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Indonesia

A series of earthquakes struck various areas in the country. According to the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG), the earthquakes were recorded in West Nusa Tenggara, Ambon, Maluku, North Sulawesi, West Sulawesi, Aceh, parts of Papua and West Papua.

The tremors were also felt in several areas in Bali, Bengkulu, North Bengkulu and Southeast Sulawesi.

The strongest earthquake of a magnitude 6.0 was registered on 3 June 2020 at 10:54 p.m. (local time). Its epicenter was 132 kilometers northwest of Saringgi island at a depth of 664 kilometres. However, there was no tsunami warning issued.

The agency recorded two foreshocks, a mainshock and five aftershocks in the past week.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2020, June 4). *Earthquakes strike West Nusa Tenggara, Aceh.*

Central Java and West Papua provinces were hit by flooding. On 3 June 2020, high tides triggered flooding in many parts of Central Java. There were 187 houses in Tegal city damaged while more than 1,300 people living in low-lying areas were affected.

Earlier, on 2 June 2020 flooding caused by high tides struck Pekalongan city as well. Local residents were evacuated.

Meanwhile, heavy rainfall caused flooding in Sorong regency in West Papua province. Approximately 500 people were affected while 100 houses were damaged. Heavy rain also affected neighbouring provinces of Papua.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, June 5). *Indonesia – High Tide Floods in Central Java, Heavy Rainfall in West Papua.*

The Philippines

The earthquakes with magnitude over 5 jolted parts of the Philippines. A 6.6-magnitude earthquake struck in waters off Davao Oriental on 4 June 2020 at 4:50 p.m. (local time). Its epicenter was recorded 172 kilometres southeast of Governor Generoso at a depth of 134 kilometres.

On 5 June 2020, an earthquake of magnitude 5.1 rattled near Occidental Mindoro at 9:37 p.m. (local time). The quake was tectonic in origin and traced to 19 kilometres northeast of Calintaan.

Meanwhile, there were five earthquakes recorded within vicinity of the Taal volcano. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) warned of sudden steam-driven or phreatic explosions, volcanic earthquakes, minor ashfall, and lethal accumulations or expulsion of volcanic gas may occur and threaten areas within Taal volcano island.

Residents were reminded to observe precautions of ground displacement across fissures, possible ashfall, and minor earthquakes while the pilots should avoid flying close to the volcano.

However, there were no reports of damage or injuries due to the earthquakes.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, June 4). *Magnitude 6.6 quake rocks Davao Oriental; Aftershocks expected;* Manila Bulletin. (2020, June 5). *5.1 magnitude strikes near Occ. Mindoro;* Manila Bulletin. (2020, June 9). *5 quakes recorded in last 24 hours in vicinity of Taal Volcano.*

Laurel town was struck by mudflow.

According to the Batangas Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), downpours triggered mudflow in Buso-Buso village of Laurel town on 7 June 2020.

Large volume of water brought the volcanic ash from the Taal volcano entering into several houses in the village.

Fortunately, there were no damaged houses or displaced people.

Manila Bulletin. (2020, June 8). *Taal mudflow affects Laurel, Batangas.*

Thailand

A thunderstorm caused severe damage to Lampang province on 3 June 2020.

The storm hit seven villages namely Samai, Den Samai, Chua Tai, Samai Chai, Samai Seri, Nam Long Santisuk and Den Napha in Sop Prap district, Lampang province.

The storm developed into a whirlwind and ravaged 109 houses in the villages. Den Napha village was the hardest-hit by the storm.

Heads of the villages investigated the affected areas and reported to the district office to provide assistance.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, June 3). *Lampang villages ravaged by storm, 100 houses damaged.*

China

Serious flooding slammed central and southern China. Local authorities reported on 8 June 2020, that torrential rains and floods struck Hunan province, central China forcing over 3,000 people to evacuate and affecting more than 93,000 people in 20 counties and districts of the province.

Nearby provinces of Jiangxi were also reported as flood-hit areas. About 21,000 people were evacuated and almost 380,000 residents were affected.

In south China, mudslide and flash floods occurred in Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region due to heavy rainfall. More than 320,000 people in the region were affected while one person was killed by lightning strike. Mudslides destroyed houses and roads in Tianlin country. Several rivers were swollen with heavy downpours.

China Meteorological Administration (CMA) warned of further rain in northern Guangxi, northern Guangdong and southern Hunan

Source: Floodlist. (2020, June 8). *China – Thousand Affected by Floods in Hunan, Jiangxi and Guangxi.*

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