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Indonesia

An earthquake of magnitude 6.1 struck Mentawai islands. According to the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB), a 6.1-magnitude earthquake hit Mentawai islands on 11 September 2022 at a depth of 27 kilometers and was followed by an aftershock of magnitude 5.3. The earthquake injured one person and damaged some properties. About 200 people had to evacuate to a higher ground and stay at a temporary shelter.

Sources: The Jakarta Post. (2022, Sep 11). *Hundreds evacuated in Mentawai after magnitude 6.1 earthquake.*

Thailand

Many areas of Bangkok were inundated by floods. Heavy downpours hit Bangkok for over a week causing several areas to be flooded. A number of schools and universities in Bangkok and its suburb were closed. Traffic congestion occurred in

flooded areas. In this regard, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) has prepared for the worst flood by setting up temporary shelters, dredging canals, and buying more water pumps.

Sources: Thai PBS World. (2022, Sep 7). *Numerous schools in and around Bangkok closed Wednesday due to flooding.*; Thai PBS world. (2022, Sep 11). *Bangkok sets up temporary shelter for flood evacuees.*; Bangkok Post. (2022, Sep 12). *Many Bangkok Streets flooded.*

Viet Nam

Torrential rains triggered flash floods causing one person to be missing. Northern regions of Viet Nam were struck by heavy rains. Many areas were flooded while one person was missing. Landslides occurred in the provinces of Hoa Binh and Phu Tho. Dozens of hectares of agricultural lands were damaged while several roads were impassable. People living in the flood-affected areas were advised to evacuate to safer zones. Meanwhile, torrential rains raised a river level in the mountainous areas of Thanh Hoa province, and isolated the villages of Thanh Hoa, Thanh Quan, Thanh Lam, and Thanh Phong. Thanh Hoa's Provincial Commanding Committee of Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, Search and Rescue checked reservoirs, dykes, and residential areas where were prone to floods and landslides.

Sources: Vietnam News. (2022, Sep 9). *One missing after torrential rain across northern regions.*

China

Typhoon Muifa approached to China on 13 September 2022. The National Observatory of China raised the typhoon alert to orange, representing the second

most severe warning, after Typhoon Muifa was expected to make landfall in Zhejiang province. According to the National Meteorological Center, gale was forecast to lash the coastal areas of Taiwan, Zhejiang, Fujian, Shanghai, and Jiangsu while heavy rains were expected to rattled parts of Taiwan, Zhejiang, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Shandong, and Liaoning. The mentioned areas were advised to make emergency preparations while residents were warned to avoid travelling during strong wind and rains.

Sources: Xinhua. (2022, Sep 13). *China raises alert level as typhoon Muifa approaches.*

Japan

Okinawa islands were slammed by Typhoon Muifa. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), Typhoon Muifa moved passed a group of islands in Okinawa Prefecture bringing a gust of wind through the islands before moving toward the East China Sea. The adverse conditions influenced by the typhoon might cause powerful winds, rainfalls, high waves, and mudslides. Besides, a low-pressure system in the waters south of Japan could develop into another typhoon depending on its trajectory. Kyushu region and Okinawa Prefecture might be affected.

Sources: The Japan Times. (2022, Sep 13). *Typhoon Muifa passes Okinawa islands and moves slowly toward China.*

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