

## **Prime Minister General Thein Sein on inspection tour of relief camps in Bogale and Pyapon Townships**



NAY PYI TAW, 8 June - Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, together with Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, members of the NDPCC ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads, left Patheingyi for Bogale by helicopter this morning.

Accompanied by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung who is closely supervising reconstruction of Bogale Township and Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing who is also closely supervising reconstruction of Pyapon and Kyaiklat townships, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Kyaingchaunggyi Village in Bogale Township by helicopter.

They greeted members of Kachin State Red Cross Society who were undertaking reconstruction of the village. The Prime Minister cordially conversed with students from the village and consoled them that arrangements are being made to enable the students to pursue education at the temporary classrooms and to get necessary textbooks and stationery. The Prime Minister gave instructions to the officials on ensuring health and happiness of students and provision of assistance with goodwill for uplift of morale of the students.

After inspecting construction of tents in the village, the Prime Minister explained arrangements for ensuring temporary and permanent settlements for the storm victims and for enabling them to get suitable jobs.

They also viewed the monastery of the village.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister handed over one CDMA 450 telephone and one set of loudspeaker donated by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs to village authorities. He also presented cash assistance for members of Kachin State Red Cross Brigade to the leader.

After inspecting the arrival of power-tillers for the village, the Prime Minister instructed officials to supervise arrangements for ploughing of farmlands at full capacity. On arrival at Kadonkani Village of Pyapon Township, the Prime Minister met

departmental officials, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Red Cross Brigade.

Responsible persons of MRCS and members of Kachin State Red Cross Brigade reported on construction of make-shift shelters at Kadonkani Relief Camp and installation of the water purifier.

In meeting with officials, the Prime Minister heard reports on arrival of storm victims at Kadonkani Relief Camp from Kyunthaya Village and accommodation for them, and instructed officials that as the victims from Kyunthaya Village do not want to live in their village, they will be resettled in Kadonkani Village. Therefore, it is required to provide necessary assistance for them.

Next, the Prime Minister and party consoled the victims from Kyunthaya Village. He presented one CDMA 450 telephone to the village officials. The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs donated one set of loudspeaker to them.

At the Relief Camp in Setsan Village of Bogale Township, the Prime Minister and party heard reports on reconstruction of the village and accommodation of storm victims from surrounding villages at the relief camp.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister instructed officials to transport the victims from the relief camp to their respective villages of their own accord only after building temporary shelters for the victims, to make arrangements for enabling the victims to take out rations enough for one week and to issue them necessary foods from nearest relief camps for long term, to resettle the victims who want to live in the new place of the relief camp, to submit the arrangements for creation of jobs for the victims as soon as possible and to place emphasis on carrying out sanitation task and establishing new better environment.

They visited the village and the relief camp. While in the village, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs donated six sets of loudspeakers to officials.

On arrival at the relief control office in Bogale, they viewed power-tillers donated by Htoo Trading for using them in agricultural tasks. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung reported on progress in reconstruction of Bogale Township, and the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

They left Bogale for Pyapon by helicopter and viewed the condition of motor road. After that, they left Pyapon by helicopter and arrived back Yangon in the afternoon.

## **Health care services provided, rehabilitation tasks carried out in Mawlamyinegyun Township**



YANGON, 8 June - The Ministry of Health sent a medical team led by Dr Moe Hein to Mawlamyinegyun Township this morning by vessel Pa Pa Win to provide health care services to the storm victim patients of villages.

The team gave medical treatment to about 200 patients daily in the township in previous days. There has been no outbreak of infectious diseases.

In Kyarchaung Village of the township, NEP Co and Myanmar Red Cross Society together with Mawlamyinegyun Township Red Cross Society today installed a water purifier that can produce 5,000 litres of drinking water per hour and they are supplying drinking water to the surrounding villages free of charge.

Vessel Shwe Htay Myint carrying 2,100 bags of rice, farm equipment, clothing, foodstuff, CI sheets, nails and relief supplies donated by well-wishers left Mawlamyinegyun and delivered the goods to Natmu, Kyethon, Kyunchaung, Mabay, Kywechan, Kyonnamo, Shaukchaung and Bohtiluk villages this morning.

Myanma Agricultural Development Bank will soon disburse K 8,000 per acre to the farmers including victim farmers from villages of the township as agricultural loan. MADB and Agricultural Mechanization Department will jointly sell Leyar-16 and Leyar-22 power-tillers to the farmers by installments.

## **Children vaccinated, agricultural facilities, paddy strains supplied, reconstruction tasks under way in Labutta Township**

YANGON, 8 June - Children under five in relief camps, wards and village-tracts in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division have been vaccinated.

A total of 540 children under five and 720 children ranging from nine months to 10 years were given polio and measles vaccines in Yadanadipa, Third-Mile and Five-Mile relief camps today.

A clinic was built by Max Myanmar Co and the damaged school building of BEHS was under repair at Kanback village of Kanback village-tract in the township.

A total of 11 Leya-16 power tillers, 18 buffalo, 150 gallons of diesel and 25 gallons of gear oil and 200 baskets of paddy strains were delivered to the farmers in the villages.

A total of 770 storm victims from relief camps and other villages have moved to Kanback village on their own accord.

In an interview with a family having moved to Kanback Village, they said they came here on 28 May from Wakema camp of their own volition to live with their parents and they were not forced to do so. They received 22 kinds of relief items before they left. All the storm victims at the camp received relief supplies on equal terms.

### **A&I Minister attends High-Level Conference on World Food Security: Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy**

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June-A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo who had attended the High-Level Conference on World Food Security: Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy held in Rome of Italy from 3 to 5 June arrived back Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning.

They were welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and departmental officials.

The Myanmar delegation comprised Myanmar Ambassador to Italy U Than Tun, Adviser to Agricultural Planning Department (Director-General) U Tin Htut Oo, Deputy Director Dr Tin Htut, Deputy Director-General of Fisheries Department U Khin Ko Lay, Deputy Director of Forest Department Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw, technician U Tun Myint of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise.

The high-level conference commenced at the meeting hall of FAO Headquarters on 3 June and it was attended by the UN Secretary-General, 25 Presidents, three Vice-Presidents, 12 Prime Ministers, two Deputy Prime Ministers and 55 Ministers.

Italian President Mr Giorgio Napolitano, UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and Pope Benedict XVI read the messages at the opening ceremony.

Next, Director-General of FAO Mr Jacques-Diouf made an opening speech. Afterwards, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was elected as meeting chairman and Ministers of Forestry and Fisheries from Congo, Japan, Slovenia, Dominican, the USA, New Zealand and Egypt as vice meeting chairmen and Rome Mayor Mr Gianni Alemanno extended greetings.

In the conference, the Congolese President acted as the meeting chairman. Afterwards, 13 Presidents from Egypt, Brazil, Slovenia, Eritrea, Argentina, Sri Lanka, France Vanuatu, Spain, Djibouti, Croatia, Iran and Madagascar and the Japanese Prime Minister made speeches.

In the afternoon, non-governmental organizations from international community

discussed food price hike and world climate changes. The Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Prime Ministers from Zimbabwe, Albania, Senegal, Namibia, Cuba, Tanzania, South Africa, Angola, Tunisia, Fiji, Yemen, Ivory Coast and Czech Republic made speeches.

Similarly, heads of World Bank, IMF, WHO, IFAD, WTO, UNCTD, WFP and CGIAR made speeches. The following day the conference continued. In the afternoon, Myanmar delegation leader Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivered a speech, saying that there has been gradual increase in the world food price and world reserve food has been in decline. Myanmar, on its part, is fulfilling regional and world food requirements and there had been climate change. He spoke of the losses and damages on account of cyclone Nargis that hit Myanmar on 2 and 3 May. He expressed thanks to international organizations for providing relief supplies to the storm victims. He said, energy security in the rural areas is being focused on. Cultivation of physic nut has been extended without effects on food security.

Next, Maj-Gen Htay Oo met with Vice-Chairman Mr Kanayo Nwanze of IFAD (International Fund For Agricultural Development) and discussed rehabilitation of storm-hit regions of Myanmar.

Afterwards, he met with Director Mr Alberto Zamberletti of FOCSIV, an International NGO, at Mediterraneo Hotel. On 5 June, Maj-Gen Htay Oo met with Director-General Mr Jacques Diouf of FAO and Director Ms Josette Sheeran of WFP and expressed thanks to them for providing assistance for the losses and damages caused by the storm in Myanmar and discussed providing of further assistance.

### **Relief aids distributed in Labutta Township**

YANGON, 8 June-Nineteen aid items including food, stuff and personal goods donated by wellwishers to Poelaung camp, Saluseik, Bituk, Kyarkan, Kanbet, Theik-pankonggyi, Pyinsalu, Pakeikwa, Sinchayya (Thingangyi), Kwinpauk, Third-Mile camp and Fifth Mile camp arrived in Labutta of Ayeyawady Division from Yangon by car today. The supplies were distributed to the victims immediately.

### **More International aid arrives Yangon**

YANGON, 8 June -Five C-130 flight carrying 28.323 tons of tents, plastic strings, soaps, bags, tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, bottles, ropes, clothes, water tanks and rain coats donated by the US and PG-701 flight carrying 2.47 tons of 44 packages of tarpaulins donated by Bangkok Airway arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Relief supplies donated by wellwishers from abroad have been sent to storm-affected areas by helicopter, car and ship without delay.

### **Auto-telephone available in Mawlamyinegyun**

YANGON, 8 June-A total of 350 auto-telephones have already been installed in Mawlamyinegyun Township and the remaining ones are being installed in the whole township coming 13 June.

### **Medical team of Thailand gives medical treatment to orphans**

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June-Myaungmya District Peace and Development Council opened the Youth Training School (Temporary) for orphans at Myaungmya Agriculture High School in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

On 4 June, a 30-member medical team led by Dr Karnrom of Thailand gave medical check-up to the orphans and presented milk powder, foodstuff and medicines to the school.

Together with the medical team, Head of Myaungmya District Health Department Dr Kyaw Soe, Dr Kyaw Naing Win, Dr Tin Tin Phyu and four members of Yangon Mental Health Hospital, a 13-member team led by Dr Win Htut of Yangon University of Medicine-2 and 11 house surgeons led by Dr Daw Min Min Myo Lwin of North Okkalapa General Hospital plan to provide health care services to storm victims at relief camps in Myaungmya from 1 to 14 June.

### **Consortium of Dutch NGO personally donates power-tillers, tents to farmers in Labutta**

YANGON, June 8 -A group led by Mr Simon Lang Broek, a representative of Consortium of Dutch NGO's of Netherlands arrived at the port in Labutta Township this morning. They left the port this afternoon by Aungtagonwai Watercraft for Saluseik and Hlwasa villages to personally donate 50 power-tillers and 164 tents to the farmers.

In an interview with the group, Mr Simon Lang Broek said they found out that the news about Myanmar broadcast by foreign media was untrue. When they contacted the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and asked for permission to make donations in person, the government accepted it and even rendered necessary assistance. They would hand their relief items to the farmers and demonstrate how they work, said Mr Simon.

### **Industry-1 Minister inspects paper mill, sugar mill and sugarcane plantations**

YANGON, 8 June- Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung together with Director-General of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries U Thaik Tun, Director-General of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries U Aye Mok inspected construction of 50-ton brown paper plant and 50-ton CTMP pulp factory near Yeni No 2 Paper mill on 5 June.

He looked into installation of machines, Dryer, pulp rolling machines, cutting machines, control room, and presented basket of fruits to foreign technicians.

Upon completion, the project can produce 80 tons of brown paper a day and 50 tons of newsprint a day.

Next, he proceeded to Zeyawady sugar mill where he inspected repair of machines for 2008-2009 sugarcane season and spare parts invented by the factory. He gave instructions to upgrading of spare parts for durable use.

Next, he went to Itonkwin industrial crop sugarcane plantations in Kyauktaga Township Bago Division and inspected cultivation of a total of 1093 acres of Sinshweli and hipri sugarcane and gave instructions.

### **PBANRDA Minister performs rehabilitation tasks in Mawlamyinegyun Tsp**

YANGON, 8 June - Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, who is supervising relief works in Mawlamyinegyun Township, presented foodstuff, utensils, personal goods, snacks and hoes to 107 households who have been resettled in their home places made of home-grown nipa palm and tarpaulins donated by the government and wellwishers from abroad and at home yesterday.

The minister and party also delivered relief supplies of wellwishers to storm victims in the villages of Nathmu and Kyarchaung village-tracts. They presented cash assistance to be used in relief works to social organizations in Aung Hlaing village and inspected ploughing of farmlands in Aung Hlaing and Myattha Ywawa villages with the use of power tillers sent by Agricultural Mechanization Department.

Next, they looked into progress on repair of village BEPS and presented relief supplies to storm victims in the school and provided 1000 baskets of paddy strains to the villages of Myattha Ywawa village-tract.

A medical team comprising specialists from Mawlamyine People's Hospital and Yangon General Hospital performed health care to the patients from village tracts in the township.

### **Rehabilitation of meat and fish sectors coordinated**

YANGON, 8 June - The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held the coordination meeting on rehabilitation of meat and fish sectors at the hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township yesterday morning.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein explained arrangements being made by the government and the ministry to provide assistance for rehabilitation of the fishery industry.

President of the federation U Htay Myint, Chairman of Myanmar Offshore Trawlers Association U Maung Maung Soe, Chairman of Myanmar Fisheries Entrepreneurs

Association U Than Lwin and fishery entrepreneurs of Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions reported on losses in their works and rehabilitation.

The minister explained arrangements for distribution of fuel and fishery equipment and assistance of Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank.

The minister and party viewed fishery equipment and machinery to be provided for rehabilitation of the storm-hit regions of Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions.

### **Silver Tiger Co Ltd donates T-shirts to storm victims**

YANGON, 8 June - Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials accepted 1002 T-shirts worth 5 million donated by Silver Tiger Co Ltd at Maykhala hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning and presented certificate of honour to the donor.