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Indonesia

Heavy rainfall throughout the week caused floods and landslides in several provinces. On 13 May 2020, a massive landslide occurred in Wangunjaya village, Bogor regency, West Java province due to persistent rains.

According to the Bogor Regency Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD), there were 242 residents forced to leave from their houses to safer zone, four people injured while one person has been missing. Around 14 houses in the village were severely damaged.

On the same day, flash floods and landslides also damaged dozens of houses in several villages of Central Aceh regency, Aceh province.

Floodwater carried away debris and objects through village streets. Many roads were cut. About 89 residents were evacuated while 57 houses were damaged.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, May 14). *Indonesia – 1 Missing After Massive Landslide in Bogor Regency, West Java*; Floodlist. (2020, May 14). *Indonesia – Cars Dragged Through Streets as Flash Floods Hit Central Aceh*.

Philippines

Several areas in the Philippines were struck by earthquakes. A 4.2-magnitude earthquake jolted Davao Oriental province on 15 May 2020 at 2:55 a.m. (local time). The tremor had a depth of 134 kilometres and its epicenter was traced 59 kilometres southeast of Governor Generoso.

On 19 May 2020, Davao Occidental province was struck by an earthquake with a magnitude of 4.3 at 3:11 a.m. (local time). The epicenter was plotted 307 kilometres southeast of Sarangani, at a depth of only one kilometre.

The next day, a 4.5-magnitude earthquake hit Sarangani in Southern Mindanao region. The tremor was registered at 3:38 a.m. (local time). The epicenter was 35 kilometres southwest of Glan, at a depth of 21 kilometres under the earth beneath.

There were no reports of damage or injury in those affected areas.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 15). *4.2-magnitude quake jolts Davao Oriental*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 19). *4.3-magnitude quake jolts Davao Occidental*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 20). *4.5-magnitude quake jolts Sarangani*.

Tropical cyclone Vongfong swept over the Philippines affecting more than 80,000 people. The tropical cyclone Vongfong, locally named Typhoon Ambo, brought destructive winds and heavy rainfalls causing its first landfall in San Policarpo, Eastern Samar Province, Eastern Visayas region.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), a total of 25,474 families or 82,563 people were affected in eight provinces of Calabarzon, Eastern Visayas, and Cordillera regions.

The storm caused damage to buildings, roads, bridges, agriculture, electricity and communications lines.

Flooding was reported in the cities of Mandaluyong and Malabon, both in National Capital Region, on 15 May 2020.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) forecasted that the storm would exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) during the afternoon of 18 May 2020.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, May 17). *Philippines – 80,000 Affected by Tropical Cyclone Vongfong.*

Viet Nam

Many districts in the central province of Viet Nam have been facing a severe drought. Pho Cuong Commune of Pho Cuong Township was one of the most affected areas hit by extremely hot weather.

About 700 hectares of croplands have been abandoned while 400 hectares of rice fields were at high risk due to water scarcity.

The local authority implemented several temporary measures to cope with the situation.

Meanwhile, saline water intrusion was reported in Tinh Long Commune of Quang Ngai city because the underground water dropped rapidly.

A vice director of Quang Ngai Agriculture and Rural Development Department suggested local farmers to switch from rice cultivation to other crops that need less water.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2020, May 14). *Central province faces drought due to extreme hot weather.*

China

An earthquake of magnitude 5 struck Yunnan province. According to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC), a 5-magnitude earthquake jolted Qiaojia County in southwest China's Yunnan

province on 18 May 2020 at 9:47 p.m. (local time). The tremor had a depth of eight kilometres.

Local authorities reported that there were two people died while 13 people injured after the quake rattled the area.

Source: Xinhua. (2020, May 18). *5-magnitude quake hits China's Yunnan, no casualties reported;* Xinhua. (2020, May 19). *2 dead, 13 injured in SW China quake.*

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