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Cambodia

Floods displaced hundreds of families in Ratanakiri province. According to the Ratanakiri provincial disaster management committee, floods caused by several days of continuous rainfalls inundated homes of 472 families in Lumphat and Kon Mom districts, Ratanakiri province, Cambodia as of 12 August 2022. Floodwater forced 277 families to evacuate from their homes but there were no casualties. More than 2,000 animals were also relocated to safety. Besides, floods damaged over 400 homes, one school, and a pagoda while 1,628 hectares of rice and cash crops as well as roads, bridges, drainage wells and sewer systems were submerged under water.

Source: The Phnom Penh Post. (2022, Aug 13). *Flooding hits Ratanakiri.*

Lao PDR

Several provinces faced flooding due to terrible tropical storm Mulan. Many provinces of Lao PDR encountered rain-triggered floods resulting from the tropical storm Mulan, which prevailed in the northern parts of the country. In the north, heavy flooding hit Houaphan and Luang Prabang provinces. Likewise, a provincial emergency was declared on 12 August 2022 in 11 districts of Xayaboury province, where people were instructed to evacuate

to safer ground. On 9 August 2022, floods and landslides also struck parts of Savannakhet, Salavanh and Champasack provinces in the central areas and Vientiane with more likely to occur in Sekong province in the coming days.

Source: The Laotian Times. (2022, Aug 12). *Widespread Floods Hit North, Central, and Southern Laos.*

The Philippines

Above 7,000 people became displaced as floods submerged Datu Montawal town. More than 7,000 families fled to higher ground after heavy downpours caused one river to overflow and inundate Datu Montawal town in Maguindanao province, the Philippines on 9 August 2022. There were no reports of casualties. In response, the local government carried out relief operations and distributed relief packs to affected families. Flooding in Datu Montawal has been a recurring incidence as the town serves as a catch basin of river water from upstream or from North Cotabato and Bukidnon provinces.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2022, Aug 10). *7K families displaced by Maguindanao flooding.*

Thailand

Severe weather caused widespread inundations in many parts of Thailand. Tropical storm Mulan, which later downgraded into tropical depression and a monsoon lying across Myanmar, Thailand and Lao PDR, induced downpours in the north and northeast regions of Thailand during 11-14 August 2022. As a result, floods swept across 11 provinces, causing one death and affecting 5,477 households. This included the Thai-Myanmar border township of Mae Sai in Chiang Rai province, which was flooded on 13 August 2022 after rising water breached an earthen dam in Myanmar's Shan State. As of 14 August 2022, inundations were still present in six northern provinces while floods due to water discharge from northern areas affected about 600 households in central Ayutthaya province.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2022, Aug 14). *Six northern provinces, Ayutthaya still flooded.*

Viet Nam

Flash floods heavily battered northern Viet Nam. Tropical storm Mulan weakened into a tropical depression before making landfall in Quang Ninh and Hai Phong provinces of Viet Nam on 11 August 2022. It brought heavy rains up to 270 millimetres into the northern region and the two central provinces of Thanh Hoa and Nghe An. Flash floods were triggered in the north where three people were killed in Hoa Binh province and eight others went missing after being swept away by flood currents. Meanwhile, in Hanoi and other northern provinces, heavy rains caused floods in several areas and paralysed transportation. Regarding this, the meteorologists warned of the high risks of erosion in mountainous regions as high-intensity rainfalls still continued.

Source: VnExpress. (2022, Aug 12). *Three dead, eight missing in northern Vietnam flooding.*

China

Extreme drought affected more than 4.2 million people in central China. According to the provincial emergency management department, extreme drought since June 2022 had affected 4.2 million people in 78 counties of central China's Hubei province as of 16 August 2022. The drought conditions were caused by sustained hot weather and low level of precipitation. In this regard, a total of 151,300 people had difficulties accessing drinking water and 397,200 hectares of crops had been damaged due to water shortages. Relating to this, the province has earmarked CNY 610 million or about USD 90 million for supporting drought relief works including ensuring water supply for human consumption and irrigation.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, Aug 16). *Drought affects 4.2 mln in central China's Hubei.*

Japan

Tropical storm Meari made landfall in Japan, causing an injury and major disruptions. On 13 August 2022, tropical storm Meari made landfall on central Japan's Izu Peninsula, bringing torrential rains to Tokai, Kanto-Koshin and Tohoku

regions along with the threats of flooding, landslides, strong winds, river overflows and high waves. One person sustained an injury from strong winds in Hamamatsu city and 72,000 people were told to evacuate in Shizuoka city, where landslides hit two locations cutting off five residences. A total of 3,400 households in Shizuoka prefecture experienced power outage. The storm also resulted in major disruptions to Tokaido Shinkansen services; 108 flights leaving south of Tokyo; and traffic between Kanagawa and Aichi prefectures.

Source: The Japan Times. (2022, Aug 13). *Tropical Storm Meari makes landfall on Japan's Izu Peninsula.*

The Republic of Korea

Fatal heavy rains incurred massive casualties in the Republic of Korea. According to the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasures Headquarters, the death toll from the heavy rains that pounded Seoul and other areas of the Republic of Korea during 8-10 August 2022 stood at 14 as of 14 August 2022. This included eight in Seoul; four in the surrounding Gyeonggi province; and two in the eastern Gangwon province. Meanwhile, six people went missing in Gyeonggi, Gangwon and South Chungcheong provinces after two more people were swept away in a rainstorm on early 14 August 2022. In relation to this, about 7,480 people across the country were also forced to evacuate from their homes.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2022, Aug 14). *(LEAD) Heavy rain-caused deaths stand at 14; number of missing rises to 6.*

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