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Myanmar

A low pressure area formed over northeast Bay of Bengal. It could intensify into a depression within 48 hours, according to the observation made by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) on 30 June 2019.

The low pressure area might cause of a heavy rainfall in Myanmar coast while middle areas of the country would have a little rain. Squalls with rough seas would be experienced off and along Myanmar coasts. Surface wind in squalls might reached 40 miles per hour, while wave height would be about 9-13 feet off and along Myanmar coasts.

The DMH warned domestic airlines, onshore and offshore fishing trawlers and ships along Myanmar coasts and offshore in the sea to be careful of the effect of the low pressure area.

Source: Eleven Myanmar. (2019, July 1). *Low pressure area in the Bay of Bengal may intensify into a depression: DMH.*

Philippines

Heavy rainfalls might hit the provinces of Zambales and Bataan while light to moderate rains were forecasted in Metro Manila. According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical

Services Administration (PAGASA), heavy downpours in Zambales and Bataan would result in flood-prone areas of provinces.

Meanwhile, light to moderate rains were predicted in Metro Manila, Pampanga, Bulacan, Batangas, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal which might persist within three hours and might affect nearby areas.

On 1 July 2019 at 11:00 p.m. (local time), the rainfall warning No.6 was issued by PAGASA. Yellow advisory, expecting a rainfall amount between 7.5 mm and 15 mm within an hour and likely to be, was alerted up in Zambales and Bataan.

Source: GMA News. (2019, July 1). *Yellow rainfall alert up in Zambales, Bataan; light to moderate rains in Metro.*

Viet Nam

The prolonged drought and extreme hot weather have seriously affected in several provinces of Viet Nam. The drought hit Quang Tri, Quang Binh, Nghe An and some provinces, causing an impact to production and local residents.

The heat has caused water levels in reservoirs, dams and rivers lower. Approximately 2,400 hectares of crops in Quang Tri province have been affected while La Nga reservoir, one of the largest reservoirs in the province, has been dried up to only 25 percent of its capacity.

In many rice areas, including Vinh Linh, Gio Linh and Cam Lo, agricultural production and people's daily life have been also affected by ongoing drought, water shortage and saline intrusion.

According to the vice chairman of the provincial People's Committee, the authorities directed the agriculture sector to coordinate with localities and irrigation company to save water and take measures to ensure the stable supply of water.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2019, June 28). *Drought plagues central region.*

Japan

Heavy downpours struck southern Kyushu in southwestern Japan and other areas. According to the Meteorological Agency, Okinawa was hit

by a heavy rain on 26 June 2019. A tropical cyclone was predicted to turn into a typhoon to approach in the south of the prefecture in the following day morning.

The agency also issued a warning for possible floods, landslides, strong wind and high waves in the southern Kyushu region and other areas of western Japan along the Pacific Ocean.

In few days later, the heavy rain triggered landslide in the town of Honjo in Kagoshima in Kyushu island, causing one person died. Some train services in Kyushu were suspended while some expressways sections on the island were also closed to traffic.

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) warned of heavy rain in eastern Japan on 1 July 2019 though 4 July 2019 in western Japan with a possibility of localised downpours and thunderstorms. The JMA advised people to be on their guard against landslides, flooding in low-lying areas, lightning and other extreme weather.

Moreover, evacuation advisories were in place for more than 1.21 million people in 558,715 households in 21 municipalities in the three southwestern Japan prefectures of Kagoshima, Miyazaki and Kumamoto. The advisory for the city of Kagoshima covered almost the entire municipality.

Source: The Japan Time. (2019, June 26). *Okinawa hit by heavy rain as tropical cyclone, predicted to turn into typhoon, approaches Japan*; The Mainichi Shimbun. (2019, July 1). *Evacuation advisories issued for over 1.2 million as heavy rain lashes Japan; 1 dead*.

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