MINISTRY of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement donated soap bars and face masks for IDPs in Sittway, Rakhaile State. PHOTO: MNA

STRONG winds damaged houses and monasteries in the townships of Ayeyawady Region, Sagaing Region, Shan State, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, and Kachin State on Friday.

In the pre-monsoon periods of March, April, and May, strong winds, heavy clouds, lightning, and sleet falling used to occur in Myanmar. On 17 April, strong winds in Ayeyawady Region destroyed seven houses, and blew off the roofs of 86 houses and a monastery in Kyangin Township.

Sagaing Region’s strong winds also blew off the roofs of 21 houses in Ye U Township, and three houses in Ayawdaw Township. Strong winds on the same day destroyed the five houses’ roofs in Mongkhak and Pekhon townships in Shan State, four houses’ roofs in Oitarariri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, and the roofs of nine houses and a religious school in Mogaung Township, Kachin State.

 Officials from the Disaster Management Department under Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement went to the places affected by strong winds and donated K 5.6 million for rice and house-construction materials.

People can contact at 067-3404666 and 067-3404777, the hot-line phone numbers of the MSWRR, if they need helps for the matters related to natural disasters, according to the ministry.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Seintalone mangoes are regarded as the best variety in Myanmar. PHOTO: MIN HTET AUNG (MANDALAY SUB-PRINTING HOUSE) (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Seintalone mangoes are fetching around K200,000 for 16 Kg. Despite fetching good price for mangoes, the growers are facing labour shortage for harvesting the fruits as daily-waged workers are facing difficulties to come to gardens due to travel restrictions, according to the association.

As per research, more than 190 mango varieties are cultivated in Myanmar, mostly in the Ayeyawady Region, followed by Shan and Kachin states. The majority of Seintalone mango plantations are found in Mandalay.

Seintalone is regarded as the best mango variety in Myanmar because of its aroma, sweetness, juiciness, and non-fibrous texture. The mango variety has become highly popular in the global market in the last three years. Myanmar exported more than 700,000 tons of Seintalone mangoes in the 2016-2017 and the 2017-2018 fiscal years.—Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House) (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

MSWRR provides soap bars, face masks for IDPs in Sittway amid COVID-19

An official from Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement donating soap bars and face masks to a displaced person in Sittway, Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA

A ceremony to donate medical supplies for prevention and containment of COVID-19 to the Ministry of Health and Sports was held at the Medical Research Department (Yangon Head Office) in Dagon Township, Yangon yesterday. At the ceremony, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Sang-hwa made an opening remark, followed by Professor Dr Zaw Than Htun, Director-General of the Medical Research Department.

Mr Song Hoon Lee, Managing Director from the Posco International Myanmar, explained the purpose of the donation.

On behalf of the MoHS, Professor Dr Zaw Than Htun accepted the diagnostic reagents handed over by Mr Lee Sang-hwa in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO ZAW MIN LATT (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Seintalone mangoes fetch better price at China market

WITH a better price for the start of this harvest season, Seintalone (Diamond Solitaire) mangoes Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region, have been exported to China, according to the Myanmar Mangoes Market and Technology Development Association.

The association has urged the mangoes traders to export the quality fruits to China in efforts to avoid damaging the market as the price is profitable at the beginning of the harvest season, said U Kyaw Soe Naing, secretary of the association.

“Current crisis of COVID-19 do not damage the mangoes market because the transportation to Muse border town is good and the price is profitable at the beginning of the harvest,” he said.

The association has requested the traders to export only quality fruits to the Chinese market, he added.

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