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Indonesia

Fatal floods and landslides inflicted extensive damages in Ambon city. High-intensity downpours set off as many as 333 landslides and 32 floods across five sub-districts of Ambon city in Maluku province, Indonesia between 19 June - 20 July 2022. According to the Ambon Disaster Mitigation Office (BPBD), the natural disasters caused two deaths, six injuries with 4,416 people experiencing miseries. A total of 998 houses were also affected while the number of damaged residences stood at 106. Meanwhile, public facilities including roads, culverts, and embankments received various levels of destruction as well.

Source: Antara. (2022, July 21). *Floods, landslides damage 106 homes in Ambon.*

Lao PDR

Floods and landslides incurred damage to properties in Xayaboury province. Floods and landslides triggered by torrential rainfalls destroyed many houses, agricultural areas and crops in Saysathan district, Xayaboury province, Lao PDR during 13-14 July 2022. According to the authorities, the situation incurred a destruction worth LAK 250,496,000 equivalent USD 16,600 in Samakixay and Mixay villages but no deaths or injuries occurred. In this regard, people in

Xayaboury province were warned to stay alert on occurrences of floods and landslides in the village areas.

* USD 1 = LAK 15055.28, as of 26 July 2022

Source: The Laotian Times. (2022, July 21). *Floods and Landslides Devastate Xayaboury's Saysathan District.*

Myanmar

A violent quake left minor damage in southern Myanmar. On 21 July 2022, a strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6.1 struck near Kengtung in southern Shan State, Myanmar, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH). This resulted in slight damages to some structures and other properties such as brick walls and electric appliances in Kengtung. At the same time, the tremor also affected several townships in Taunggyi and Loilem districts. There were no reports of injuries. Relevant to this, the DMH also recorded another 5.3-magnitude earthquake hitting near Kengtung on the same day.

Source: Eleven Media Group. (2022, July 22). *Strong quake causes damages in townships in southern Shan State.*

Thailand

Floods hit many provinces in Thailand, causing one death. Heavy rains induced flooding in the capital Bangkok and seven other provinces of Thailand namely Nakhon Ratchasima, Loei, Khon Kaen, Rayong, Chon Buri, Samut Prakan and Nonthaburi from 17 July 2022 to 20 July 2022, as reported by the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM). As a result, one person was killed in Chon Buri province and 190 homes in Wang Chan district, Rayong province faced damages. Floodwater also affected around 225 households in Phimai district of Nakhon Ratchasima province and Tha Li district of Loei province along with a widespread traffic disruption in Bangkok.

Source: Floodlist. (2022, July 22). *Thailand – Flooding Affects 7 Provinces, 1 Fatality Reported.*

China

A powerful tornado left dozens of people injured in eastern China. A severe tornado swept through 11 villages in four townships in Lianyungang city, east China's Jiangsu province on 20 July 2022. The incident caused one death and 25 injuries. Meanwhile, more than 2,000 people encountered difficulties, and over 640 houses and 250 hectares of farmland were damaged according to the preliminary investigation. Emergency workers immediately arrived at the affected areas to carry out relief operations and the injured people were being treated.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, July 21). *Tornado leaves one dead, 25 injured in east China.*

Japan

Continuous volcanic eruptions prompted evacuations in Kagoshima. The Meteorological Agency raised the alert level for Sakurajima volcano located in Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan to level 5, the highest level on its 5-point scale, after four severe eruptions occurred with rocks flying and possible pyroclastic flows from the craters during 23-24 July 2022. No injuries were reported. A total of 51 people from 33 households residing within 3-kilometre radius of the Minamidake and Showa craters were ordered to evacuate, with 30 of them stayed at an evacuation centre. Likewise, the agency also recorded another smaller eruption on 25 July 2022.

Source: The Japan Times. (2022, July 25). *Sakurajima volcano erupts for three straight days, but no injuries reported.*

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