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Indonesia

A prolonged rainy season caused flooding in numerous parts of Indonesia. On 18 May 2020, several river banks in West Java province were destroyed by flooding. This affected 16,000 residents in the area.

Meanwhile, in South Sumatra, there were two people died, nine injured and 233 houses damaged after a tornado rattled Tulang Bawang regency according to the National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB). Meanwhile, floods triggered the Kelingi river in Lubuklinggau city breaking its banks. This incident affected 245 people and damaged 49 houses on 20 May 2020.

Two days later, flooding hit the provinces of South Sulawesi, West Sulawesi and East Nusa Tenggara. There were 3,380 people affected and about 376 houses damaged.

The Samarinda disaster management (BPBD) reported on 25 May 2020 that flooding struck Samarinda city, East Kalimantan province affecting over 30,000 people.

Also, there were 3,380 people and about 376 houses in neighbouring province of South Kalimantan affected by flooding.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, May 25). *Indonesia – Thousands Hit by Floods in Samarinda.*

Philippines

Several earthquakes with different magnitude shook the Philippines in a week. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), a 4.5-magnitude earthquake jolted Sarangani in Southern Mindanao region on 20 May 2020 at 3:38 a.m. (local time) at a depth of 21 kilometres. Earlier, at 2:28 a.m. (local time), an earthquake with a magnitude of 2.4 was recorded in Sultan Kudarat province.

On the same day, Davao Occidental was struck by a 4.3-magnitude earthquake and followed by a 4.4-magnitude earthquake on 22 May 2020.

On 23 May 2020, a 5.1-magnitude earthquake was reported in San Luis, Aurora with a depth of 7 kilometres at 10:10 a.m. (local time).

Meanwhile, Davao Oriental province was jolted by a 4.3-magnitude earthquake at 10:54 p.m. (local time). The tremor had a depth of 59 kilometres under the earth beneath.

The five earthquakes were tectonic in origin. However, there was no risk of aftershocks or tsunami from the quakes. Similarly, no damage or injury was reported in those affected areas.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 20). *4.5-magnitude quake jolts Sarangani*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 20). *4.3-magnitude earthquake jolts Malita, Davao*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 22). *4.4-magnitude quake jolts Davao Occidental*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 23). *5.1-magnitude quake jolts Aurora*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, May 25). *4.3-magnitude quake jolts Davao Oriental.*

Thailand

A lightning storm struck a district in Roi Et province causing cattle to die.

On 25 May 2020, there were eight cows died and a herdsman injured after the lightning storm slammed Suwannaphum district, Roi Et province.

The total cost of dead cattle is estimated around 300,000 THB as they are high-bred cattle.

*1 USD = 31.92 THB

Source: The Nation Thailand. (2020, May 26). *Lightning kills 8 cows in Roi Et, sends herdsman to hospital.*

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