MYANMAR

The conflict between the Arakan Army and the Myanmar Military continues to result in civilian casualties. At least six civilians were reportedly injured and one killed due to hostilities in Rakhine during the reporting period, according to public sources. On 30 May, five civilians, including a child, were reported injured due to numerous rounds of gunfire in Rathedaung Township. On 2 June, a mine explosion killed a civilian and another was injured in Ponnagyun Township.

Over 3,200 people were displaced during the reporting period in Rathedaung and Buthidaung townships, with the total number of people currently displaced by the conflict reaching over 80,000, according to the latest State Government figures.1

INDIA

Tropical Cyclone Nisarga made landfall over Raigad District (Maharashtra State) on 3 June with maximum sustained winds up to 120 km/h. According to media reports, at least 4 people died and 10 injured. Emergency teams were deployed by the local authorities to rescue people in the most affected areas. Following a change in forecast, the mega-city of Mumbai was spared the worst effects of the storm and the impact on city’s population of 18 million was limited.2

4 people killed

MALAYSIA

On 8 June, a boat with 269 people was disembarked by security services on the resort island of Langkawi, according to Malaysia’s National Task Force on Border Patrol. The men, women, and children onboard were reported to be Rohingya who had trafficked and had been at sea for months in dire conditions. This follows a number of such cases in recent months, including a boat with 202 people in Langkawi in April 2020 and a boat with nearly 400 people which returned to Cox’s Bazar in Bangladesh. Despite added restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UN has called for all responses to migrants and refugees in distress at sea to be based on international human rights and refugee law, and for authorities to avoid dangerous interception practices, including pushing back boats that are trying to land.3

INDONESIA

A 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck the Morotai Island District of North Maluku Province on 4 June at a depth of 111 km. Local authorities and the National Agency for Disaster Countermeasure (BNPB) reported no casualties. However, at least 312 houses and 12 public facilities were damaged and an estimated 500 people were directly affected by the disaster. The local government has provided food and emergency shelter assistance to the affected population.4

500 people affected


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