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Cambodia

The severe storm destroyed more than 100 houses in many provinces of Cambodia this week. There were seven provinces hit by strong wind, including Takeo, Kandal, Pursat, Prey Veng, Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Speu and Battambang.

Authorities visited the affected areas to distribute aids to affected families, and warned people to be careful of strong winds.

Source: Khmer Times. (2019, Apr 22). *Storms destroy hundreds of homes in five provinces.*

Indonesia

Mount Agung volcano in Bali spewed a column of ashes. According to the Mount Agung observatory, the eruption occurred at 3:21 a.m. (local time) by spewing ash up to 2,000 meters from the volcano's crater.

Volcanic ash poured down in parts of Bali, including Klungkung, Bangli, Denpasar, Badung and Tabanan.

The Local Disaster Mitigation Agency distributed face masks to affected people. However, the eruption did not affect the operations of Bali's main airport.

The Center for Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation maintained the volcano's alert level at the third of the four-tiered levels of the volcano alert system.

Source: The Jakarta. (2019, Apr 21). *Bali hit by volcanic ash after Mount Agung erupts*; Xinhua. (2019, Apr 21). *Volcano in Indonesia's Bali erupts, triggering rains of ashes.*

Myanmar

Strong winds hit many parts of Myanmar. On 18 April 2019, strong wind destroyed nearly 500 houses in Sarlingyi, Monywa and Ayardaw Townships. However, there was no report of casualty.

Meanwhile, Hpakant Township was also hit by the strong wind, causing three men died and one injured.

The Meteorology and Hydrology Department warned residents of strong wind accompanied with hails, thunder and lightning, and advised people to take precautionary measure during the pre-monsoon season.

Source: Eleven. (2019, Apr 20). *Strong wind destroys houses in Sarlingyi, Monywa and Ayardaw*; Xinhua. (2019, Apr 21). *Strong wind kills 3, injures 1 in Myanmar's state.*

Philippines

The powerful earthquakes struck the Philippines twice this week. An earthquake of 6.3 magnitudes struck the central Philippines on 22 April 2019, destroying the building, killing 16 people and injuring more than 100.

The quake struck at 5:11 p.m. (local time) at a depth of 40 kilometres in Castillejos, Zambales on the island of Luzon.

The epicentre was 60 kilometres northwest of Manila. Several aftershocks were recorded.

On 23 April 2019, another strong earthquake of 6.4 magnitudes hit the southern Philippines at 1:37 p.m. (local time) at a depth of 70 kilometres.

The epicentre was at San Julian in eastern Samar. The tremor was also felt in Catbalogan City, Leyte and Tacloban City.

Local authorities estimated the affected areas for damages.

Source: CNA. (2019, Apr 22). *Strong earthquake hits central Philippines, killing 16*; CNA. (2019, Apr 23). *New earthquake strikes Philippines as hunt for survivors continues.*

Thailand

Summer storms hit the provinces of Chiang Rai, Kalasin, and Nakhon Ratchasima. On 20 April 2019, two subdistricts in Chiang Rai province were hit by the storms for 20 minutes, damaging electricity poles and blowing tree branches onto the main road.

Officials took about half an hour to clear the branches from the road while workers from the Chiang Rai provincial electricity office worked through the night to restore power.

Meanwhile, more than 170 houses in Kalasin province were damaged by summer storms that unleashed heavy rain and gusty winds.

Mr. Veerasak Srisopha, Deputy Governor, led officials to survey the damaged area.

On 21 April 2019, summer storm damage approximately 100 houses in three subdistricts of Nakhon Ratchasima province.

Authorities instructed local leaders to examine the damage and report to them so that a relief operation can be launched as soon as possible.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, Apr 20). *Storm damages 170 houses in Kalasin*; Bangkok Post. (2019, Apr 20). *Summer storm damages about 100 houses in Korat*; The Nation. (2019, Apr 20). *Thunderstorm disrupts power supply in Chiang Rai.*

China

Torrential rains hit many cities in South China's Guangdong on 19 April 2019.

As of 5:00 p.m. (local time), a total of 198 flights were cancelled. There were 70 outbound flights delayed at the Baiyun International Airport and 23 incoming flights forced to land at other airports.

Trains between Guangzhou and Shenzhen were delayed and many passengers struck at the train stations.

According to the Provincial Meteorological Observatory, the rainstorms hit many parts of the Pearl River Delta area, including Guangzhou, and eastern Guangdong province.

Source: China Daily. (2019, Apr 19). *Torrential rains trouble traffic in Guangdong*; Xinhua. (2019, Apr 19). *Torrential rain affects flights in Guangzhou.*

Landslides hit southwest China's Chongqing municipality. the municipality's Guanba township was hit by heavy rainfall, causing landslides and collapsing two houses while four people are still missing.

Search and rescue operations have been underway.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, Apr 20). *4 missing in Chongqing landslide after rainstorms.*

Japan

The minor eruption occurred at the Mount Aso in Kumamoto prefecture, southwestern Japan. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, the eruption was observed at 8:24 a.m. (local time) on 19 April 2019, at the No. 1 Nakadake crater by spewing smoke as high as 400 meters.

The volcanic alert level was maintained at 2 on its scale which peaks at 5. This, restricted entry to areas around the crater as even a small volcanic eruption can be dangerous, possibly spewing, large flying rocks and causing pyroclastic flows.

Source: The Mainichi. (2019, Apr 19). *Minor eruption again at Mt. Aso in southwestern Japan*; Xinhua (2019, Apr 19). *Mt. Aso in southwestern Japan erupts again.*

Republic of Korea

An earthquake of 3.8 magnitudes hit Korea's east coast. According to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), the quake occurred at 5:45 a.m. (local time) at some 38 kilometres. southeast

of Uljin County in North Gyeongsang Province at a depth of 21 kilometres.

The tremor was felt in many counties in the southeastern province.

However, the quake did not affect the operations of nuclear power plants or caused any damage.

Source: Yunhap News Agency. (2019, Apr 22). 3.8 magnitude quake hits off S. Korea's east coast.

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