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Cambodia

Flash floods hit numerous provinces in Cambodia. A total of nine provinces in Cambodia including Banteay Meanchey, Oddar Meanchey, Preah Vihear, Stung Treng, Kampong Cham, Pailin, Kandal, Kampong Speu and Prey Veng encountered severe floods triggered by heavy continuous rainfalls together with a water runoff from a nearby country during 18-19 September 2021. As a result, one child drowned and 42 families had to evacuate in Banteay Meanchey Province. Floodwater also submerged three houses in Pailin Province along with nearby crops and vegetables.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Sep 21). *Flash floods affect nine provinces amid heavy rain and swollen rivers.*

Indonesia

Destructive floods and whirlwinds caused massive damages in Indonesia. Several inundations due to intense rainfalls coupled with strong winds broke out in 13 provinces of Indonesia comprising Gorontalo, Central Sulawesi, West Sulawesi, North Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, East Java, West Java, South Sumatra, Central Kalimantan, East Kalimantan, West Kalimantan, Maluku and North

Maluku during 15-21 September 2021. The situation caused a total of 29,333 people

and 6,643 houses to be affected. One person went missing due to flooding in North Sulawesi Province, while another person was injured by a windstorm in East Java Province. Regarding this, there were 78 houses sustaining damages, of which 56 were partially destructed and 22 were completely destroyed.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Sep 15-21). *DISASTER EVENT REPORTS: Indonesia.*

Malaysia

Nearly 300 people were displaced due to floods and landslides. Inundations and landfalls struck five districts in two states of Malaysia namely Kuala Selangor, Gombak and Petaling Districts, Selangor State and Beaufort and Kota Belud Districts, Sabah State, which resulted in a total of 292 people having to relocate from their residences. In response to this, there were 10 evacuation centres opened in those affected areas during 15-21 September 2021. No deaths and injuries were reported.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Sep 20). *Malaysia, Flooding and Landslide in Selangor and Sabah.*

The Philippines

Weather disturbances drove more than a hundred families out of their homes. On 16-20 September 2021, the low-pressure area (LPA) and intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ) triggered serious inundations in Antique and Davao del Norte Provinces as well as Zamboanga City, the Philippines. It forced at least 101 families in Antique Province and Zamboanga City to leave their homes. Besides, there were 662 families or 3,310 individuals in Davao del Norte Province facing difficulties from this natural hazard. Further, nine houses was damaged in Zamboanga City, but no one was harmed in any of these events.

Source: AHA centre. (2021, Sep 20). *Philippines, Flooding in Asuncion, Davao del Norte (Region XI);* AHA centre. (2021, Sep 16). *Philippines, Flooding in in Hamtic, Antique;* Manila Bulletin. (2021, Sep 19). *Coast Guard rescues over 70 stranded families as flooding hits Zamboanga City.*

Thailand

Widespread rainfalls induced deluges and landslides across Thailand. High-intensity downpours battering the country for three consecutive weeks led to occurrences of floods and landslides in 14 provinces including Chiang Mai, Lampang, Tak, Sukhothai, Phetchabun, Phichit, Kamphaeng Phet, Chaiyaphum, Loei, Nakhon Ratchasima, Prachinburi, Chanthaburi, Ayutthaya and Nakhon Si Thammarat. As of 20 September 2021, there were 78,100 people heavily affected, but no deaths and injuries were reported. Thailand was forecast to experience more torrential rainfalls until 24 September 2021.

Source: ReliefWeb. (2021, Sep 21). *Thailand - Floods and landslides (DG ECHO Partners, government, media) (ECHO Daily Flash of 21 September 2021)*;

China

A deadly quake incurred casualties and massive destruction in China. A strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6.0 struck Luxian County in the city of Luzhou, in southwest China's Sichuan Province on 16 September 2021. It resulted in three deaths and 88 wounded including three who sustained serious injury. Also, there were 737 houses entirely collapsed, 72 badly damaged and 7,290 partially damages. In addition, more than 16,900 residents were evacuated to safer places. In this regard, the occurrence of aftershock was still possible.

Source: Xinhua. (2021, Sep 16). *China Focus: 3 dead, 88 injured in 6.0-magnitude Sichuan earthquake.*

Japan

A vicious tropical storm lashed Japan causing some injuries. Tropical storm Chanthu made landfall on the southwestern main island of Kyushu, Japan on 17 September 2021 before traveling eastward to hit Shikoku and Kinki

Regions respectively. The storm brought over heavy rainfalls of up to 366.5 millimetres in 24 hours and a strong gust of wind causing at least six people to be injured. There were 50 houses damaged. The power outage also happened to over 7,000 houses in Kyushu Region. In relation to this, tropical storm Chanthu was said to be downgraded into an extratropical cyclone on the afternoon of 18 September 2021; however, the threats of floods and landslides still remained.

Source: The Japan Times. (2021, Sep 18). *Tropical Storm Chanthu downgraded after injuring at least six.*

The Republic of Korea

A powerful tropical storm slammed the Republic of Korea. The Island of Jeju and southern coastal regions witnessed severe impacts from the tropical storm Chanthu as it traversed east-northeastward toward Japan on 17 September 2021. It led to flooding in 11 roads and 3,064 hectares of agricultural areas as well as damages to some public properties. Relative to this, there were 196 people who had to evacuate from their homes in South Jeolla Province because of the threats of landslides. Fortunately, there were no reports of deaths and injuries.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2021, Sep 17). (2nd LD) *Typhoon Chanthu passes by Jeju, south coast, flooding roads, homes, canceling flights.*

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