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Cambodia

Persistent flooding caused huge miseries and agricultural losses in Cambodia. Severe inundations had lingered in a total of nine cities or districts in Banteay Meanchey Province since 20 September 2021. According to the Banteay Meanchey Provincial Administration on 1 October 2021, the situation had already caused 79,828 residents and 25,223 hectares of agricultural areas to be seriously affected. Besides, the number of public buildings and infrastructures including 26 schools, nine pagodas, two health centres and 227.33 metres of road also sustained damages.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Oct 1). *Floods affect nine cities or districts in Banteay Meanchey.*

Indonesia

Extreme weathers led to several casualties and destructions in Indonesia. Torrential rainfalls accompanied by strong winds triggered deadly floods and landslides in five provinces of Indonesia namely West Sumatra, South Sulawesi, Central Kalimantan, East Kalimantan and West Kalimantan from 29 September - 4 October 2021. The incidents resulted in 12 deaths,

including eight in West Sumatra Province and four in South Sulawesi Province, and 25 injuries. Over 3,547 people and 289 families were affected, while 619 people had to evacuate from their homes. Moreover, there were 1,539 houses damaged with 19 heavily devastated or entirely destroyed.

Source: Floodlist. (2021, Oct 6). *Indonesia – Floods and Landslides Leave 4 Dead in South Sulawesi*; Floodlist. (2021, Oct 1). *Indonesia – Heavy Rain Triggers Floods and Deadly Landslides in West Sumatra.*

Lao PDR

Hundreds of families in Lao PDR suffered from destructive inundations. Many villages in Kenthao District of Xayaboury Province, Lao PDR experienced acute floods brought by continuous rainfall, as reported on 29 September 2021. The disaster eventually affected more than 480 families and damaged 30 homes and 130 hectares of agricultural land along with some infrastructures. Likewise, there were also reports of floods in other northern and southern parts of Lao PDR after the country encountered the influence of a tropical depression over 25-26 September 2021.

Source: The Laotian Times. (2021, Sep 29). *Over 480 Families Affected by Floods in Kenthao District, Xayaboury.*

The Philippines

Several people fled their homes from the fear of rockslides in the Philippines. A rockslide taking place on 4 October 2021 forced 51 families in Guimaras Province in the Philippines to leave their homes as a precaution. All of the evacuated families were either staying with their relatives or being accommodated in an evacuation centre. The incident occurred after the soil foundation on a nearby mountain was softened by intense precipitation due to the tropical depression Lannie. There were two houses damaged. Yet, no one was injured.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, Oct 6). *Guimaras evacuates 51 families due to 'rockslide'.*

Thailand

More deaths were recorded as floods still remained in numerous provinces of Thailand. Death tolls from massive floods caused by tropical storm Dianmu since 23 September 2021 had climbed to eight as the inundations still continued in 18 out of 32 affected provinces of Thailand, according to the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department on 5 October 2021. The situation also caused 286,577 households in total to be badly affected of which 104,491 were in 18 provinces still struggling with floods.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, Oct 5). *Storm Dianmu floods linger in 18 provinces.*

China

Battering hail and rainstorms pushed thousands of people away from their homes. As many as 4,513 people in northeast China's Liaoning Province had to relocate from their homes after the province was pounded by extensive hail and rainstorms starting on 2 October 2021. A total of 16,583 residents and 2,533 hectares of agricultural areas were also affected leading to around USD 26 million economic loss. Luckily, no deaths and injuries were reported.

Source: Xinhua. (2021, Oct 4). *Heavy rain affects over 16,000 in China's Liaoning.*

Japan

A violent typhoon caused injuries and created chaos in Japan. The forceful influence of typhoon Mindulle induced strong gusts of wind and downpours to Izu Islands and the Pacific coast of eastern Japan from 1 October 2021. The typhoon traveling around 260 kilometers east of Chiba Prefecture caused over 100 flights and train services to be disrupted and four people in Kanagawa Prefecture to be

wounded. The highest level of flood warning was also issued in Chiba Prefecture after one river was overflowed and also destroyed the roof of a school in the same prefecture.

Source: The Japan Times. (2021, Oct 1). *Eastern Japan battered by heavy rain and winds as Typhoon Mindulle passes by.*

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