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Lao PDR

Storms destructed houses and other structures in two provinces of Lao PDR.

Storms damaged several houses in the provinces of Luang Prabang and Champasack, Lao PDR on 28 March 2022. The storms also brought down a number of trees and a power pole causing a power outage in Luang Prabang province. Meanwhile, hails were recorded in Pakse city, Champasack province but no report of injuries. Officials investigated damages and assisted those affected.

Source: The Laotian Times. (2022, Mar 29). *Storms Pummel Homes in Luang Prabang and Champasack Provinces.*

Malaysia

A freak storm wreaked havoc in Perak state, Malaysia. An unexpected storm lashed through several areas of Perak state, Malaysia namely Ipoh, Gopeng, Kampar and Bidor on 29 March 2022. The storm damaged several houses and vehicles while many trees were uprooted and falling down on some homes and vehicles as well as disrupting the traffic. However, the storm did not cause any injuries.

Source: New Straits Times. (2022, Mar 29). *Freak storm causes havoc in Perak.*

An earthquake struck Sabah state, Malaysia. According to the Malaysian Meteorological Department, a small earthquake measuring 3.8 on the Richter scale hit Beluran district of Sabah state, Malaysia on 28 March 2022. The epicenter was located around 47 kilometres east of Pitas at a depth of seven kilometres. The tremors might be felt in Beluran and surrounding areas.

Source: New Straits Times. (2022, Mar 28). *Weak earthquake with 3.8 magnitude hits Beluran, Sabah.*

The Philippines

A moderately strong earthquake rattled Cagayan province of the Philippines.

According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), a magnitude 5.4 earthquake jolted Cagayan province, the Philippines on 23 March 2022. The epicentre of the quake was 20 kilometres northeast of Aparri municipality with a depth of nine kilometres. Some people in Cagayan and Ilocos Norte might feel the tremors. There was no report of damages yet aftershocks were likely to occur.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2022, Mar 23). *Magnitude 5.4 quake jolts Cagayan.*

Restive Taal Volcano displaced a number of people in the Philippines.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) on 28 March 2022, Taal Volcano eruption affected some 3,850 people in 14 villages in Agoncillo and Laurel towns of Batangas province, the Philippines. With the number of those affected, 3,460 were in 16 evacuation centres and 201 were aided outside. The alert status of Taal volcano was raised to level 3 on 26 March 2022 warning that there was magmatic unrest which might drive eruptions. Many agencies have been closely monitoring the situation.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2022, Mar 28). *Taal unrest displaces 3.9K residents.*

Thailand

Summer storms pummeled Northeast Thailand. The northeastern provinces namely Mukdahan, Roi Et, Yasothon, Nakhon Ratchasima, Buri Ram, Surin, Si Sa Ket, Amnat Charoen, Ubon Ratchathani and Chaiyaphum were hit by the summer storms on 28 March 2022 causing a number of properties to be damaged. The province of Chaiyaphum was the hardest-hit area with over 200 houses destroyed. Some residents had to flee from their homes and shelter with their relatives. Officials warns the residents to prepare for more storms.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2022, Mar 29). *Storms damage 200 houses in Chaiyaphum*; Bangkok Post. (2022, Mar 29). *Summer storms hit Lower Northeast*.

China

A strong earthquake struck northwest China's Qinghai province. A 6.0-magnitude earthquake hit the city of Delingha in northwest China's Qinghai province at a depth of 10 kilometres on 26 March 2022, according to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC). Apart from Delingha, the tremors were felt in the cities of Jiuquan, Jiayuguan and Zhangye. Following the quake, nine aftershocks with magnitudes above 3 were recorded. However, the quakes did not cause any damages or casualties.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, Mar 26). *No casualties reported after 6.0-magnitude quake hits China's Qinghai*.

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