

24/7 Emergency Operation Center for Flood, Storm and Landslide

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 Time: 09.00 Location: Meeting Room 2, Ministry of Interior

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1. Situation summary:

1.1 Since 25 July 2011, the impact of Tropical Storm "Nock-Ten" and heavy monsoon had triggered heavy rainfall and flooding over upper northeastern part down to central part of Thailand. Now **30** Provinces **283** Districts **1,879** Sub-Districts **15,274** Villages are affected by the flooding situation. **940,961** Families and/or **3,484,587** people are under disaster declaration.

1.2 Total reported fatalities are 41 deaths and 1 missing in Mae Hong Sorn Province (Fatalities: 1 in Udonthani, Sakonnakorn, Uttaradit, Petchaboon 2 in Chiang Mai, Tak, Pitsanulok, Nakorn Phanom, Roi-et, 6 in Sukothai, Pichit, 7 in Mae Hong Sorn and 8 in Prae)

2. Current Situation:

2.1 There are 14 recent flooded provinces: Sukothai, Pichit, Pitsanulok, Kumpang Phet, Nakorn Sawan, Petchaboon, Nakorn Nayok, Ayudthaya, Roi-et, Kalasin, Ubonratchathanee, Ang-Thong, Chainart and Pracheenburi . 90 Districts 614 Sub-Districts 4,642 Villages 379,274 Families and/or 1,142,712 people are affected by the flood.

2.2 **Weather Condition:** The moderate Southwest Monsoon still prevails over the Andaman Sea, Thailand and Thai Gulf. Scattered rain is likely to occur over the country during 1 -2 days.

2.3 **Amount of Rainfall:** the heaviest rainfall in the past 24 hours was at Koh chang, Trad Province at 113.5 mm.

2.4 **Estimate Damages:**

2.4.1 Agricultural areas which would be affected are estimated at 946,107 Acres for farm areas, 6,181 Acres for fisheries and 1,569,474 livestock

2.4.2 Transportation routes:

4 main highways are flooded and cannot be passed (**Sukothai Province: route 1195** Sawankalok-Sukothai at KM.19 - 32 , divert to route 101, **route 1293** Sukothai- Pitsanulok at KM.8-11, there was 35 centimeter flood, divert to route 1311, **Petchaboon Province: route 2181** Pak huay Khon Kean-Lom Sak at KM. 3-6, divert to local road, **Nan Province: route 1333** Mae-Sanan – Sobmang KM. 0-1, divert to route 1081)

15 rural roads in 6 provinces are not passable (4 roads in Chiang Ma and Pichit , 2 roads in Nakorn Sawan, Nakorn Phanom and Roi-et, 1 road in Pitsanulok). Additional inquiry, please call 1146

3. Situation Assessments:

3.1 Situation Development and Special Instruction

- The meteorological data indicated the decreasing rainfall over Thailand. Nevertheless, the active monsoon trough will produce more rainfall over the northeastern areas in Ubonratchathanee, Aumnajchareon and Srisaket Province especially on August 26, 2011

- The highest water level of Chaophraya River at Nakorn Sawan Province is estimated not to exceed at 2,200 – 2,400 cubic meter per second or the maximum of 20 centimeters rise from the current water level. **Special instruction to monitor the following area of the Chao Praya River: Chainart, Singhaburi, Aungthong and Ayudthaya**

- There will be more rainfall in Trad Province especially in Koh Chang District and Klong Yai District in the next couple days

- Sirikit Dam is instructed to carefully regulate the water discharged from the dam to alleviate the flooding situation in the downstream areas especially in Uttaradit and Pitsanulok Province.

- The water level in Mae Khong River will increase substantially during 24-25 August 2011. **Special instruction to monitor river branches along Mae Khong River basin in Nhong Khai, Nakorn Phanom, Bungkan and Mukdaharn for expanding flood areas and river overflow.**

4. Warning and Monitoring

- Flash Flood and Landslide monitoring and warning is posted in the following risk areas: in Chiang Rai Province (Mae Sai, Mae Chan, Mae Fah Luang and Thung) in Phayao Province (Phong, Chiang Khum, Jun and dok Khumtai), in Nan Province (Boh Kluae, Pua, Chalerm Phrakiat, Tha Wang Pha, Song Kheaw, Chiang Krang and Bhan Luang), in Lumpang (Mae Tha, Hang Chat, Jae Hom and Ngaw), in Chiang Mai (Phang and Mae Aey), in Pitsanulok (Nurn Maprang), in Petchchaboon (Lor Khao) and in Trad (Koh Chang and Klong Yai)

5. Executive Directions

- Proposal for the office of the Prime Minister to set up government donation center for the flood affected population

- In order to provide accurate and instant assistants in the affected areas, Department of Provincial Administration is instructed to gather information on the needs of the affected population which are exceeded the capacity of the provincial and local organizations

- Due to the raising numbers of the fatalities, the proactive prevention measures to promote safety conducts during the flood are instructed to Ministry of Public Health, Emergency Medical Institution of Thailand, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation and the Government Public Relations Department to provide information to people in affected areas. The cooperation of such organizations in campaigning on safety measures through all channels is very crucial in order to provide people in the affected areas with accurate information to prevent injuries and fatalities during the flood period.

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5. Executive Directions (continued)

- In the case of media exposure on the flooding situation in Bang Ban District, Ayudthaya Province, the office of the governor of Ayudthaya Province had confirmed that Bang Ban Districts was under emergency disaster declaration areas. Today the provincial offices have been setting up temporary shelters and provide sanitation essentials in the area. Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) has ordered the regional center to supply more tents and shelters. At the moment, affected people have been setting up tent alongside the main roads and highway, the travelers/road users in the areas are instructed to be careful on said areas.

- The meeting asked the governors in the affected areas to examine the news on the assistances provided for the affected population and to report the progress of assistances to the media regularly.