

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee issues News Release No 1

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 May - The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee issued News Release No 1 today.

The News Release No 1 is as follows:

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1. In the Union of Myanmar, a severe cyclone “Nargis” hit the coastal areas of Ayeyawady Division on 2nd and 3rd May 2008 causing tremendous casualties and devastation and also swept Yangon Division causing loss and damages.
2. The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee held its meeting at 8.30 am on 3rd May 2008 in Nay Pyi Taw and the Central Committee Chairman the Prime Minister and member Ministers rushed to the storm-hit regions to provide close supervision on rescue and relief works for the victims.
3. The Government immediately allocated 5 billion kyats as initial fund and over 20 billion kyats have been spent so far. Moreover, the Government accepted donations from local and foreign wellwishers immediately and the donations were accepted as follows.
 - (a) Cash amounting to 5.588 billion kyats and relief items worth 1.79 billion kyats totalling 7.378 billion kyats from internal wellwishers up to 16th May.
 - (b) Cash amounting to 1.62 million US dollars and 2,096.71 tons of relief supplies from foreign donors up to 16th May.
4. However, some foreign news agencies broadcast false information and thus some international and regional organizations are assuming that the Government has been rejecting and preventing aids for storm victims. Those who have been to Myanmar understand the actual fact.
5. Hence, the information is released that the Government and the people of Myanmar with thanks are accepting donations in cash and kind for the storm victims.

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee

Dated: 17-5-2008

Place: Nay Pyi Taw

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee issues News Release No 2

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 May - The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee issued News Release No 2 today.

The News Release No 2 is as follows:

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1. As the severe cyclone “Nargis” hit the Union of Myanmar, internal and international wellwishers have been donating cash and kind for the storm victims continuously.
2. The donations for the victims are accepted systematically by the Donation Accepting and Supervision Body and distributed without delay to the storm-hit regions by the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee. The distribution of donations to the storm-hit regions up to 16th May 2008 is as follows.
 - (a) 363.924 tons of foods, medicines, purified water bottles, clothes and tents by helicopters and aeroplanes of Tatmadaw (Air).
 - (b) 872.8 tons of foods, medicines, construction materials, clothes and tents by vessels of Tatmadaw (Navy)
 - (c) 1,471.5 tons of foods, medicines, purified water bottles, construction materials, water purifiers, clothes and tents by Tatmadaw vehicles.
 - (d) 2,905.5 tons of foods, medicines, construction materials, clothes and tents by vessels of Inland Water Transport.
 - (e) Over 500 truck loads of construction materials by 35 private construction companies daily.
3. Though it is difficult to send the relief items to different places fully and immediately, forward camps and middle camps are kept open to see that there are no needless delays.
4. Hence, the news is released that the donated relief items sent by local and international wellwishers are distributed promptly to the storm victims. The relief items reaching the victims in time and consumed by them were shown to foreign guests, foreign diplomats in the country, INGO members and the EU Commissioner. In addition, officials of UN agencies, representatives of donor countries, personnel of INGOs and individual wellwishers are also invited to witness the relief work.

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee

Dated: 17-5-2008

Place: Nay Pyi Taw

**Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects rehabilitation and reconstruction in Labutta, Pyapon townships
Pyapon District General Hospital provided with facilities, staff and medicines**



Nay Pyi Taw, 17 May - Chairman of the Natural 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 and officials, arrived at Labutta by helicopter this afternoon.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted diplomats from Yangon and abroad who observed Labutta.

Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut who was supervising rehabilitation tasks in Labutta reported on arrival of supplies from local and abroad via Yangon and distribution of the aid to the relief camps, arrangements being made for basic needs of the victims and rebuilding of Township People's Hospital, schools and offices.

The commander submitted reports on reconstruction of towns and villages in the division.

The Prime Minister presented CDMA-450 telephones to be used in reconstruction of the township to Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut.

The Prime Minister presented prizes to engineers from Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications who performed smooth and speedy communications.

U Zaw Zaw of Max (Myanmar) Co presented reports on participation of his company in reconstruction tasks.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions on more reconstruction tasks.

At the Township People's Hospital, the Prime Minister and party inspected roofing of the building and greeted doctors from Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw and officials.

At Labutta Port, they viewed unloading of relief supplies including construction materials donated from abroad and at home from vessels.

On arrival at Pyapon, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing who is supervising rehabilitation tasks in Pyapon Township reported on efforts being made for turning the township into normalcy and participation of companies. The Prime Minister attended to the needs.

They proceeded to Pyapon District General Hospital. The Prime Minister greeted specialists from hospitals of Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon, the Head of District Health Department, doctors and nurses.

In his speech, the Prime Minister said that the hospital has been provided with necessary facilities such as health staff and medicines. Therefore, doctors and nurses are to give priority to providing health care services to the patients.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister, officials and wellwishers handed over donations for the hospital to Head of District Health Department Dr Thi Thi Win.

Next, the Prime Minister and party comforted the patients and presented relief supplies donated by wellwishers.

On his arrival at Labutta and Pyapon, the Prime Minister met with officials, saying that relief works have been completed and there have been enough work for looking after the victims.

Now, priority is given to resettlement. Arrangements are to be made for those who are at nearby relief camps after the storm to return to their places of their own volition. Returning to their homes, they will have to be provided with accommodation, clothing, kitchen utensils and food. Those responsible are to inform the victims so that they can take food from nearby relief camps if necessary.

The Prime Minister said as monsoon is setting in, arrangements will be made for farmers to carry out their farm work by opening tractor camps under the leadership of Agricultural Mechanization Department. Necessary farm equipment will also be provided for people who earn their living by engaging in farming or fishery.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back Yangon from Pyapon by Tatmadaw aircraft at 4.30 pm. Relief works have all been completed in the disaster-hit townships in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. Likewise, enough work has been done for looking after the victims. In addition, officials concerned are fulfilling all requirements by opening rear, middle and forward relief camps.

As regards communication, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications has arranged to ensure communication not only in downtown areas but also at forward relief camps.

Ministry of Livestock and Fishery has also made arrangements to breed livestock such as poultry and cattle.

Diplomats, resident representatives of ASEAN Secretariat and UN agencies visit relief camps in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions



Yangon, 17 May—The group (1) comprising diplomats of the embassies based at home and in foreign countries to the Union of Myanmar, responsible persons and resident representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat and UN agencies, led by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, left here by helicopter and arrived at Kyondah village relief camp in Dedaye Township at 8 am today.

The minister briefed them on the natural disaster that occurred in the divisions, and relief, supply and rehabilitation tasks under the supervision of the Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee the Prime Minister, committee member ministers, deputy ministers and officials.

Member of the group viewed the control office of the relief camp, solar energy system, accommodation of victims in tents, distribution of relief items, supply of electric power with the use of a generator, clinic, water purifying machine, supply of drinking water from tube-wells, mess, kitchen, and latrines. Officials conducted them round the camp.

On arrival at Dedaye, they were briefed by the minister on conditions of the township, and work progress in relief, supply and rehabilitation tasks.

In response to the queries raised by group members, the minister and officials explained relief, supply and reconstruction works being carried out in priority.

The guests observed accommodation of the victims family-wise, supply of electricity and drinking water, storage of supplies, and clinic.

They proceeded to Kungyangon in Yangon Division. At the relief camp in the township sports ground, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi gave an account of losses due to the storm, and relief, supply and rehabilitation undertakings.

They viewed health care provided to the victims by the team led by Commandant Brig-Gen Tin Maung Aye of No (1) Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) Mingaladon, and tents, distribution of relief items and drinking water.

At the control office in Kungyangon Basic Education High School No 2, the minister and group members viewed the goods donated by local and international donors. Next, they distributed relief aid to the victims.

They arrived back here in the afternoon.

Similarly, the group (2) consisting of diplomats of the embassies based at home and in foreign countries to the Union of Myanmar, responsible persons and resident representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat and UN agencies, led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and heads of department, left here by air and arrived at Pyapon Township at 8.15 am today. They viewed the conditions of the township by car.

Next, they observed supply of electricity, phone lines installed, dispensary, medical store, mess, kitchen, latrines and supply of purified water. Officials conducted them round the camp.

At relief camp (1), Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing dealt with the losses in the township. Replying to the questions, the ministers and officials clarified rehabilitation works in addition to relief and supply tasks.

The group members proceed to Bogale. They were welcomed there by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials. At Bogale Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Office, local authorities explained losses, progress in relief, rehabilitation works and health care services.

Minister U Soe Tha and officials replied to the queries of the resident representatives and diplomats. The minister, the deputy minister and group members observed health care to the victim patients and water purifiers. At the relief camp in Bogale BEHS No 1, they looked into health care services, accommodation of the victims, supply of drinking water, and storage of relief items.

They proceeded to Setsan village relief camp in Bogale Township and inspected the control office, accommodation of the storm victims, distribution of relief goods, supply of electricity, dispensary and supply of drinking water. They arrived back here at 1 pm.

Likewise, the Group-3 made up of diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies and officials of ECHO led by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe left here this morning by helicopter and arrived at Maubin at 7.45 am.

At the office of Maubin District Peace and Development Council, they heard a report

presented by Chairman of Maubin District PDC on losses and damages caused by the severe storm.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and diplomats inspected the resettlement of storm victims, supply of drinking water, meals and messing room.

They proceeded to Mawlamyinegyun where they were welcomed by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and officials.

At the Dhammayon of local battalion, they heard a report presented by Lt-Col Tun Tun on losses and damages caused by the severe storm, and Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister Col Thein Nyunt gave supplementary reports.

Next, the ministers and officials replied to queries raised by the diplomats.

After looking into damages to Mawlamyinegyun by car, they arrived at the jetty of Ship Entrepreneurs where they viewed the arrival of relief supplies.

On arrival at No 1 Basic Education High School of Mawlamyinegyun, they met with the Headmistress and teachers and saw to the damages caused by the storm.

They then heard a report on health care services presented by officials of the Ministry of Health at Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital and inspected the hospital.

When they arrived at Labutta by helicopter, they were welcomed by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Col Kyaw Lin Tun of South-West Command.

At the Bayint Naung Yeiktha, the ministers and diplomats heard a report presented by Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut on accommodation of storm victims, installation of telephone lines and renovation of the hospital.

Next, ministers and officials replied to queries raised by the diplomats.

On arrival at Labutta Township People's Hospital, they inspected the OPD and medical ward and heard a report presented by Director of Health Department U Soe Lwin Nyein on medical treatment given to the patients.

Next, they went on to Ayeyawady Jetty in Labutta and observed the prompt transport of relief supplies by the double-dacker Maykha of Inland Water Transport.

After that, they viewed the accommodation and meals of storm victims in shelter boxes at the relief camp opened at Yadanadipa Sports Ground.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and diplomats welcomed Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein

who arrived at Labutta from Pathein at 1.20 pm.

They then looked into the repair of roof at Labutta BEHS No 2.

After inspecting the relief camp opened at Hlaingphone Village BEHS, Labutta Township, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and diplomats left the village and arrived back here in the evening.

Indian medical team arrives



Yangon, 17 May— A 47-member medical team comprising specialists, technicians and nurses led by Dr Prafull Mohan of India arrived at Yangon International Airport by IL-76 flight this afternoon to provide health care services to the victims in the storm-hit areas of Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions.

They were welcomed there by Indian Military Attaché Colonel Manoj Mukund Naravane and officials of the Indian Embassy, Director-General U Myint Tun of the Fire Services Department and officials.

The IL-76 flight also carried 15 tons of medicines donated by India.

Thai medical team arrives at Yangon International Airport

Yangon, 17 May —Two C-130 flights carrying a 30-member medical team comprising 15 specialists, one psychiatrist, one contagious disease specialist, one veterinarian and 12 nurses led by Dr Pichit Siriwan of Thai Red Cross Society landed at Yangon International Airport this afternoon.

They were welcomed by Thai Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag and embassy staff, Director-General U Myint Tun of Fire Services Department, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha, Director Dr Kyee Myint of Health Department and officials.

The flights also carried 10.45 tons of medicines donated by Thailand.

Meeting to coordinate re-running industrial zones in Yangon held

Yangon, 17 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win said that as arrangements have been made for factories and workshops in industrial zones of Yangon to resume going into commercial operation as usual the establishments need to restore their power lines, and that at present 175 megawatt is being distributed to downtown Yangon, at a meeting between Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board and chairmen of industrial zones and entrepreneurs held at the meeting hall of Yangon Command yesterday afternoon.

Next, chairmen of the respective industrial zones and officials reported to the commander on work being carried out to resume running factories and workshops as usual, renovation of transformers and resuming of work by employees.

After that, the Chair-man of Yangon City Elec-tric Power Supply Board explained measures being taken by YCEPSB, Soe Electric Company, Yan-gon Transformer and industrial zones for supply of power soonest.

After fulfilling the re-quirements, the comman-der made the concluding remarks, which brought the meeting to an end.

MMA (Pathein) provides health care to victims

Yangon, 17 May - Executives of the Society of General Practitioners of Myanmar Medical Association (Pathein) provided health care services to storm victims beginning 7 May.

The medical team comprising Dr Aung Nyein, Dr Sit Tin, Dr Thein Myint and Dr Nay Aung left for Pyink-hayaing, Phonedawpyae, Didugon, Thingangon and Thetkethaung village-tracts on 7 May. Women doctors are also giving health care services to the victims at the temporary clinic.

Those wishing to donate medicines and cash may contact Dr Kyi Pe, Tel: 042-24292, Secretary Dr Sit Tin, Tel: 042-24425 and Joint-Secretary Dr Min Hsaung, Tel: 042-24290.

Dr Reddy pharmaceu-tical company donated medicines worth K 1.2 million to Chairman of MMA (Pathein) Dr Kyi Pe.

Air Force participating in rehabilitation tasks

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 May - Helicopters of the Defence Services (Air) transported 16.7 tons of relief supplies to Bogale, Setsan, Kyeinchaung, Hlaingpok, Mawlamyinegyun, Wakema, Myaungmya, Pathein, Dedaye, Kyondah, Lekkhokkon, Kungyangon, Labutta, Pyinsalu, Pyapon, Hainggyi, Polaung, Hlinebon and Kwinpauk regions yesterday.

So far, a total of 358.18 tons of relief goods have been transported to the storm-hit regions.

Personal goods donated to storm victims

Yangon, 17 May — Edible oil agents and Fruit and Vegetables Entrepreneurs of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, Yamethin and Pyawbwe townships today donated clothes, mosquito nets, blankets, personal goods, saucers and basin bowls worth K 10 million to local people in storm-hit regions through the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee.

Cash and kind for storm victims



Nay Pyi Taw, 17 May — Departments concerned, social organizations, families of Tatmadawmen and wellwishers have provided cash and kind to storm victims.

Departments concerned and wellwishers from Shan State (North) presented K 61,949,860, donors from Shan State (East), cash and kind donation worth K 431,700, families of Tatmadawmen and wellwishers from Shan State (South), K 914,350 and supplies worth K 2,241,200, wellwishers from Kayin State, K 700,000 and foodstuff, clothes and personal goods worth K 17,809,610, wellwishers from Taninthayi Division, construction materials, clothes and foodstuff worth K 6,949,000, wellwishers from Sagaing Division, K 66,543,850 and supplies worth K 10,388,860 and donors from Mandalay Division, foodstuff, clothes and medicines worth K 32,716,000 for storm victims through the subcommittee.

Up to 17 May, the cash and kind donation totalled K 7,709,071,305.

International relief supplies flowing by air to Myanmar

Yangon, 17 May—The international community is providing relief supplies to the storm-hit areas from 6 up to 16 May. Eight passenger flights have transported relief items by air 36 times to Myanmar. The following table shows flights name, aircraft, relief supplies and weight.

No	Flight Organization	Date	Aircraft	Goods	Ton
1	Thai flight(T.G)	7-5-08	A-300-600	generator, tent, electric wire	12.82
		7-5-08	A-300-600	tent	11.38
		8-5-08	A-300-600	tent	5.6
		10-5-08	A-300-600	relief supplies, biscuit	10
		10-5-08	A 300-600	communication device, antenna	0.4
		11-5-08	A 300-600	tent	6
		12-5-08	A 300-600	foodstuff, personnel supplies, medicines, towel, tooth paste/brush, water purifier/	8
				purified tablets	
		13-5-08	A 300-600	kitchen utensil	4
		13-5-08	A 300-600	kitchen utensil	2.4
		14-5-08	A 300-600	rescue relief supplies	3.4
		15-5-08	A 300-600	medicines	1.52
		16-5-08	A 300-600	pot, plate, personnel supplies	9.1
2	Thai Air Asia	15-5-08	B-737	bucket, clothes, blanket, steel food carrier	1.2
		16-5-08	B-737	tarpaulin, plastic bucket	23
3	Bangkok Airways	9-5-08	A-320	cannel food, foodstuff box	2.09
		11-5-08	A-320	Drip bottle	3.6
		13-5-08	A-320	medicine	1.45
		14-5-08	A-320	medical equipment	7.8
4	Singapore Airways (Silk Airline)	7-5-08	A-319	medicines	1.3
		9-5-08	A-320	chocolate, biscuit, mosquito net	3.2
		10-5-08	A-320	tent, blanket, biscuit,	2.4
		10-5-08	A-320	6-capacity tent, ground sheet	2.9
		11-5-08	A-320	foodstuff	3
		13-5-08	A-320	household supplies	0.6
		13-5-08	A-320	tent	2.8
		14-5-08	A-320	relief supplies	3.26
		15-5-08	MI-518	blanket, ground sheet, purified water, foodstuff	2.23
		16-5-08	MI-518	bed roll, relief supplies	2.39
5	Malaysia Airline	9-5-08	B 737-400	medical equipment	0.38
		14-5-08	B-737	medical equipment	2.8
6	International Airways	14-5-08	MD-82	clothes, personnel supplies	12.3
		16-5-08	MD-82	rescue supplies	9.38
7	Jet Star Airline	9-5-08	A-320	medical equipment, satellite phones	0.3
		16-5-08	B-727	medicines	1.5
8	Mandarin Airline	8-5-08	B-737	Biscuit, instant noodles, purified water	3
		15-5-08	B-737	medicines	2.13

(To be continued)

International relief supplies arrive at Yangon International Airport



Yangon, 17 May -AN-12 flights carrying 38 tons of five temporary clinics, five boats, four generators, 55 shelves, life jackets, extinguishers and construction materials donated by WFP, AN-12 flight carrying 11 tons of supplies donated by JICA, four C-130 flights carrying 50 tons of 1440 packages of medical equipments, plastics, purified drinking water, blankets and foodstuff donated by the US, three IL-76 flights carrying 82 tons of 14 boats and accessories, water tanks, medical equipment and plastic sheets donated by Department for International Development in Britain, C-130 flight carrying 12 tons of medicines and foodstuff donated by Thailand and an aircraft carrying 33 tons of water tanks, water purifiers, tarpaulins and emergency lights donated by IFRC arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Similarly, TG-303 flight carrying 9 tons of kitchen utensils donated by IFRC arrived at Yangon International Airport last night.

Relief supplies donated by international communities have been sent to storm-stricken areas without delay by helicopter, vehicles and vessel.

Medical Universities, training schools under repair

Yangon, 17 May— Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein this morning inspected reconstruction work of Universities of Medicines, lecture halls, nursing and midwifery training schools and general hospitals. He gave instructions and attended to the needs.

MWAF donates robes to monks in storm-hit regions



Yangon, 17 May — Vice-Presidents of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, the CEC members, the heads of department and the leaders of working groups presented 50 sets of robes worth K 466,500 to members of the Sangha in storm-hit areas through Deputy Minister for Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint at the Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning.

Deputy Health Minister visits Dedaye, Kungyangon, Kawhmu townships



Yangon, 17 May — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo yesterday morning facilitated a field medical team with medicines and asked after families of warded storm victims at Dedaye Township People's Hospital.

Next, the deputy minister consoled storm victims being admitted to the hospital and looked into the storage of blankets, operation theatre, female medical ward, delivery room, X-ray unit and gave necessary instructions.

After that, the deputy minister inspected supply of drinking water, health care centre, shelter boxes, latrines, messing and bathing places and gave instructions to officials concerned.

Later, he inspected supply of drinking water, latrines and water guard and opening of clinic for storm victims at the Sasana Beikman Dhammayon relief camp in Dedaye Township and the Dhammikayon relief camp in Kungyangon Township and attended to the needs.

Next, he visited storm victims receiving medical treatment at the OPD of Kungyangon

Township People's Hospital, delivery room, renovation of operation theatre, medical store, X-ray unit and re-roofing of the hospital.

On arrival at the Central Relief Camp in Kawhmu Township, the deputy minister inspected supply of drinking water, opening of clinic for storm victims, messing room and latrines and fulfilled the requirements.

At the relief camp in Hsinchan Village, he viewed medical treatment given to storm victims by a field medical team made up of specialists, use of latrines, supply of drinking water and personal hygiene and left necessary instructions.

Myanmars in Brunei donate medicines

Yangon, 17 May—Myanmar citizens in Brunei donated 237 packets of assorted medicines for storm-hit regions to officials through the Embassy of the Union of Myanmar in Brunei today.

Construction materials and foodstuff arrive Myaungmya

Yangon, 17 May—MV Ngagyi carrying about 60 tons of construction materials and foodstuff arrived at Myaungmya on 15 May.

Members of Township Fire Brigade and social organizations and local people led by Lt-Col Nyi Nyi Thein Zan of relief control committee and Chairman of Myaungmya Township Peace and Development Council U Aye Han unloaded the supplies from the ship.^a

The supplies donated by Japan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Singapore and Thailand for storm victims for Labutta were transported to 27 relief camps in the township by motor vehicles.

The supplies include tents, personal goods, medicines and foods. In Myaungmya over 10,000 people were accommodated in 27 relief camps.

Officials concerned provided health services and foods to the victims.

Progress of rehabilitation and reconstruction inspected in Mawlamyinegyun Township



Yangon, 17 May - Member of the Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt is supervising relief tasks in Mawlamyinegyun.

On 15 May, a naval vessel and Min Than Toe Double Decker carrying the minister, accompanied by Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Khaing, departmental officials, Secretary of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association U Ko Ko Lwin and specialist Dr Aung Myo Tun of North Okkalapa General Hospital and officials along with relief aid arrived at Kyahon Village.

They supplied relief goods donated from abroad to about 2,000 storm victims of Kyahon Village-tract.

Staff of the Development Affairs Committee and members of social organizations roofed the monastery. Members of the medical team provided health care services to the patients.

In Kyatshar Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township, they systematically presented food and relief aid donated from abroad to over 3,000 victims. Specialists also provided medical treatment to 150 patients on board Min Than Toe Double Decker. Staff of DAC and social organization members roofed the village dispensary and cleaned the pond.

The minister and party also supplied relief goods to over 1,000 victims from Kyonlamugyi Village and its surrounding villages. Specialists also provided health care services to the patients.

The minister and party viewed reconstruction of villages along Myinkakon and Ayeyawady Rivers.

A total of 33,295 victims from 84 villages of seven village-tracts in Mawlamyinegyun Township have been accommodated in their respective villages with the use of tents donated from abroad. The Township Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee is providing rice and foodstuff for them.

Electric Power No 2 Minister inspects power supply tasks

Yangon, 17 May - Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected production and distribution of concrete lamp posts of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board in Hlinethaya Township yesterday.

The minister also looked into production of steel fix and steel sieve to be used in construction of concrete lamp posts and measures being taken for meeting the set standards.

Next, the minister inspected erecting pylons and installation of 33 KV Double Circuit power lines linking sub-power station and industrial zones being carried out by skilled workers along Hlinethaya-Nyaungdon motorway.

In the afternoon, the minister together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint oversaw installation of power lines, connections and supply of power at Maubin District Electrical Engineer's Office in Ayeyawady Division.

Rehabilitation tasks carried out in Hainggyikyun

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 May - Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung arrived in Hainggyikyun by helicopter with relief supplies yesterday.

The adjutant-general and officials inspected progress of repair of Hainggyikyun BEHS and houses in wards, unloading construction materials, foodstuff and kitchen utensils from a vessel and gave instructions on repair works, arrangements for farm works and supervising tasks for distribution of supplies.

Next, the adjutant-general oversaw condition of villages in Hainggyikyun and Labutta Townships by helicopter.

On his arrival at Labutta Township, the adjutant-general together with Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and officials transported relief supplies by helicopter to the storm-hit villages.

Next, the adjutant-general together with Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut inspected rehabilitation tasks being carried out by Tatmadawmen, staff of Ayeyar Shwe Wah and Max Myanmar companies and wellwishers, giving medical treatments at the clinics opened by Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Health, and gave necessary instructions.

Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung together with Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin discussed progress of rehabilitation tasks and requirements in storm-hit areas.

Minister visits storm-hit villages

Yangon, 16 May—Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presented supplies to storm victims at Sitkon monastery in ward 7 and Welpyan monastery in ward 9 in Thongwa Township yesterday.

Next, the minister offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaw of Anauk monastery in Migyaungkan village and donated 50 robes to members of the Sangha of 18 monasteries in seven village-tracts in the townships.

At the compound of Htangyi pagoda in Phayagyi village, the minister met with the villagers and presented supplies to them.

A team led by township USDA Secretary Dr Myint Thein gave medical treatment to the villages.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presented supplies to the storm victims of ward Nos 1 and 3.

Storm-hit areas gain easy access to telecommunication links through CDMA-450



Yangon, 17 May - To ensure better telecommunications and to do relief work in time in the storm-hit areas of Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs has been providing coastline and off shore sea mobile system (CDMA 450) telephone services for ad-hoc use since 5 May.

Kungyangon, Kayan, Kyauktan and Kawhmu have got easy access to telecommunications links with Yangon on 5 May, and Myaungmya on 7 May, Ngapudaw, Bogale on 8 May, Dedaye and Hainggyikyun on 9 May, Pyapon on 10 May, Labutta and Kyaunggon Townships on 16 May gained easy access to telecommunication links with Ayeyawady Division.

All the storm-hit areas have had access to telecommunications links through CDMA 450 system and there have been easy communications between local, foreign and the storm-hit areas.

Bumrungrad International Hospital provides medical equipment

Yangon, 17 May—The Thai Ambassador and Resident Representative of Bumrungrad International Hospital Dr Moe Nyan Kyaw presented medicines and medical equipment worth US\$ 100,000 donated by Thailand-based Bumrungrad International Hospital to storm victims to officials of Yangon General Hospital, Children's Hospital and Myanmar Medical Association yesterday. Air Bagan transported the medicines and medical equipment from Thailand to Myanmar free of charge.

Health care coverage for Ayeyawady Division



Yangon, 17 May—Health employees of medical teams formed by Ayeyawady Division Health Department under the Ministry of Health for taking care of storm victims provide health care services to storm victims in Labutta, Ngaputaw, Pyapon and Bogale Townships daily.

KOICA assists in Irrigation Technology in Myanmar



Yangon, 17 May—The representatives of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Irrigation Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, signed the Record of Discussions for a project with the aim to upgrade Myanmar infrastructure of water control by sharing Korea's knowledge and modern facilities to avoid the floods in the future on 6 May, 2008.

The signing ceremony of the Project “Capacity Building for Irrigation Technology in Upper Myanmar” was made by KOICA survey team, consisting of KOICA resident representative, KOICA officer in-charge from Headquarters and four irrigation experts, as well as the Director General of the Irrigation Department and other officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

