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Cambodia

Continuous extreme weather caused injuries and destruction in Cambodia.

Heavy rains accompanied by strong winds and lightning continued to hit six provinces of Cambodia including Siem Reap, Kampong Speu, Pailin, Tboung Khmum, Banteay Meanchey, and Phnom Penh over the past week. In Kampong Speu, two people were seriously injured while 28 houses, one commune hall, vehicles and an electricity pylon were damaged. Floods also occurred in some commune roads. Many trees were uprooted and the roofs of several houses were blown away causing 12 injured in Siem Reap and Tboung Khmum. Besides, a total of 31 houses were either partially damaged or entirely collapsed in Tboung Khmum, Pailin and Banteay Meanchey. Moreover, the similar situation occurred in Phnom Penh. However, no casualties were reported.

Source: Khmer Times. (2022, June 1). *Storms damage property as weather worsens.*

Indonesia

Multiple eruptions occurred over two volcanoes in Indonesia. Mount Merapi on the border of Central Java province and Yogyakarta emitted volcanic avalanches

101 times during 27 May - 2 June 2022 according to the Geological Disaster Technology, Research, and Development Center (BPPTKG). The active volcano also spewed hot clouds to the southwest or the upper part of Bebeng River. Mount Merapi's status remained at Level III or on alert. Likewise, Mount Ile Lewotolok located on Lembata Island, Lembata district, East Nusa Tenggara province, Indonesia erupted on 6 June 2022, spewing smoke up 100-700 metres into the sky. The eruption was followed by rumbling of weak to moderate intensity while one eruption quake was detected. The authority warned residents to stay away from the eruption centre and beware of incandescent lava and hot clouds. People living around the mountain were suggested to wear face masks as well as other personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect their eyes and skin.

Source: Antara. (2022, June 4). *Mt. Merapi emits 101 volcanic avalanches in one week: BPPTKG*; Antara. (2022, June 6). *Mount Ile Lewotolok erupts, spewing smoke reaching 700 meters high.*

The Philippines

The volcanic eruption damaged agricultural products and affected lives in the Philippines.

According to the Office of Civil Defense-Bicol (OCD-5), the eruption of Bulusan Volcano on 5 June 2022 affected a total of 2,683.40 hectares of agricultural land resulting in PHP20.2 million or more than USD 380,000 of production losses and damages. This comprised 824.16 metric tons of crops and other damage in Casiguran, Juban and Irosin municipalities of Sorsogon province, the Philippines. Also, there were 13,920 people affected by ashfall and pungent odor from the phreatic eruption in Juban and Irosin municipalities while 278 people had to relocate to an evacuation centre. The Bulusan Volcano was placed under Alert Level 1. The OCD-5 and the regional disaster risk reduction management council were put on standby for deploying of necessary assets to the affected areas when the volcanic alert status was raised. Entry into a 4-kilometre radius of the volcano was strictly prohibited as well as flying any aircraft close to the volcano.

*USD 1 = PHP 52.96, as of 9 June 2022

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2022, June 6). *Bulusan volcano unrest causes initial P20-M agri damage.*

China

A violent earthquake left some casualties in Sichuan Province. A 6.1-magnitude earthquake struck the city of Ya'an in southwest China's Sichuan Province on 1 June 2022 according to the city's earthquake relief headquarters. There were four people killed and 42 others injured while 14,427 people experienced difficulties. Over 7,800 people from various official agencies immediately went to the earthquake-affected areas to rescue and emergency relief.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, June 3). *Some 14,400 people affected after earthquake hits China's Sichuan.*

Heavy rains and floods brought suffering to millions of people in China. Torrential downpours and inundations had wreaked havoc in 80 counties of east China's Jiangxi Province since 28 May 2022. More than 800,000 people were affected, which 32,000 out of them had to evacuate. In the meantime, 76,300 hectares of cropland were damaged incurring about USD 174 million of direct economic losses. The province lifted its flood-control emergency response on 7 June 2022 as the continuous downpour subsided. However, possible rainstorms and short-term downpours in the southern parts of the province were forecast. Besides, torrential rains had heavily affected 1.79 million people in central China's Hunan Province since 1 June 2022. This caused 10 people to be killed and another three were missing. Also, over 2,700 houses were destroyed. Around 286,000 people had to flee from their homes. The province launched a provincial emergency response for disaster relief.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, June 8). *Nearly 1.8 million affected by heavy rain in central China's Hunan;* Xinhua. (2022, June 7). *Heavy rains, floods affect over 800,000 in China's Jiangxi.*

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