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Indonesia

A powerful earthquake in Indonesia inflicted harm on lives and properties. A 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck West Sumatra province of Indonesia on 25 February 2022. The death toll rose to 11; six were in Pasaman district and another five in the neighboring district of West Pasaman. In the meantime, rescuers were searching for four people believed to be buried under tons of mud in Bukit Lintang village of Pasaman district. Nearly 400 people were injured and over 13,000 people had to relocate to the temporary shelters. The disaster also damaged more than 1,400 houses and buildings.

Source: Channel NewsAsia. (2022, Feb 27). *Death toll from Indonesia earthquake rises to 11*; Jakarta Post. (2022, Feb 25). *6.2 magnitude earthquake strikes off West Sumatra*.

Malaysia

Severe floods left thousands of people to be displaced. Serious floods triggered by continuous heavy rains broke out in three states of Malaysia namely Terengganu, Pahang and Kelantan on 25 February 2022. There were two dead and

24,756 affected in the states of Terengganu and Kelantan. Those flood victims had to evacuate to 128 temporary flood relief centres across the states.

Source: Malay Mail. (2022, Mar 1). *Elderly man second flood fatality in Terengganu*; Malay Mail. (2022, Mar 1). *More flood victims in Kelantan, situation in Terengganu improves*; Malay Mail. (2022, Feb 27). *First flood fatality in Kelantan a 70-year-old man*; Malay Mail. (2022, Feb 25). *East coast states hit by floods; hundreds evacuated in Terengganu, Pahang and Kelantan*.

Scores of houses were badly damaged amid the storms. Heavy rains and strong winds caused severe damages to residences in Kedah and Terengganu states of Malaysia. In Kedah state, six villages in Yan district encountered a thunderstorm on 24 February 2022 blowing the roofs of eight houses away. Meanwhile, more than 30 houses in Kampung Padang Nenas near Kuala Nerus district of Terengganu state faced a storm on 26 February 2022. However, there were no reports of injuries or casualties.

Source: New Straits Times. (2022, Feb 27). *Over 30 houses damaged by storm in Kuala Nerus*; New Straits Times. (2022, Feb 24). *Eight houses in Yan damaged in thunderstorm*.

Thailand

Many provinces in southern Thailand experienced serious floods. During 24-27 February 2022, widespread flooding badly affected almost 12,200 families in seven provinces of southern Thailand including Narathiwat, Yala, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung, Pattani, Songkhla and Trang. Particularly Narathiwat province, more than 7,200 households were affected while 6,891 houses and four schools were damaged. Around 100 people had to move to higher ground or evacuation centre. Moreover, six people died and one has been missing after their vehicle plunged into the river when a bridge in Narathiwat province collapsed due to the heavy floods. The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation coordinated with the provinces, local administration, the army and local

volunteers to provide assistance to the locals. People in the affected areas were asked to stay updated on the report from officials.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2022, Mar 1). *South homes submerged by heavy floods*; Bangkok Post. (2022, Feb 26). *Days of rain trigger floods in Narathiwat*.

Heavy rainstorms damaged coastal areas of Thailand. Continuous rainstorms battered the seaside areas of Hua Sai, Pak Phanang, Sichon, Tha Sala and Khanom districts in Nakhon Si Thammarat province, Thailand during 24-27 February 2022. The road along the coastline from Pak Phanang to Hua Sai was hit by high waves causing about 100 houses to be damaged while a 500-metre stretch of the beach in Hua Sai district was heavily eroded. Authorities dispatched heavy machines to the affected areas to repair the road and the beach. Also, some materials were provided for villagers to repair their houses.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2022, Feb 27). *Houses, Coastline damaged by heavy rainstorms*.

China

Extreme cold weather affected a number of people in southern China. More than 58,000 people in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous region in the southern part of China had been affected by the freezing weather since 18 February 2022. The cold spell caused damages on over 1,360 hectares of crops. A total direct economic loss was approximately USD 10 million for 13 cities and 45 country-level regions. Besides, several highways were interrupted by the extreme cold.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, Feb 23). *Over 58,000 people affected by extreme cold weather in south China*.

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