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Indonesia

Flood victims in South Sulawesi were safely evacuated. Heavy downpour on 22 February 2022 triggered floods in Makassar city, South Sulawesi province, Indonesia. The floodwater rose to one metre causing 49 flood victims from 20 families to strand on their places. The Makassar Police hurriedly evacuated those affected to a safer zone. Also, the police officers coordinated with the Makassar Social Affairs Office to provide further assistance, such as food, medicines and blankets to affected people.

Source: Antara. (2022, Feb 22). *Police evacuate Makassar flood victims using rubber boats.*

Lao PDR

Lao PDR encountered unseasonal flooding. Torrential downpours induced unexpected floods in Vang Vieng, Vientiane province, Lao PDR and an increase of water level in Nam Song river on 20 February 2022. As the result, a riverside restaurant was damaged while a pedestrian bridge was collapsed and washed away downstream. A road connecting the districts of Hin Heup with Muang Feuang in the province was also cut off.

However, there were no reports of any injuries or casualties.

Source: The Laotian Times. (2022, Feb 21). *Vang Vieng Experiences Unseasonal Flooding.*

Malaysia

Extreme weather slammed several areas in Malaysia. Heavy rain and strong wind were reported in many parts of Penang state. Following the storm, more than 10 fishing boats in a fishing village of Teluk Kumbar were swept away by strong waves. A similar incident was also reported in Balik Pulau and Pulau Aman. Apart from damaged boats and nets, houses nearby the sea were inundated by floodwater. Meanwhile, one house in Balik Pulau was destroyed by a fallen tree causing three people to be injured.

Strong winds accompanied by heavy rainfalls also caused damages to 27 houses in Kampung Skudai Kiri, Johor, 30 houses and some vehicles in Gemas, Negeri Sembilan, and several houses in Baling, southeastern Kedah on 20 February 2022. Likewise, the same situation occurred in the Cyber Valley, Selangor uprooting many large trees to fall and damage about 20 cars in parking lots. Yet, no one was harmed.

Source: Malay Mail. (2022, Feb 21). *In Dengkil, 20 vehicles damaged by falling trees during heavy rain in Cyber Valley;* New Straits Times. (2022, Feb 21). *Seven areas in Baling hit by thunderstorm;* New Straits Times. (2022, Feb 21). *30 houses in Gemas damaged in thunderstorm;* New Straits Times. (2022, Feb 20). *Roofs of 27 houses destroyed by strong winds;* New Straits Times. (2022, Feb 17). *Fishermen's boats damaged in storm, huge losses incurred [NSTTV].*

The Philippines

A moderate earthquake struck the Philippines. On 21 February 2022, a magnitude 5.3 earthquake struck Occidental Mindoro province of the Philippines. The tectonic quake occurred 16 kilometres northwest of the municipality of Abra de Ilog with a depth of 106 kilometres, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology

(PHIVOLCS). Aftershocks were likely to occur while damage was not expected from the quake.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2022, Feb 21). *Magnitude 5.3 quake jolts Occidental Mindoro.*

Singapore

Vehicles were damaged amid torrential rains in Singapore. Heavy rainfalls battered many parts of Singapore on 20 February 2022 prompting the Meteorological Service Singapore (MSS)'s warning of flash floods in several occasions. Due to the heavy rains, many trees and branches fell on vehicles. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident.

Source: Channel News Asia. (2022, Feb 20). *Trees fall on vehicles amid heavy rain on Sunday afternoon.*

China

The freezing weather affected around 30,000 people in south China. Extreme cold weather had hit Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in the southern part of China since 18 February 2022, according to the region's emergency management department. In the meantime, most of the region also faced heavy rainfall and rainstorms. Almost 30,000 people encountered difficulties. More than 196 hectares of crops were damaged, among which of seven hectares were devastated. Some mountainous areas in the northern part of the region experienced icy road conditions. About USD 4 million of a total direct economic loss was recorded for nine cities and 23 county-level regions in Guangxi.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, Feb 22). *Nearly 30,000 people affected by extreme cold weather in south China.*

Japan

Blizzards slammed northern Japan causing travel chaos. Northern Japan experienced heavy snow on 21 February 2022 with weather authorities warned of

more blizzards as well as high waves for the region and some eastern parts of the country. More than 140 flights were cancelled while over 970 train services were suspended. Traffic accidents involving several vehicles occurred in Hokuto and Tobetsu, Hokkaido causing seven people to be hospitalised and two men with minor injuries.

Source: The Japan Times. (2022, Feb 21). *Heavy snow batters northern Japan, disrupting rail and air traffic.*

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