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Cambodia

Tboung Khmum province was flooded by overflowing water from Mekong River. According to the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, nearly 40 houses in Kroch Chhmar district in Tboung Khmum province have been relocated from the Mekong riverbank because the riverbank trends to be collapsed and those houses are in danger.

The authorities decided to close off a 30-metre stretch of road from Tboung Khmum district to Koh Sotin district in Kampong Cham province. People and vehicles were not allowed to go on the road due to the strong current.

Meanwhile, continued rainfall in Trapaing Prasat and Anlong Veng districts in Oddar Meanchey province has caused the water level in Tamok basin to rise to 3.4 metres which has nearly reached the warning level of 3.5 metres. However, a working group of the provincial department decided to open four additional water gates to increase flow and avoid flooding.

Source: Khmer Times. (2019, September 3). *Mekong river floods hit Tboung Khmum.*

Lao PDR

Central Lao PDR was inundated by floodwater due to tropical storm Podul. Flooding occurred in many areas of the country, leaving one person dead and damaging large scale of rice crops.

In Savannakhet province, about 28,273 families were affected while 36,188 hectares of rice crops were under water. Many roads, bridges and irrigation channels were also affected. However, local authorities and members of Savannakhet Volunteers Rescue team helped evacuate people to the safer zone.

Meanwhile, 87 villages and over 5,000 hectares of rice crops in Khammuan province were affected by this calamity.

According to the Lao Meteorology and Hydrology Department, central and southern regions have been warned of preparing for a second storm.

People who live in low-lying areas along rivers should be aware of the possibility of heavy rains, flash floods, landslides and other hazards.

Source: Xinhua. (2019, September 3). *Storm wreaks havoc in central Lao provinces*

Thailand

A tropical storm Podul struck several parts of Thailand. According to the Director General of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), the storm entered the Gulf of Thailand on 29 August 2019, bringing heavy rain, flash flood and landslide.

About 194 households in 72 villages in Chiang Mai, Phrae, Phetchabun, Amnat Charoen, Nakhon Phanom, Roi Et, Ubon Ratchathani, Maha Sarakham, Khon Kaen, Nong Bua Lam Phu, Prachin Buri, Krabi and Ranong were affected.

Roi Et was the greatest damage area as people in 38 villages were affected. Meanwhile, about 4,110 rai of farmland, five roads, three dykes and one bridge were destroyed.

The DDPM has coordinated with local authorities, district administration officers and related agencies to help the victims.

*1 rai = 0.16 hectares

Source: The Nation. (2019, August 31). *194 households in 13 provinces affected by storm Podul*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam was struck by tropical storm Podul. The storm devolved into a tropical depression on 30 August 2019 after triggering landfalls in the central provinces of Ha Tinh and Quang Binh. The storm also brought heavy downpour to the northern and north central provinces causing floods landslides and lightning in the said areas.

According to the Central Steering Committee on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, the storm killed six people and two people have been still missing. More than 1,000 houses were damaged while 282 others were flooded.

However, northern mountainous provinces have been warned of landslides and flash floods. Water levels in the northern delta's Red River as well as rivers in Thanh Hoa province were expected to rise and might cause flooding in surrounding areas.

Source: VnExpress. (2019, September 1). *Storm Podul death toll rises to six.*

Japan

A torrential rain caused floods and landslides in southwestern Japan. As of 29 August 2019, there were three people confirmed dead in Saga and Fukuoka prefectures while one person has been still missing. More than 1,900 people in five prefectures in the Kyushu region and Honshu's Yamaguchi prefecture were evacuated to the shelters.

According to the Meteorological Agency, heavy rainfall accompanied by lightning might hit widespread areas from western to northern Japan through 30 August 2019.

Source: The Japan Times. (2019, August 29). *Saga hospital stranded as torrential rain in southwestern Japan leaves three dead, one missing.*

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