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Cambodia

Severe flooding caused three deaths in Cambodia. Floods triggered by heavy rainfalls occurred in four provinces of Cambodia namely Preah Sihanouk, Koh Kong, Pursat and Battambang during 11-14 July 2022. According to the National Committee for Disaster Management, three people died in Pursat province's Veal Veng district after being swept away by a raging flood current. Floods also affected 99 households and destroyed five hectares of rice fields together with poultry in Preah Sihanouk, Battambang and Koh Kong provinces.

Source: The Phnom Penh Post. (2022, July 18). *Heavy rains cause severe flooding, 3 deaths.*

Indonesia

Fatal floods and landslides struck many areas of Indonesia. Heavy rains triggered floods and landslides on Maluku and West Java islands of Indonesia during 5-16 July 2022. In Maluku province, floods and landslides hit West Seram regency and Ambon city on 5-8 July 2022, killing seven people and forcing six people to evacuate from their homes. A total of 3,306 people were affected while 820 buildings together with infrastructure were damaged. Also, 20 houses and one bridge in North Maluku province were impaired by floodwater. Likewise, flooding due to the overflowing of

the Bekasi River and a collapse of embankment in Bekasi city, West Java province forced several households living along the riverbanks to evacuate. Officials were dispatched to the affected areas to identify flood points and help evacuate the residents as well as repair the broken embankment.

Source: Floodlist. (2022, July 13). *Indonesia – Deadly Floods and Landslides Hit Maluku Islands*; Antara. (2022, July 16). *Bekasi residents evacuated as river overflows its banks.*

Malaysia

Thunderstorms hit three Malaysian states, leaving fatalities and destructions. On 4 July 2022, Baling district in Kedah state, Malaysia encountered flash floods after heavy rain caused the Ketil River to reach over its alert levels. There were three people dead and 1,424 people evacuated from their houses. The evacuees decreased to 495 people in three relief centres on 6 July 2022. More than 70 houses sustained severe damages while six houses along with some bridges and roads were destroyed. Later, on 9 and 12 July 2022, thunderstorms swept through Besut district in Terengganu state and Kangar in Perlis state, damaging around 240 houses. However, there were no reported of casualties.

Source: Floodlist. (2022, July 5). *Malaysia – Deadly Flash Floods in Kedah*; Malay Mail. (2022, July 6). *Baling flood evacuees down to nearly 500 people as of this morning*; Malay Mail. (2022, July 10). *Storm damages 140 houses in Besut*; Malay Mail. (2022, July 13). *Storm damages 100 houses in Perlis.*

Myanmar

Sudden floods deadly hit Myanmar's IDP camp. On 9 July 2022, flash floods following hours of torrential rains pounded Loi Tai Laeng internally displaced person (IDP) camp located in the southern Shan State, Myanmar. The camp administration members, health workers and villagers rushed into rescue flood-affected people amid the darkness and rainfall. The unprecedented flash floods killed four people while 11 people were injure. Several houses were destroyed. The camp management team provided an emergency

relief for those affected people and for the reconstruction of the camp housing.

Source: Mizzima News. (2022, July 12). *Four die, 11 injured in flash flood in southern Shan State's Loi Tai Laeng IDP camp.*

The Philippines

Deluges and landfalls induced miseries to over 40,000 people in the Philippines.

From 5 to 17 July 2022, multiple provinces of the Philippines including Zamboanga del Sur, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Ifugao, Benguet, Mountain, Bataan, South Cotabato and North Cotabato were affected by floods and landslides due to heavy rains. As a result, two fatalities were reported in Bataan and South Cotabato while six people were injured. Besides, 40,320 people were affected and 394 families were forced to evacuate to safer grounds. At least 1,048 homes and buildings also received damages. The authorities handed out assistance including relief goods and modular tents to flood-affected people.

Source: Floodlist. (2022, July 13). *Philippines – Heavy Rain Triggers Flash Floods and Landslides in 7 Provinces*; Philippine News Agency. (2022, July 18). *1 dead, 394 families affected as floods hit SoCot, NoCot areas.*

Thailand

Heavy storm winds brought extensive damage to Nakhon Si Thammarat province.

Nakhon Si Thammarat province, Thailand was blown by storm winds on 12 July 2022. Phrom Khiri district was the hardest hit area. Several trees and power poles were toppled leading to power outages in many villages. At the same time, numerous houses were damaged; some of them experienced total destruction. A number of residents had to flee from their homes. The district official would request the governor for a disaster zone declaration in order to a quick mobilisation of assistance.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2022, July 12). *Storm winds batter southern villages, orchards.*

Viet Nam

Severe weather conditions caused casualties and damages in Viet Nam.

Thunderstorms, strong winds and high tides damaged 827 houses and more than 340 hectares of rice and other crops in Ca Mau, Kien Giang and Bac Lieu provinces in the Mekong Delta during 9-11 July 2022. Besides, a fisherman was found dead in the said area. An erosion of 120 metres also took place along the embankment in Tran Van Thoi district of Ca mau province. The total damage was estimated at USD 256,600. Later, two people were killed by a lightning strike in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 13 July 2022 amid severe thunderstorms influenced by the monsoon and the tropical convergence zone.

Source: VnExpress. (2022, July 11). *Thunderstorms damage over 800 houses in Mekong Delta*; VnExpress. (2022, July 13). *Lightning kills two Hanoi women.*

China

Mountain torrents ravaged southwest China's province.

In Baishi township of Beichuan Qiang Autonomous County, southwest China's Sichuan province, six people died and 12 were reported missing due to rainstorm-triggered mountain torrents to hit the area during 15-16 July 2022. The high-intensity rainfalls of up to 110 millimetres affected 13 townships with around 22,300 people. Meanwhile, more than 1,300 people had to relocate. Over 400 rescue workers were dispatched to conduct search and rescue operations as well as reparation of roads and communication facilities.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, July 17). *6 dead, 12 missing as mountain torrents hit SW China's Sichuan.*

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