

**Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Thai counterpart
Myanmar government and people express thanks to Thai King and family,
Thai government and people for their donations**



NAY PYI TAW, 14 May-Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein cordially welcomed Thai Prime Minister Mr Samak Sundaravej and members at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yangon this afternoon.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein met Thai Prime Minister Mr Samak Sundaravej in Mindon Hall.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw and officials.

The Thai Prime Minister was accompanied by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag and Military Attache Col Ekachai Harnpoon Vittaya.

The Thai Prime Minister said he had a feeling of delicacy to meet his counterpart while the latter was doing heavy duty. Myanmar people got into trouble due to the storm and the Thai people shared sorrow of the people of Myanmar.

He said Thailand provided assistance to Myanmar after the storm and he assured that continued assistance would also be provided via Myawady, a border town.

In his reply, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said some regions in the country faced natural disaster and he was pleased to see the visiting Prime Minister in the time of difficulty and thanked him for providing assistance.

He said the supplies were delivered to the country in seven flights. As soon as the supplies arrived at Yangon International Airport, they were delivered right to disaster-hit areas.

The relief supplies donated by Thailand included those of the Thai King himself as well as those of Princess Siridhorn. Myanmar also accepted the relief goods donated by the Thai government and the people.

The Myanmar government and the people express thanks to the Thai King and family, the Thai government and the people for their donations.

The Prime Minister said the Myanmar people had never experienced such a violent storm that occurred on 2 and 3 May. The storm claimed over 30,000 lives and more than 20,000 went missing. It also caused a great deal of damage.

On 3 May after the storm, the cabinet members led by the Prime Minister rushed to Yangon. The ministers were sent to the storm-hit regions to closely supervise relief work. Relief operations were carried out effectively with the aim of helping the survivors to continue to survive the aftershocks. Now, all the relief work has been completed. As a second step, relief works are being carried out. The relief goods such as food, clothing and medicines that have come from the international community shortly after the storm are enough for the victims, said the Prime Minister.

Next, the Thai Prime Minister presented Buddha images to Prime Minister General Thein Sein as a Dhamma gift. General Thein Sein hosted a luncheon in honour of the Thai Prime Minister and party at the Sedona Hotel. Before luncheon, the Thai Prime Minister had the scenic view of Yangon from the 11th floor. They then had lunch. After the lunch, the Thai Prime Minister presented US\$ 500,000, 50 satellite phones and phone cards worth 2 million baht donated by the Thai government and the people and US\$ 92728 donated by a Buddhist organization in Thailand to Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

Then, the two Prime Ministers spoke words of thanks again. Thai Prime Minister said that he realized the rescue efforts of Myanmar due to his firsthand experience rather than hearsay.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and the Thai Prime Minister, accompanied by responsible personnel, proceeded in cars to Yankin, South Okkalapa, Dagon Myothit (North) and Dagon Myothit (South) townships and inspected the progress of work on smooth flow of traffic, removal of trees and reconstruction of houses.

After that, they visited the relief camp opened at Ward 17 in Dagon Myothit (South) and, on arrival there, they were welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win. Responsible personnel briefed the Thai Prime Minister and party on measures taken for opening the relief camp with the use of tents donated by international communities and supplying purified drinking water. Then they continued to explain that an administrative office and a control office were opened at the camp in order that the requirements of the storm victims could be met promptly.

The Thai Prime Minister also consulted the doctor who was giving medical treatment at the relief camp. Then Prime Minister General Thein Sein and the Thai Prime Minister checked the medicines donated.

After that, the Thai Prime Minister greeted the children watching a video in the camp. And then, the Thai Prime Minister asked the victims about the situation of accommodation and distribution of relief.

Finally, the Thai Prime Minister said goodbye to Prime Minister General Thein Sein and left Dagon Myothit (South) for Yangon International Airport to return home.

**Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects relief camps in Patheingyi
Storm victims from Labutta, Ngathayaw townships
accommodated at Patheingyi University, Koetheingyi Gymnasium, BEHS-3 with food,
health care services provided**



NAY PYI TAW, 14 May-Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, ministers, heads of department, inspected relief camps in Patheingyi yesterday.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the relief camp at Thiha hostel of Patheingyi University, met with storm victims, individually asked them relief supplies, foods and accommodation and consoled them.

Next, the Prime Minister gave instructions on creation of job opportunities for healthy storm victims and keeping respective relief camps and their environment clean. At the relief camp at Koetheingyi Gymnasium, Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Win Win Maw presented relief supplies worth K 2 million donated by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation to the Prime Minister.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party distributed relief items to the storm victims and cordially greeted those from Labutta and Ngathayaw Townships and consoled them.

At No. 3 Basic Education High School of Patheingyi, the Prime Minister and party presented relief items to the storm victims donated by wellwishers. Next, they asked after a storm victim who was badly injured in the back during the storm and cured after and undergoing medical treatment.

The storm victims from Labutta and Ngaputaw Townships were accommodated separately at Pathein University, Koethein Gymnasium and No 3 BEHS being provided with food. In addition, health care services are being given to them.

Next, the Prime Minister and party helicoptered to Labutta from Pathein in the afternoon. Afterwards, they viewed roofing with corrugated iron sheets, thatches and tarpaulin on the houses and office buildings, and relief and rehabilitation tasks being undertaken by companies in Labutta Township by car.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo briefed the Prime Minister on his visit to the villages that were out of contact in Labutta, losses and damages and measures taken for the storm victims to accommodate them along with the relief supplies.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and ministers briefed the Prime Minister on condition of storm-hit areas in Labutta Township and arrangements to be made for carrying out rehabilitation tasks.

Regarding the reports, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions to officials concerned. Afterwards, the Prime Minister gave instructions on carrying out rehabilitation and development tasks while providing relief and health care services to the storm victims effectively.

On arrival at Myaungmya, chairman of Myaungmya District PDC U Aye Han briefed the Prime Minister and party on active participation of departmental personnel at district and township levels and the local people in relief and rehabilitation for the storm victims from Labutta Township.

In response to the reports, the Prime Minister attended to the needs and instructed the officials concerned to constantly focus on health care services, food and accommodation for the storm victims and fulfil their needs with goodwill.

Next, the Prime Minister and party arrived back Pathein by Tatmadaw helicopter.

Monsoon sets in

YANGON, 14 May-According to the observation at 6.30 pm, a low pressure area formed over delta region had crossed southern part of Rakhine State and abated. South-West monsoon has set in delta region.

Information Minister presents supplies to storm victims in Hlinethaya Township



YANGON, 13 May - Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visited relief camp at No 8 Basic Education Middle School in Ward 20, Hlinethaya Township this afternoon.

The minister cordially met 1040 family members of 182 households.

Next, the minister presented supplies including rice, dry noodle and tinned fish donated by the State and well- wishers to each household by hand.

Air Force performs relief and rehabilitation task

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May – Defence Services (Air) is carrying out relief and rehabilitation works for the people in storm-hit regions.

A total of 10.7 tons of supplies were transported to Bogale, Kamatalu, Kyeinchaung, Setsan, Kyaiklat, Pyapon, Dedaye, Kyonda, Amar, Pathein, Labutta and Myaungmya by helicopter yesterday.

So far, 327.18 tons of supplies had been transported to storm-hit areas up to now.

MPMEEA, pharmaceutical entrepreneurs donate cash and medicines

YANGON, 14 May – Organized by Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association, a ceremony to donate cash and medicines for the people in storm-hit regions was held at Yangon People's Hospital this afternoon. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint accepted K 1 million donated by MPMEEA and medicines by pharmaceutical companies including medicines worth K 310 million by Concordia Int'l Co Ltd, medicines worth over K 97 million by TCW Int'l Trading Co Ltd, medicines worth over 51 million by United Pharma (Yangon) Co Ltd and medicines worth K 50 million by Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd.

Minister supervises relief and rehabilitation tasks in Twantay Township



YANGON, 14 May- Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha went on inspection tour of Twantay Township to supervise relief and rehabilitation tasks yesterday morning.

Upon arrival at Tamangyi village, he presented 30 bags of rice and 30 tarpaulins to storm victims and inspected Phaya Ngoatto (North) Village Basic Education Primary School. Wellwishers and officials concerned donated 30 bags of rice and 20 tarpaulins to the storm victims.

Next, the minister and party presented 20 bags of rice and 30 plastic sheets to the storm victims in Phaya Ngoatto (South) village, 30 bags of rice and 30 plastic sheets in San village, 30 bags of rice and 30 plastic sheets in Pauktaw village, 50 bags of rice and 50 plastic sheets in Lakapon village, 70 bags of rice and 50 plastic sheets in Phayagyi model village, 50 bags of rice and 30 plastic sheets in Kanbe model village, 30 bags of rice and 30 plastic sheets in Htawtho village, 30 bags of rice and 30 plastic sheets in Taloathtaw village and 30 bags of rice, two barrels of edible oil and 60 plastic sheets in Shansu village.

Afterwards, the minister paid homage to Kyaungthit Pariyatti Sarthintaik Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Uttamasara and wellwishers donated 50 bags of rice to the Sayadaw.

In the afternoon, the minister met with officials concerned of respective sub-committees and discussed relief and rehabilitation tasks for the victims and attended to the needs.

Shweli 2/3 Hydropower projects signed

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May -Hydropower Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 and Yunnan United Power Development Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China signed Shweli 2/3 hydropower project at the ministry on 12 May.

Present on the occasion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, the deputy ministers, directors-general, deputy directors-general and Vice-President of Yunnan United Power Development Co Ltd. The Deputy Minister for Electric Power No 1 and the vice-president of YUPD Co Ltd made speeches.

The director-general of HPD and the Vice-President of YUPD Co Ltd signed the MoU and exchanged it. The Shweli 2/3 hydro power projects can generate 460 Megawatts and 360 Megawatts respectively.

Demonstration of pitching of shelter boxes held



YANGON, 14 May – A demonstration on pitching of shelter boxes was held at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township yesterday morning.

The Rotary Club of Helstone-Lizard, an international social organization based in Britain, donated the shelter boxes to storm-hit households in Ayeyawady Division. Two experts from Britain demonstrated putting up of the shelter boxes.

Officials and rescuers from Fire Services Department observed the demonstration.

Rescue teams from Fire Services Department will also demonstrate the putting up of the shelter boxes in Ayeyawady Division. One shelter box holds ten people and includes blankets, mosquito nets, stove and instant foods.

Committee for Reconstruction of Towns and Villages meets

YANGON, 14 May-The Committee for Reconstruction of Towns and Villages held its meeting at the Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development, here yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the committee for reconstruction of towns and villages Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and committee members of the respective ministries.

The meeting discussed immediate reconstruction of necessary buildings in storm-hit towns and villages in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions in accord with the emergency project, supply of safe water and electric power, reconstruction of roads and bridges linking towns and villages, operation of postal service, telephone and telegraphs, arrangements for agriculture and livestock breeding, seeking ways and means for reestablishment of factories and workshops and implementation of the projects phase by phase.

IBTC & Group of Co Ltd donates supplies for storm-hit townships



YANGON, 14 May- The 60 staff of IBTC & Group of Co Ltd provided relief supplies such as 750 bags of rice, 1500 viss of groundnut oil, 1518 T-shirts, 770 longyis for women, 1500 towels, 301 mosquito nets, 1500 packets of candle to the victims from storm hit areas: Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Letkhokkon. The company has similar programs for relief aids to storm victims.

Soldiers remove debris along Strand Road



YANGON, 14 May -A total of 150 officers and other ranks of the regiments and units under Indaing Station took part in the clearing tasks here today. They removed branches and debris caused by the storm along Strand Road using heavy machinery.

YCDC staff clear debris on Maha Bandoola Street

YANGON, 14 May -A total of 400 staff of Environmental Conser-vation and Sanitation Department under Yangon City Develop-ment Committee carried out the clearing tasks here today. They removed branches and debris caused by the storm along Maha Bandoola Street using heavy machinery.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents supplies to victims in Dalla, Seikkyi-Khanaungto townships



YANGON, 14 May- Accompanied by CEC members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice- Mayor Col Maung Pa, departmental officials and wellwishers, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence comforted storm victims at Thiri Zeya Anawrahta Hall in Dalla Township this afternoon.

He presented relief goods donated by the Office of Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand to the victims. The mayor and the vicemayor presented relief aid to the victims. Cetana donation group presented 500 bags of rice, U Soe Hlaing (Swan-ah Engineering Group) K 1 million and Dr Naing Win (Kyaw Zeya Co) K 500,000 to the funds for education and health sectors of the victims.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe explained arrangements being made by the government and wellwishers to donate relief aids to the victims in time. Likewise, Division, District and Town-ship PDCs, companies and wellwishers donated relief goods to the victims of Dalla Township.

In Seikkyi- Khanaungto Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe provided relief aid donated by the Office of Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand to the victims. The mayor and the vicemayor also presented relief goods to the victims. Wellwishers also donated relief aid to the victims.

They also presented relief supplies to the victims at Mogaung Pagoda of West Seikkyi Ward. Local authorities and wellwishers presented relief goods to the victims. After that, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended the annual ceremony to pay homage to Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Suman dagalankara (PhD) of Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery in Ward 9 of Mayangon Township in conjunction and open Bawdipuza Mingala Beikman. In addition, he attended the ceremony to honour the monks who passed the Tipitakadhara Selection Examination at the same venue.

Shwedagon Pagoda's Htidaw remains intact

YANGON, 13 May - A survey team of Concordia International Co conducted a survey to find out whether the Htidaw (Umbrella) of Shwedagon Pagoda was tilted at an angle due to the storm. Based on the ground mark CP (9), the team surveyed the prism (16) fixed at

the pagoda with the use of Total Station GTS 105M (Topcon Japan) and Total Station GTS 239N Topcon Japan.

According to the survey, the Pagoda was not tilted at an angle, it is learnt.

Commander, Minister comfort storm victims in Hlinethaya Township



YANGON, 14 May - Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially comforted storm victims at the relief camp opened at No 15 Basic Education Primary School in Ward 7 of Hlinethaya at 5 pm today.

They presented purified drinking water, foodstuff, candles and personal goods to them. In his speech, the commander explained that under the supervisions, the Division PDC, ministries and wellwishers are making concerted efforts for supply of power, smooth transportation, running of industrial zones as usual, working of employees in the worksites and opening of tax-free markets and special rice shops. In his instructions, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan also explained progress in reconstruction tasks being carried out by local authorities, ministries and wellwishers under the arrangements of the government. Next, he consoled the victims.

The commander and the minister cordially greeted the victims after providing foodstuff, purified drinking water, candles and personal goods to them at the camp.

Relief supplies sent to Bogale

YANGON, 14 May - Relief supplies were sent to storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Divison by Tatmadaw helicopter this morning. A total weight of 2,300 Kgincluding tents, tarpaulins, dry rations, medicines, bottled drinking water, bags of rice, clothes and utensils were sent to Bogale Township.

Local Naval units perform relief and resettlement works

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May - Servicemen of local battalion went to Thetkethaung, Myothit and Ngapyayma village-tracts in Hainggyikyun Township by one naval vessel and three life-boats and performed waterway clearing, relief and resettlement works yesterday.

Four vessels of Defence Services (Navy) have transported 60.5 tons of supplies to

Pyapon, Bogale, Labutta, Theindangyi, Achalay village in Pyapon and Kyauksayit village in Dedaye.

Latest casualty figures

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May - Due to the storm on 2 and 3 May, there have been deaths, injuries and missing in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions.

According to the latest figures of the victims up to 6 pm today, a total of 38,491 people died, 1,403 were injured and 27,838 went missing in all regions struck by the storm.

Relief aid from abroad arrives at Yangon International Airport



YANGON, 14 May - Donors from abroad are providing relief aid to storm-hit regions continuously.

AN-12 aircraft carrying 18 tons of medicines donated by UNICEF, five C-130 aircraft carrying 57 tons of bottles of purified drinking water, foodstuff, plastic sheets and emergency relief items by the US, DC-8 aircraft carrying 31 tons of 1,367 packets of mosquito nets by Switzerland-based Doctors without Border, two C-130 aircraft carrying 31 tons of personal goods, foodstuff and clothes by Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn of Thailand, IL-76 aircraft carrying 36.153 tons of 1605 packages of plastic sheet by WFP, AN-12 aircraft carrying 144 tents, 144 tarpaulin and 720 blankets by Emergency Relief Unit of Sweden arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Likewise, IL-76 aircraft carrying 21 tons of one Toyota car, water purifier and its related equipment donated by ICRC arrived at Yangon International Airport yesterday evening.

The relief aid from abroad has been sent to the storm-hit areas by helicopter, by vehicle and by watercraft.

Ministers provide relief aid to storm victims in Labutta



YANGON, 14 May - Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe arrived in Labutta by helicopter from Yangon on 12 May.

Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, together with Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, distributed foods, medicines, purified drinking water and canvas tents transported by the flight to the storm victims in the town.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe discussed relief and resettlement tasks being implemented for the victims and future tasks, and left for Patheingyi by helicopter.