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ASEAN Disaster Monitoring & Response System (DMRS);
ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC); Pacific
Disaster Center (PDC Global); United Nations Office for the
Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Indonesia: BMKG, BNPB; Philippines: DSWD, NDRRMC,
PHIVOLCS.

Various news agencies

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This update consists of significant natural disaster events that
occurred in ASEAN Member States – Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia,
Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore,
Thailand, and Viet Nam. The disasters recorded include Drought, Flood,
Earthquake, Tsunami, Volcano, Wind, Landslide, and Storm.

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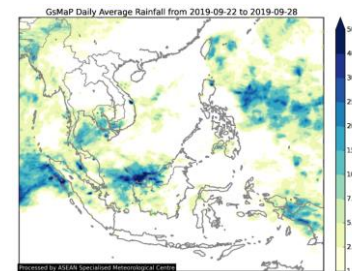
REGIONAL SUMMARY:

As the month of September ends, the Southwest Monsoon starts to weaken and the weather was generally dry in the northern part of the region except for isolated showers in the Mekong sub-region and some parts of the Philippines due to Tropical Storm MITAG. Meanwhile, some showers have fallen over the equatorial and southern part of the region, improving the trans-boundary haze conditions in those areas.

HIGHLIGHT:

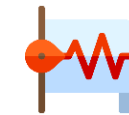
Indonesia's Meteorological, Climatological, and Geophysical Agency (BMKG) reported that a strong magnitude 6.8 earthquake, which was later updated as magnitude 6.5, struck Ambon, Maluku Province on Thursday, 26 September 2019. After the earthquake, the Mayor of Ambon set an emergency response period for 14 days, from 26 September to 9 October 2019. While the assessment on the ground is still ongoing, Indonesia's National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB), together with the National Army, the National Police, and other governmental agencies, have sent logistical and equipment support and a support team for the management of the command post in Maluku Province. Currently, there is still a challenge for intensive efforts to conduct socialisation with the affected communities, to urge them to immediately return to their respective homes. The situation is still within the national government capacities.

HYDRO-METEO-CLIMATOLOGICAL:



During the week, scattered showers over parts of the equatorial and southern ASEAN region have helped to improve hazy conditions in those areas significantly. In the northeast part of the region, Tropical Storm MITAG (locally named ONYOK) continues to bring showers and cloudy conditions over parts of the Philippines.

GEOPHYSICAL:



There were **six (6)** earthquakes with magnitude 5.0 and above that occurred last week in Indonesia (BMKG), and the Philippines (PHIVOLCS). One of the earthquakes with 6.5 magnitude, as highlighted above, was followed by a magnitude 5.6 aftershock which caused some damages, but is still within national capacities.

OUTLOOK:



The ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC) forecasts that the prevailing winds will weaken in the northern part of the region as Tropical Storm MITAG tracks northward away from the ASEAN region, while the prevailing winds in the southern part of the region remain light and variable in direction as it blows from the east or southeast. Some showers can be expected in the northern part and some equatorial parts of the region. Drier weather is forecast in some southern parts of the region, and therefore, hotspot activities can be expected to persist in parts of Sumatra and Kalimantan (Indonesia).