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Cambodia

Many provinces in Cambodia faced the effects of Tropical Storm Sinlaku. The tropical storm made landfall in Cambodia on 2 August 2020 inflicting damages in the coastal provinces of Preah Sihanouk, Koh Kong, Kampot and Kep.

Heavy rains and flash floods caused 40 houses, five bridges, and two utility poles to be damaged. Three injured people were reported in this event.

According to the Water Resources Ministry spokesman, more provinces along Dongrak Mountains and coastal line are still at risk of being hit by more flash floods.

Source: Khmer Times. (2020, Aug 4). *Provinces reel as Typhoon Sinlaku brings heavy downpour.*

Indonesia

Floods ravaged two provinces in Indonesia. Floods swept across the areas of Central Halmahera Regency, North Maluku and East Luwu Regency, South Sulawesi on 31 July 2020 and 2 August 2020 respectively.

The incidents directly caused the suffering of nearly 1,000 residents in both areas, as well as the loss of 10 hectares of cornfields and 25 tons of seaweed.

Both catastrophes were a result of overflowing rivers that triggered by torrential rainfalls.

Source: AHA Centre. (2020, Aug 2). *Indonesia, Flooding in East Luwu Regency, South Sulawesi Province*; AHA Centre. (2020, Jul 31). *Indonesia, Flooding in Central Halmahera Regency, North Maluku Province.*

Lao PDR

Northern Lao PDR witnessed the destruction from Tropical Storm Sinlaku. Nam Houng River burst its bank causing Xayaboury, Botaen, Kaenthao Khop, and Ngeun districts of Xayaboury Province to be inundated on 4 August 2020.

Downpours throughout the weekend were influenced by Tropical Storm Sinlaku causing the overflowing river.

Authorities stated that there were around 1,000 people affected and more than 200 houses damaged, however, these were the figures reported in Xayaboury district only.

Source: The Laotian Times. (2020, Aug 4). *Xayaboury Hit With Floods After Heavy Rains.*

Myanmar

Flooding in Sagaing Region led to thousands displaced. The Ayeyarwady River overflowed on 30 July 2020 causing many parts in Sagaing Region to be submerged. There were 6,516 victims forced to leave their homes

The governmental agencies will continue providing food aids and other relief items to help erase not only the adversity of the victims due to floods but also difficulties amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Reliefweb. (2020, Jul 30). *Thousands evacuated due to flooding in Sagaing.*

Thailand

More than 10 provinces suffered from Tropical Storm Sinlaku. Downpours and floods hit 13 provinces in Northern and Northeastern regions of Thailand as a result of Tropical storm Sinlaku.

As of 4 July 2020, more than 12,500 houses, mostly in Chiang Rai, Loei, and Nan provinces, were damaged by floods. Furthermore, three people were killed due to the flood-involved accidents.

Despite having been weakened, its effects still remain widespread and severe.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Aug 5). *Majesties fret over floods in North, Isan.*

Viet Nam

Several provinces experienced the effects of Tropical Storm Sinlaku. Intensive rainfalls, gust wind, erosion, and floods due to a severe tropical storm caused properties and agricultural zones to be damaged, as well as casualties across the vast areas of the country.

The affected provinces and cities included Đà Lạt, Đắk Lắk, Quảng Ninh, Hà Tĩnh, and Hòa Bình. More than thousands of crops were inundated. Above 1,000 houses were flooded or torn apart by strong wind. Two people were reported dead, and at least one person was injured.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2020, Aug 3). *Heavy rains continue to batter northern region.*

China

Millions were evacuated from a province affected by downpour. Nearly 10 million encountered the impact of heavy rainfalls in east China's Anhui Province, more than one million people were evacuated, as reported on 31 July 2020.

The heavy rain also destroyed 1.15 million hectares of crops making a direct economy impacts rose to around 6.3 billion USD.

Source: Xinhua. (2020, Jul 31). *Heavy rain affects millions in China's Anhui.*

Japan

Flood left many people stranded in Japan. Continuous downpours during 27 and 28 July 2020 damaged almost 100 houses and triggered landslides causing more than 500 people to be stranded in the

town of Oishida and Okura village, Yamagata Prefecture.

There was one injured in this event, while a total number of 2,500 had been successfully evacuated.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, Jul 29). *Japan – Evacuations After Floods in Yamagata.*

Republic of Korea

Torrential rains wreaked havoc in central region of the Republic of Korea. Gyeonggi, Chungcheong, Gangwon, and Gyeongsang along with some parts of Seoul had been pounded by heavy rains since 1 August 2020.

The destruction was immense as 5,751 hectares of farm land and nearly 3,000 private assets and public properties, roads, bridges, railways and water reservoirs were flooded or damaged. Some were completely destroyed. Meanwhile, a total of 1,025 residents had to flee their homes.

In addition, six deaths and six missing persons were recently reported in Gyeonggi and Chungcheong Provinces making a total number of both records up to 26.

Source: Yonhap. (2020, Aug 4). *(2nd LD) Damage from heavy rain continues to grow in S. Korea, leaving 13 dead, 13 missing;* Yonhap. (2020, Aug 3). *(5th LD) Heavy rain pummels central S. Korea; casualties reported in landslides.*

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