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Cambodia

Cambodia declared floods in Kampong Thom and Preah Vihear as emergency.

Torrential rains and water runoff from the Dangrek Mountains and Thailand over the past few weeks triggered floods in low-lying areas of Cambodia. Meanwhile, the water level of the Stung Sen River, which passes through the provinces of Preah Vihear and Kampong Thom, was raised above the emergency alert level due to heavy rains. Houses and lowlands along the river were inundated. There were 11,730 hectares of land damaged and 6,539 hectares destroyed in Kampong Thom province. Likewise, 5,345 hectares were affected and four hectares were destroyed in Preah Vihear province. As the result, Prime Minister Hun Sen instructed relevant agencies to prepare for emergency.

Source: Khmer Times. (2022, Aug 30). *PM Tells NCDM to be ready to evacuate people in the north.*

Lao PDR

A number of people in Lao PDR were affected by severe flooding. A tropical storm Ma-on brought about extensive destruction to people and infrastructure in several provinces of Lao PDR. In Oudomxay, Bokeo, Huaphan, Phongsaly and other northern provinces, thousands of people suffered from flash floods. Meanwhile, Oudomxay province was the hardest hit area with 97 villages in Xay district affected. Local authorities provided emergency relief to those affected and evacuated some of them to the safer zones. Also, Hinheup district in Vientiane province experienced destructive floods after a river overflowed its banks. The authorities were assessing the extent of flooding and collecting information on the number of people affected.

Source: Vientiane Times. (2022, Aug 29). *Floods wreak havoc across Laos.*

Thailand

Several areas of Thailand were warned of more rains. Tropical storm Ma-on triggered torrential rains on 24 August 2022 in 11 provinces of Thailand and killed one person in Chiang rai province. Floods were reported in the provinces of Lampang, Phetchabun, Ubon Ratchathani, Udon Thani, Buri Ram, Khon Kaen, Maha Sarakham, Nakhon Ratchasima, Nakhon Nayok, Ayutthaya and Ang Thong according to the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department. Although the impacts of the tropical storm had died down, the Meteorological Department warned people in the northeastern, central, eastern and southern regions of more rain and possible

flash floods together with water runoff during 29 August - 3 September 2022.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2022, Aug 28). *Rain to continue in four regions until Saturday.*

Indonesia

Sumatra island of Indonesia was rattled by the moderate to strong earthquakes.

According to the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency of Indonesia (BMKG), three consecutive earthquakes struck the Mentawai islands, off Sumatra's west coast on 29 August 2022. The first quake with a magnitude of 5.2 was recorded before dawn, followed by 5.4-magnitude and 6.1-magnitude earthquakes respectively. Residents in the Mentawai islands, in provincial capital of Padang, and in the surrounding mountainous area of Bukittinggi felt the tremor of the strongest quake. Some buildings, local church, school and health facility were minor damaged. Besides, residents in several villages had been evacuated to higher ground. The disaster agency warned of the potential for aftershocks.

Source: The Straits Times. (2022, Aug 29). *6.1 magnitude quake strikes off Indonesia's Sumatra island.*

The Philippines

Tropical storm Ma-on left thousands of people in the Philippines to flee from their houses. Strong winds and heavy rains caused by tropical storm Ma-on struck many provinces of the Philippines while some provinces faced severe landfalls. Around 60 incidents of flooding or landslides across the

provinces of Ilocos Norte, Pangasinan, La Union, Ilocos Sur, Cagayan, Rizal, Albay and Camarines Sur were recorded by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC). As of 26 August 2022, three people in Camarines Sur, Cagayan and Cordillera provinces were confirmed dead. In the meantime, 71,468 people had been affected by the storm and 4,330 had evacuated to 37 evacuation centres. Thunderstorms and heavy rain were expected in areas of the northern Philippines even though the tropical storm had moved to China.

Source: Flood List. (2022, Aug 26). *Philippines—4,300 displaced by tropical storm Ma-on (Florita).*

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