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Indonesia

A landslide hit West Java province of western Indonesia after heavy downpours. Torrential rains led soils of a hill in Sukamakmur village, Bogor district to slide down and hit a house on the night of 15 February 2019.

As a result of the landslide, Four people died and five people were injured.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Feb 16). *4 killed, 5 wounded as landslide strikes western Indonesia.*

Mount Agung in Karangasem regency, Bali erupted on 22 February 2019. The eruption was recorded at 4:31 p.m. (local time) with the volcano spewing up a column of ash 700 meters from the crater.

The volcano's alert status reached level three of the four-tiered alert system.

Officials advised residents and tourists to avoid the danger zone.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, Feb 22). *Mt. Agung erupts, prompting volcanology center to issue aviation notice.*

Lao PDR

A storm hit Xiengkhor district in Huaphan province on 19 February 2019. The storm led thunder, rain, hail and

strong winds throughout nine villages in the district.

Thirty houses and two schools in Nakhang and Mongnam villages were damaged.

However, there were no reports of injury.

Source: Vientiane Times. (2019, Feb 26). *Storm demolishes 30 houses in Huaphan.*

Malaysia

Malaysia's meteorological department issued an alert over heat waves. High temperatures between 35 and 37 degrees Celsius were recorded in some parts of the country for several days.

The department has set a level 1 alert warning for heat waves scale which peaks at 3.

The affected areas are located in the west part of the Malaysia Peninsula which had already been predicted to experience dry conditions, with rainfall of less than 150 millimeters in February 2019.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Feb 26). *Malaysian meteorological department issues warning over heatwave.*

Philippines

Two areas in the Philippines were hit by earthquakes. On 23 February 2019, a 5.2-magnitude earthquake rocked the province of Zambales at 12:14 p.m. (local time).

The epicenter of the quake was traced 23 kilometers southwest of San Antonio, Zambales at a depth of 25 kilometers.

Meanwhile, an earthquake of 4 magnitude occurred in Capoocan town, Leyte on 26 February 2019 at 4:48 a.m. (local time) at a depth of 8 kilometers.

No damage or aftershocks have been reported for either of the earthquakes.

Source: ABS-CBN News. (2019, Feb 23). *5.2 magnitude quake rocks Zambales, nearby provinces; Inquirer.Net. (2019, Feb 26). Magnitude 4 quake jolts Leyte.*

Thailand

A 4.9-magnitude earthquake struck Lampang province in northern Thailand.

According to the Seismological Bureau of the Meteorological Department, a total of 31 quakes and aftershocks occurred in Wang Nua district from 20 to 22 February 2019.

Seventy-two houses, four government offices and seven temples were damaged.

However, no casualties were reported.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Feb 21). *4.9-magnitude quake hits northern Thailand*; The Nation. (2019, Feb 23). *Lampang district declared disaster zone after 31 mild quakes*.

China

A magnitude 4.9-earthquake rocked Rongxian County in southwest China's Sichuan Province on 25 February 2019.

The quake's epicenter was monitored at a depth of 5 kilometers at 1:15 p.m. (local time).

Two people died in the quake, 12 people were injured, thousands of buildings damaged, and more than 13,000 people were affected.

It was the third earthquake above a magnitude of four to hit the area.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Feb 25). *4.9-magnitude quake hits Sichuan: CENC*; Xinhua. (2019, Feb 25). *Magnitude 4.9 quake hits Sichuan*; Reuters. (2019, Feb 26). *Chinese county stops shale gas mining amid quake fears: Xinhua*.

Japan

An earthquake of 5.7 magnitude struck the East Central Iburi District of Japan's Hokkaido Prefecture. On Thursday, 21 February 2019 at 9:22 p.m. (local time) the quake jolted at a depth of 30 kilometers.

The quake was registered at 6 in some parts of Hokkaido Prefecture on the Japanese seismic intensity scale which peaks at 7.

Four people were injured in Tomakomai and Sapporo, while hundreds of people were forced to stay temporarily in train carriages and at an airport after the quake hit on early Friday, 22 February 2019.

However, no major damage was reported.

Source: NHK. (2019, Feb 20). *No major damage reported after magnitude 5.8 quake in Hokkaido*; Xinhua. (2019, Feb 20). *5.7-magnitude quake strikes Japan's Hokkaido, no tsunami warning issued*.

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