). *Sukabumi residents warned to stay alert to new landslides*.

China

Snow closed down expressways in central China. As of 9 January 2019, local authorities said, 27 expressways in central China's Henan Province were closed or controlled after snow hit the region.

Passenger vehicles with seating of seven or above were not allowed to use expressways in the city of Kaifeng, Xinyang and Nanyang for safety concerns.

The local traffic police warned drivers of the road conditions.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Jan 9). *Snow disrupts traffic in central China*.

A 5.1-magnitude earthquake hit northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The earthquake struck Shufu County at 12:32 p.m. (local time) Saturday, 12 January 2019, at a depth of 10 km, according to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC).

The epicenter was monitored at 39.57 degrees north latitude and 75.59 degrees east longitude.

There was no report of casualties.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Jan 12). *5.1-magnitude quake hits Xinjiang: CENC.*

Japan

An earthquake with 4.9 magnitude jolted eastern Japan in the afternoon of 14 January 2019. The Japan Meteorological Agency said, there was no tsunami alert after the quake struck at 1:23 p.m. (local time) at a depth of 50 kilometers in southern Ibaraki Prefecture.

The quake measured a 4 on the 7-point Japanese seismic intensity scale in northern Ibaraki Prefecture and southern Tochigi Prefecture, northeast of Tokyo, and northern Saitama Prefecture, north of Tokyo. In extensive areas in these prefectures as well as Tokyo's Bunkyo Ward, it measured a 3.

There were no reports of injury or damage to any buildings.

Source: Japan Today. (2019, Jan 14). *M4.9 quake hits eastern Japan*; The Mainichi. (2019, Jan 14). *M4.9 quake jolts eastern Japan.*

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