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Cambodia

Several provinces of Cambodia were ravaged by floods. According to the National Committee for Disaster Management, heavy floods inundated 22 provinces of Cambodia while Kampong Thom, Siem Reap, Banteay Meanchey, Oddar Meanchey, Battambang and Pursat were the hardest-hit provinces. About 74,302 families were affected and 1,682 families had to evacuate. Floods also submerged about 124,550 hectares of rice fields and more than 11,848 hectares of various crops. A state of emergency was declared in the area along the Mongkul Borei River in Banteay Meanchey province after the floodwater was rising rapidly. Meanwhile, the Stung Sen River's water levels in Kampong Thom province were recorded at 13.93 metres, exceeding the danger level of 13.50 meters.

Sources: Khmer Times. (2022, Oct 4). *Six provinces badly hit by flood.*

Indonesia

A 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck Sumatra Island of Indonesia. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), an earthquake of magnitude 5.9 hit Indonesia's Sumatra Island on 1 October 2022 at a depth of 13 kilometers, about 40 kilometers from Sibolga town in North Sumatra province. There was one person killed, and at least 25 people injured. The quake also damaged electricity poles and telecommunication tower. Over 50 aftershocks were recorded by the Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG). Residents were advised to be aware of further tremors.

Sources: VOA. (2022, Oct 1). *1 Dead, Dozens injured after Quake hit Indonesia's Sumatra.*

Lao PDR

Tropical storm 'Noru' triggered floods in many parts of Lao PDR. Floods caused by heavy rains under an influence of the tropical storm Noru affected thousands of people and left one person dead in Xekong province. About 28 villages, farmlands and infrastructure were damaged. The provinces of Attapeu, Saravan, and Champassak were also hit by floods causing a number of people, farmlands, poultry, cattle and pigs to be affected. Several houses, schools, roads and bridges in the provinces were also damaged. The authorities provided assistance to the affected areas with their adempments to bring the situation back to normalcy. Central and southern Lao PDR would be expected to experience bad weather conditions due to the tropical storm Noru according to the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Sources: Vientiane Times. (2022, Oct 3). *Tropical Storm Noru claims life of Sekong resident.*

Philippines

Super Typhoon Noru left more than 46,000 people displaced. A week after Super Typhoon Noru struck the Philippines, a total of 43,354 people were still displaced. While 3,098 people were in 26 evacuation centers, the rest were in private homes or other sites. There were 12 dead, 52 injured, and five missing. Agriculture and infrastructure were damaged. The typhoon also affected almost 300,000 families in the regions of Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Cordillera, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, and Mimaropa. The government provided assistance to those affected.

Sources: Business World. (2022, Oct 2). *Over 46,000 still displaced after Super Typhoon Karding.*

Thailand

Severe floods hit northern and north-eastern provinces of Thailand. Heavy rains caused floods in Thailand's northern and north-eastern provinces including Phichit, Lampang, Lop Buri, Loei, Chaiyaphum, and Yasothon. Over 200 households in Thap Klor sub-district, Phichit province were flooded by runoffs from the Phetchabun mountain range. Overflows of Mae Tarn creek triggered floods in Hang Chat and Ko Kha districts, Lampang province while over 120 households in Mae Phrik district were also submerged. Chai Badan district of Lop Buri province experienced about one metre of floodwater in some low-lying areas. Train services in Chaiyaphum province were temporarily suspended. Wang Sa Phung and Muang districts of Loei province were reported of flooding. Floods submerged over 800 hectares of rice fields in Kham Khuean Kaeo

district of Yasothon province, and the road linking the district with Amnat Charoen province.

Sources: Thai PBS World. (2022, Oct 2). *Extensive Flooding in Thailand's northern and north-eastern provinces.*

Viet Nam

Central provinces of Viet Nam were affected by floods. Floods triggered by heavy downpours struck the north central region of Viet Nam killing eight people in Nghe An and Ha Tinh provinces on 2 October 2022. According to the National Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, almost 170 houses were damaged; 55 were affected by landslides while 14,000 were submerged by floodwaters. More than 2,000 families had to relocate. There were 11,435 hectares of rice and other crops, 3,800 hectares of industrial and fruit trees, 135 hectares of forest, over 9,000 hectares of ponds and lakes, and more than 710 tonnes of salt damaged by floodwater. Moreover, 155,340 cattle and poultry were killed. There were reports of 127 schools, 9,150 metres of canals, 82 bridges affected. Further, 1,550 metres of river bank were eroded. Localities were advised to stay alert on weather conditions.

Sources: Viet Nam News. (2022, Oct 4). *Floods kill eight in central provinces of Nghe An and Ha Tinh.*

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