

Myanmar ratifies and promulgates Constitution

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May-The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar issued Announcement No. 7/2008 today.

The full text of the announcement is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
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Announcement of Promulgation of State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

1. The Commission for Holding the Referendum of the Union of Myanmar, regarding the ratification of draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, reported that the National Referendums to seek approval of the people were held on 10th and 24th May 2008 successfully; 98.12 per cent of 27,288,827 eligible voters all over the country cast votes and of them 92.48 per cent supported the draft Constitution in accordance with law.
2. Hence, it is hereby announced that the State Constitution of the Union of Myanmar has been ratified and promulgated by the National Referendum.

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Chairman
State Peace and Development Council

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects repair of power lines, reconstruction, removal of fallen trees



YANGON, 29 May-Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Chairman of Yangon City Development

Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, inspected repair of power lines, reconstruction of the damaged buildings and clearing of the fallen trees in downtown Yangon this morning.

Along Natmauk Street in Bahan Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed installation of new power lines donated by the Republic of Korea for supplying electricity to the ring road of the Kandawgyi Lake and Natmauk streets and gave necessary instructions.

They looked into clearing of debris being carried out by workers of YCDC with the use of heavy machinery on Thantaman Street in Dagon Township, removal of the fallen trees and clearing of the damaged gymnasium being undertaken by Tatmadawmen from Taikkyi Station at Sangyoung BEHS No. 2, participation of Tatmadawmen from Hmawby Station in clearing the fallen trees in Kamayut Township, sanitation task being carried out by workers of YCDC in Yankin Township and clearing of fallen trees by Tatmadawmen from Taikkyi Station on Thiri Mingalar Kaba Aye Hill. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions.

At Maha Pasana Cave, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected participation of Tatmadawmen in removal of the fallen trees and left necessary instructions.

Power-tillers, cash and kind for storm victims donated in Shan State (East) for second time



YANGON, 29 May-The second donation ceremony of Shan State (East) for storm victims was held at the city hall in Kengtung on 27 May morning, attended by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing.

The commander accepted 10 power-tillers worth K 9 million and K 10 million donated by Triangle Region Command; 10 power-tillers worth K 9 million by Shan State (East) PDC; 20 power-tillers worth K 18 million by U Kyaw Kyaw of Special Region-2; 10 power-tillers worth K 9 million by Tachilek Township; 20 power-tillers worth K 18 million by Monghsat District and Township; 10,800 bags of cement worth K 39,960,000 by Kwammin Chinese Temple and Shwe Nandaw Department Store in Tachilek; 200 bags of cement, foodstuff and equipment worth K 136,522,000 by Wazipeik Sayadaw of Kengtung and disciples from Thailand; cash and foodstuff worth K 25,533,770 by shopkeepers of Kengtung Myoma Market; medicines worth K 5.5 million by U Thein

Htaik, U Myint Htay and family; K 500,000 by U Nyi Lin of Mongpauk, K 4 million by Merchants Association of Tachilek; and 200,000 baht by Regina Hotel of Tachilek.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lin, Additional Commissioner U Mya Aung of Shan State (East) General Administration Department accepted cash and kind donated by other wellwishers.

After the ceremony, the commander and officials inspected preparations for sending 50 power-tillers to the storm-hit regions by vehicle.

On 23 May, 20 power-tillers, foodstuff and personal goods donated by local people were transported from Kengtung to the storm-hit regions.

At the second donation ceremony, wellwishers donated K 32,091,320 and relief supplies worth K 279,744,250 including 50 power-tillers and other donations. Under the supervision of Shan State (East) PDC, arrangements are being made to send cash and relief supplies to the storm-hit regions.

FE bank accounts for donors at home and abroad

YANGON, 29 May-Donors at home and abroad may deposit in and remit foreign currencies into the following accounts at Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank opened for the cyclone survivors.

Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Sub-Committee Account for US\$ is 1DA06-00002; Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Sub-Committee Account for Euro 1EA06-00016 and Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Sub-Committee Account for Singapore \$ is 1SA 06-00002.

Collective monsoon paddy ploughing ceremony held in Dedaye Township

YANGON, 29 May - A collective monsoon paddy ploughing ceremony for 2008 was held in Chaungphyu Village of Dedaye Township on 27 May.

At the ceremony, 20.10 acre-farmland of farmer U Nyunt Maung and 5.28 acre-farmland of U Win Myint Aung have been put under the plough with the use of one-wheeled tillers, and Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council U Myo Aung and chairmen of the villages attended the ceremony.

To meet the target of 182,143 acres of monsoon paddy, 20 one-wheeled tillers, 151 Leyar-22 brand power-tillers and 33 Leyar-16 power-tillers will be used in the place of storm-swept draught cattle and agricultural equipment.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects salvage of vessels sunk in Yangon River, repair of jetties



YANGON, 29 May – Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein and officials of Myanmar Port Authority and Inland Water Transport, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected progress in salvage of the vessels sunk in Yangon River and repair of jetties yesterday afternoon.

On board the vessel, Managing Director U Thein Htay of MPA reported on condition of vessels sunk in waterway to Yangon Port, piling of vessels onto the bank, arrival and departure of ocean-going liners at Yangon Port, conditions of the sunk and destroyed jetties, salvage of three jetties and future plans. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on timely completion of fixing the jetties and salvage and clearing of vessels sunk in the river.

Managing Director U Soe Tint of IWT submitted the reports on sinking and washing up of IWT ships, progress of salvage tasks, re-running of ferry boats as usual, efforts being made for pulling back boats and tugboats from Gyaungwaing of Seikkyi-khanaungto Township to the waterway.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed pulling back the boats and salvage of jetties along the waterway from Nanthida Jetty, Botahtaung Port, Myanmar Industrial Port of Ahlon and Gyaungwaing Village of Seikkyi-khanaungto Township.

Thai Public Health Minister and party view health care services of storm victims in Yangon



YANGON, 29 May -Under the programme of health care services cooperation, Minister Mr Chaiya Sasomsub of the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand and party arrived here by air this morning.

They were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, deputy directors-general of the Health Department, directors and officials at Yangon International Airport.

Afterwards, the deputy minister met with the Thai minister and party at the office on Pyithaungsue Yikethar road in Dagon Township here at 11 am.

At the meeting, the deputy minister briefed them on health care services being undertaken at storm-hit areas in Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions, supply of chlorinated water to control infectious diseases, use of fly proof latrines and providing of medical treatment and undertakings of health education by specialists and mobile medical teams.

Later, the Thai Public Health minister said that mobile medical teams were sent to Myaungmya and Labutta townships setting up a base in Myaungmya under the programme of health care services cooperation. They were there to replace former teams with latter teams for providing assistances and medicines will also be provided, he added. Then, the deputy minister accepted medicines and medical supplies donated by the Thai Public Health Minister and presented certificate of honour.

In the afternoon, the Thai minister and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo viewed dental treatments undertaken by medical team at a relief camp on Maung Ma Kan Kanthar Road in Dagon Myothit (North). Later, they inspected undertakings of health care services, supply of medicines and medical supplies, living conditions of victim families, use of fly proof latrines for cleaning of camp environments and fulfilled the needs.

The Thai minister and party left here for home by air this evening and were seen off by Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and officials at Yangon International Airport.

Japanese medical team arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 29 May- Boeing 767 flight carrying a 23-member Japanese medical team led by Dr Kanai Kaname and 3.05 tons of medicines, foodstuff, tents and personal goods

arrived in Yangon this evening. Officials welcomed them at Yangon International Airport.

More international supplies arrive at Yangon International Airport



YANGON, 29 May -Two IL-76 flights and AN-12 flight carrying 62.68 tons of mosquito nets, blankets and medical equipment donated by Thai-based WFP, four C-130 flights carrying 42.48 tons of kitchen utensils, mosquito nets, medical equipment and plastic rolls donated by the US, C-130 flight carrying 8 tons of foodstuff, medicines and purified water bottles for Thai medical team, C-130 flight carrying 8.879 tons of instant noodle and rice donated by Royal Thai Armed Forces and the people , A-300 flight carrying 37.67 tons of plastic rolls donated by Reletx Relief Supplies from UK and A-300 flight carrying 36.4 tons of blankets donated by Doctors Without Borders also arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Relief items donated from abroad have been sent to storm-hit regions by helicopter, by vehicle and by air without delay.

Thai wellwishers donate cash and kind to storm victims



YANGON, 29 -Thai wellwishers are donating cash and kind to the storm victims through Tachileik. Under the aegis of Wazipeik Sayadaw, wellwishers from Lanpan, Kyinhaing and Meisai donated purified water bottles, medicines, clothes, biscuits, packages of noodle and cement bags worth K 77,885,444, SIM City Public Company Limited, Bangkok Thailand, 10800 bags of cement worth K 39,960,000, Thai people, foodstuff and personal goods worth K 25,521,225, merchants from Kyinhaing and Meisai, 41980 baht, Meisai Traders Association, 40,000 baht and Kumming Temple and traders, K 10 million on 11 and 12 May.

On 13 May, Meisai Immigration Department presented medicines, purified water bottles and personal goods worth K 1,098,000 to Col Myint Han of local station, district/township Peace and Development Council and donation accepting committee to storm victims.

From 11 to 13 May, Thai donors donated relief supplies worth K 144,464,669 and K10 million and 81,980 baht, it is learnt.

Orange Supermarket donates supplies to storm victims in Ayeyawady Div



YANGON, 29 May - Orange Supermarket donated relief supplies to the storm victims in Pyabon and Dedaye townships on 25 May.

Relief supplies donated were bags of rice, bags of potato, tins of fish, soaps, aluminum pots, mosquito nets, blankets, rusks, coffemix, candles, spoons, prawn paste, bucket, cups and mosquito repellents.

Arrangements are under way for wellwishers to donate relief supplies to the storm-hit areas at the branches of Orange Supermarket.

Labutta relief camps get power

YANGON, 28 May - Labutta Township saw 12 concrete lamp-posts, one iron lamp-post and 130 wood lamp-posts fall down and 43 iron lamp-posts tilt after the cyclonic storm.

Thanks to the efforts of the township electric power supply board, a total of 100 lamp-posts - 44 new wood lamp-posts, 10 old lamp-posts, three old concrete lamp-posts and 43 old iron lamp-posts - have been erected in the township. Therefore, electricity is being supplied back to departments, relief camps and lamp-posts. Moreover, arrangements are under way to supply power to wards in the township.

Relief supplies for Ayeyawady Div

YANGON, 29 May - Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko attended the ceremony to present rice, foodstuff and clothes worth K 5 million donated by Managing Director U Hla Win of KM Co and family and 500 bags of rice and 500 blankets by the Joint Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Kalewa Tawya Naga Cave Monastery Sayadaw, wellwisher U Win Pe and the Ministry of Religious

Affairs to 500 storm victim households in Pyapon, Labutta and Bogale at the office near Kayin Baptist Church on Lower Kyimyindine Road in Ahlon Township this evening.

Education deputy minister inspects school enrollment in Yangon

YANGON, 28 May - Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min met with the township education officer, the headmaster and teachers at No 1 Basic Education High School in Dagon township yesterday. The deputy minister briefed them on school enrollment of all children and inspected the classrooms.

At No 2 BEHS and No 19 Basic Education Primary School in Sangyong township, the deputy minister and party inspected works being undertaken for 2008-2009 academic year school enrollment day and classrooms and gave necessary instruction.