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Cambodia

Deluges ravaged Cambodia's capital while flood victims continued to rise in another province. Floodwater coming from the critically rising Prek Tnort river and water discharged from a dam in Kampong Speu Province entered 10 communes of Dangkor District, Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh City, as reported on 26 October 2021. In this regard, the authorities were preparing to evacuate the affected families as well as carrying out relief efforts; however, the exact number of flood victims had not been confirmed yet. Meanwhile, the flooding situation in Banteay Meanchey Province still saw no improvement after over a month as inundations had already forced 1,358 people out of their homes and submerged 8,195 hectares of rice fields, as of 24 October 2021.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Oct 26). *Water rise at Prek Tnort River causes flood in 10 communes*; Khmer Times. (2021, Oct 25). *Floods in Banteay Meanchey displaces more than 450 families, while more than 1,300 people are evacuated.*

Indonesia

Rainstorms triggered widespread and destructive natural hazards in Indonesia. From 21 to 25 October 2021, severe rainstorms generated strong winds and extensive inundations in nine

provinces of Indonesia namely Central Java, East Java, West Kalimantan, North Sumatra, South Sumatra, Central Sulawesi, West Sulawesi, Lampung and Riau. As a result, two people were killed and eight were injured. There were 96,810 individuals greatly affected, 192 of whom had to evacuate from their homes. In relation to this, the incidents also affected 23,061 houses, of which 175 sustained partial damages and 92 were totally destroyed.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Oct 20-26). *DISASTER EVENT REPORTS: Indonesia.*

Malaysia

Flash floods pushed over a thousand people out of their homes in Malaysia.

Flash floods due to heavy rainfalls in the western and northern parts of the Malaysian peninsula inundated several areas in Melaka, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Kedah and Perak States since 20 October 2021. The incidents caused more than 1,000 people to relocate to the evacuation centres and relative houses. This included at least 590 people in Melaka State, around 467 in Selangor State, 39 in Negeri Sembilan State and about 176 in Kedah and Perak States. Fortunately, there were no reports of casualties.

Source: CNA. (2021, Oct 21). *Heavy rains and flash floods force over 1,000 people to be evacuated in Malaysia.*

The Philippines

Nearly 1,000 households left their homes due to the storm's impacts in the Philippines.

A number of 850 households in the city of Davao, the Philippines had to flee their homes after flooding broke out following a violent thunderstorm on the night of 25 October 2021. The evacuation was carried out in Barangay Cabantian for 250 families and Barangay Matina Crossing for 600 households. Thankfully, no one got injured from the incidents and, as of 26 October 2021, the evacuees in Barangay Cabantian already returned to their homes. Nevertheless, some were still in need of essential items including extra clothes and medicines.

Source: *Philippine News Agency.* (2021, Oct 26). *Flooding forces 850 families to evacuate in Davao.*

Source: *Floodlist.* (2021, Oct 26). *Vietnam – 7,000 People Displaced by Floods in Central Provinces.*

Thailand

Many provinces of Thailand struggled with thunderstorms and floods. The influence of high pressure from China together with the east wind and the southeast wind prevailing in the upper part of Thailand led to the raging thunderstorms that triggered flash floods in 12 provinces consisting of Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Phayao, Lampang, Uttaradit, Phetchabun, Loei, Khon Kaen, Kanchanaburi, Ratchaburi, Surat Thani and Nakhon Si Thammarat since 21 October 2021. The situation directly caused difficulties to 55,985 people but did not incur any casualties. Relative to this, floodwater in 10 provinces had already subsided, according to the update on 25 October 2021.

Source: *AHA Centre.* (2021, Oct 21). *Thailand, Flooding in 12 Provinces.*

Viet Nam

Several thousand people in Viet Nam fled their houses in lights of continuous heavy rainfalls. Days of torrential precipitation of up to 600 millimetres battered Quang Ngai and Quang Nam Provinces of Viet Nam, provoking severe inundations from 22 October 2021. According to Vietnam's Disaster Management Authority, the events resulted in one death by drowning and the evacuation of 7,076 people who resided in flood-hit or landslide-prone areas. Three fishermen were also reported missing after their boat was swept away. Besides, a total of 16,413 houses were submerged. To make matters worse, the tropical depression Invest, located around 250 kilometres off the coast of Ninh Thuan Province, as of 26 October 2021, was likely to bring in more heavy rains and strong winds over the next couple of days.

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