Senior General Than Shwe meets storm victims
Government takes prompt action to carry out relief and rehabilitation work

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe this morning inspected storm-hit Kungyangon in Yangon Division and storm-hit Dedaye and Pyapon in Ayeyawady Division and consoled storm victims there.

Accompanied by General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the SPDC Office, Senior General Than Shwe arrived in Kung-yangon by Tatmadaw helicopter at 7.50 am.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected condition of storm-hit Kungyangon and rehabilitation work in a motorcade. At the briefing hall of the relief camp at Aung San Thuriya Hla Thaung Sports Ground, Senior General Than Shwe heard a report presented by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on loss and damages in Kungyangon Township, distribution of relief supplies, and reconstruction of hospitals, schools, government offices and religious buildings by Asia World Co and progress of rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks.

After attending to the needs, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that the government took prompt action to carry out the relief and rehabilitation work in storm-hit regions shortly after the storm, and has laid down and is implementing the three phases of Disaster Preparedness Programme. And it has spent K 50 billion of funds on the project.

In the first phase, priority is being given to fulfilling the food, clothing and shelter needs of storm victims and prompt medical attention. In the second phase, reconstruction of ravaged villages, accommodation of local people, renovation of roads, bridges and communication links and rehabilitation tasks such as opening of temporary clinics and schools are being carried out in affected villages, he added.

In the meantime, measures for regenerating agricultural, fishing and salt-making works and providing cattle, tractors, boats and fishing nets to storm-hit regions are being taken.

In the third phase, steps are to be taken for growing of windbreakers capable of preventing disaster and building of causeways linking villages, he disclosed, and stressed the need for officials to carry out relief and rehabilitation works and take disaster preparedness measures in an effective way.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe greeted and consoled storm victims being accommodated in shelter boxes at the relief camp.

After that, Senior General Than Shwe looked into clinics of Directorate of Medical Services.

At 9.10 am, Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived at the relief camp in Kyonda Village, Dedaye Township where they heard a report presented by Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi on opening of the relief camps in villages of the township. And Senior General Than Shwe gave necessary instructions.

Later, Senior General Than Shwe and party viewed medical treatment being given to storm victims of the relief camp.

Next, they looked into measures taken for supply of electricity through solar power system, opening of CDMA Station, supply of drinking water, supply of electricity to the relief camp with generators and cooking with the use of gas stoves, and greeted storm victims.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to Pyapon where they were welcomed by Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing.

Accompanied by the Adjutant-General, the Commander and ministers, Senior General Than Shwe inspected measures being taken for rehabilitation of Pyapon.

On arrival at Saya Zawgi Yapyi Hall, Senior General Than Shwe heard a report presented by Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing on loss and damages in storm-hit Pyapon and Kyaiklatt Townships, opening of relief camps, distribution of relief items, supply of drinking water, medical treatment given by Directorate of Medical Services, local health staff and doctors from India, prevention of waterborne and infectious diseases and reconstruction work being carried out by Dagon International Co, Yuzana Co and Pyae Phyo Kyaw Co.

The commander gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that the nation-building endeavours cannot be carried out by the government alone. The policy of the State is that only when the State, the Tatmadaw and the people make concerted effort will the nation-building endeavours meet with success.

In line with the policy, the Tatmadaw has been striving together with the people under the leadership of the State in building of the nation since its assumption of the State responsibilities, he noted.

The nation has been able to overcome any crisis and difficulty through the concerted efforts of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people, he said.

The country was hit hard by the severe storm but relief and rehabilitation works are being carried out through the concerted efforts.

In future also, the nation-building endeavours will be carried out in line with the policy of the State and it is sure that the nation will meet with success in the long-run.
In addition to relief and reconstruction work, continued efforts will be made for disaster preparedness, he disclosed.

In that regard, causeways linking villages and embankments need to be built in coastal regions and regions close to the sea. And hospitals and dispensaries in storm-hit regions are to be upgraded while striving for upgrading of 200-bed hospitals and 100-bed hospitals in major cities and opening of more rural health care centres in strategic regions.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Relief Camp No 1 where they inspected the accommodation of the victims. He then comforted and encouraged the victims. The Senior General looked into supply of drinking water.

Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected reconstruction of Pyapon People's Hospital by car. Next they proceeded to Dedaye, Pyapon District, in the afternoon and inspected reconstruction tasks there.

On arrival at the control office in Bogyoke Street, Senior General Than Shwe heard a report by Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi on damage to Dedaye, rescue work, distribution of relief supplies and reconstruction and resettlement tasks being carried out by Eden Group Co. Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe reported on matters related to surplus rice and rerunning of rice mills and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on reclamation of land and repair of dams and reservoirs.

Senior General Than Shwe gave necessary instructions. Next, he and party went to the relief camp near Dedaye Bridge where they inspected accommodation and comforted the victims. Later, the Senior General enquired about the providing of health care by medical staff and arrived back in Yangon in the afternoon.

Senior General Than Shwe inspects relief and rehabilitation work in Yangon Division
Rebuilding of main livelihoods of local people necessary

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May - Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, member of SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and officials of SPDC Office, arrived in Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw by Tatmadaw aircraft yesterday to inspect relief and rehabilitation work in storm-hit areas in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

Senior General Than Shwe was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and senior military officers.

At 2.20 pm at Yangon Command, Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein and members reported on relief work and resettlement in storm-hit areas in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. Senior General Than Shwe gave necessary guidance.

Present were General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, members of SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein said duties were assigned to members of NDPCC ministers to carry out region-wise relief work. Achievements have been made due to the cooperation of social organizations, local people, departmental personnel, national entrepreneurs and artistes.

He said priority was given to food, clothing and shelter needs and health care services of the storm victims in relief camps. Now work can be done properly, he added.

He said national entrepreneurs and social organizations are taking part in reconstruction of damaged buildings by the storm.

As regards the health of the victims, the physicians from central level joining hands with local health staff are carrying out disease preventive measures.

He said relief measures are being taken in storm-hit areas and arrangements are being made for local people to live in shelter. Most of the local people began to live in their own places. Arrangements have also been made for rebuilding of their houses in the open season, he said.

He said as the second phase, necessary assistance is being provided for farmland reclamation, establishment of tractor stations and cultivation camps and fishing in storm-affected areas.

Relief work and health care services can now be handled and tasks for reconstruction of buildings and houses in flooded areas are being implemented, he added.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) reported on measures taken in storm-hit areas in Yangon Division and Hainggyi Island.

The Senior General said that it was necessary to keep accurate records of the affected areas in order that resettlement work could be carried out systematically and effectively. Resettlement work had to be assigned to the troops deployed region-wise. In the first stage, temporary shelters should be set up in the affected regions for the victims to be able to return to their respective towns and villages. Enough plastic sheets should be provided. And at the same time, measures should be taken for building strong houses when the rainy season was over. Moreover, roofing sheets should be provided sufficiently for the remaining houses and other buildings.

To provide health care services, temporary clinics have been opened in strategic areas and more health assistants should be appointed. Regarding education, measures should be taken for the reopening of schools up to basic education level. For the time being, priority should be given to supply of food and safe drinking water. Moreover, it was necessary to rebuild the main livelihoods of the local people - fisheries, agriculturel and salt-making industries.

Reclamation of land would have to be done for agriculture, small boats, powered boats and fishing nets provided for fisheries and salterns prepared for salt works.

In the first stage, the needs for food, clothing, shelter and medical care should be met and at the same time development work such as reconstruction of villages, resettlement, livelihood, transport and communication would have to be done. In the second stage, besides development work, coconut and betel nut trees should be planted in front of houses, embankments built behind houses and bridges constructed where necessary to prevent natural disasters.

Shortly after Cyclone Nargis hit, the State Peace and Development Council formed the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee with the Prime Minister as its head and initially allotted K 5 billion for relief operation. However, over K 50 billion has been spent on relief and reconstruction work up to now and the government will use more funds if and when necessary.

Senior General Than Shwe and party visited relief camps in Yangon Division and comforted the victims.

At 3.40 pm, Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Atwinpadan relief camp in Hlinethaya Township. They inspected accommodation of the victims in the tents donated by nations of the world.

Senior General Than Shwe inspected water supply for the victims and cordially greeted them.

He also inspected arrival of relief items, installation of hand pumps and construction of fly-proof latrines and repair of No 7 Basic Education Middle School before the school season and gave guidance.

Senior General Than Shwe and party went to special relief camp on Yadanabon Street in Ward 17 in Dagon Myothit (South). He cordially met the victims in the camp and the clinic.

Senior General Than Shwe and party also met the victims in the relief camp on Maungmagan Kantha Road in Ward 16 in Dagon Myothit (North).

Half-mast flags to mourn victims for three days

NAY PYI TAW, 19 MAY - The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has released Announcement No (6/2008) dated 19 May, 2008.

The full text of the announcement is as follows:

Union of Myanmar
State Peace and Development Council
Announcement No (6/2008)
Fullmoon Day of Kason, 1370 ME
(19th May, 2008)

Days of mourning designated

1. Cyclone Nargis started to enter the Union of Myanmar through Hainggyigyun at 9:00 am on 2 May, 2008, and left only at 12:30 pm on 4 May, 2008.

2. The Cyclone hit Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions and Mon and Kayin States in the Union of Myanmar claiming many lives and causing enormous destruction to houses, schools, hospitals, religious buildings, watercraft, plantations and forests including food supplies.

3. It is hereby announced that the three days from 20 May 2008 to 22 May 2008 inclusive have been designated as the days of mourning for the loss of lives of the people and the flags shall be flown at half mast starting from 9 am on those days.

By order

Sd/ Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo
Lt-General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

UN's Emergency Relief Coordinator visits relief camps in Labutta, Bogale, Wakema

YANGON, 19 May - Under Secretary-General and Emergency Relief Coordinator of the United Nations Mr John Holmes and party, accompanied by Deputy Director-General of the Protocol Department under Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Soe Win and Acting Resident Representative of UN Mr Daniel B Baker, flew to Labutta in Ayeyawady today and visited a relief camp there.

They were welcomed there by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut and officials concerned.

During the visit, they viewed providing medical treatment to survivors of the storm by the special medical team of the Tatmadaw.

Maj-Gen Tin Htut briefed them on damages, rescue works, providing relief aids to survivors, rehabilitation, setting up of relief camps, arrangements for storm survivors and transpor-tation of relief aids to storm-affected areas in Labutta. The minister and officials concerned answered the questions raised by Mr John Holmes and party.

Afterwards, officials concerned conducted Mr John Holmes and party around the relief camp.

During the visit, Mr John Holmes and party went to People's Hospital in Labutta and viewed providing medical treatment to patients and conditions of the hospitals which have been repaired.

They also viewed damages at the town in a motorcade and unloading relief aids from a watercraft and transpor-tation of relief aids to the storm-affected areas in the township by boat.

Afterwards, they flew to Satsan Village in Bogale Township where Col Tin Aung of No 66 Light Infantry Division briefed them on damages, providing relief aids to survivors and health care services at the relief camp.

After visiting Satsan Village, they flew to Wakema and visited the relief camp set up at No 1 Basic Education High School where storm survivors in Labutta Township are taking shelter. At the relief camp, they questioned the storm survivors. They flew back Yangon this afternoon.

Ministers meet officials of UN Agencies and INGOs

YANGON, 19 May- Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint met resident representatives of UN agencies and officials of international non-governmental organi-zations and social organizations from abroad totaling 52 at the meeting hall of National Achieves Department of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development yesterday and discussed systematic distribution of relief supplies to storm victims.

Minister U Soe Tha said the relief supplies donated by international communities were sent immediately to the storm-hit areas. The list of relief items and storm-hit areas was recorded precisely.

The supplies donated by the UN agencies and INGOs were directly sent to those areas. These organizations need to inform the sub-committees and natural disaster preparedness committees at different levels under the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee so that the committees can make arrangements for dis-tribution of the supplies to the storm-hit areas. Moreover, NDPCC had issued news release No 3 on 17 May 2008. In the news release it is said effective action would be taken against those who misappropriated the relief items for their self-interest and other purposes.

He said it is necessary for the UN agencies and INGOs to cooperate with the government in speedy delivery of the relief supplies to the victims. The UN agencies and INGOs need to inform NDPCC of donations and the places they delivered the supplies. They also need to contact township natural disaster pre-paredness committees at different levels. The committees concerned are ready to provide necessary assistance to those organizations.

Those present took part in the discussions.

Devotees water Bo trees at pagodas

YANGON, 19 May - Pagodas in Yangon were packed with devotees today as board of trustees of the pagodas celebrated ceremonies to mark Buddha's Birthday which falls on Full Moon Day of Kason today.

Members of the Sangha consecrated Buddha Images and religious associations and devotees watered Bo trees at Shwedagon, Maha Wizaya, Sule, Bota-htaung, Shwephone-pwint, KabaAye, Kyaikwaing, Kohtetgyi, Chaukhtetgyi, Maelamu and Buddha's Tooth Relic pagodas today.

Pots filled with water were arranged at the pagodas so that devotees could pour water to Bo trees at the pagodas till 9 pm.

As Buddha also gained the enlightment and entered Parinivvana on the same day. The Full Moon Day of Kason is celebrated as a religious significant day.

Storm victims of Pyapon get relief supplies

YANGON, 19 May-A wellwisher group, comprising entrepreneurs of local companies and led by Dagon International Co Ltd Chairman U Win Aung, donated relief supplies to the storm victims at Kyaikkasan pagoda in Leik Ukon compound, Ward 18, Pyapon Township, on 17 May.

Relief supplies included bags of rice, gram, potatoes, clothes, sweaters, mosquito nets, medicines, purified water, foodstuff and tarpaulin.

Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials viewed the donation and afterwards greeted the storm victims.

Similarly, vehicle dealers association of South Okkalapa donated clothes, purified water and foodstuff worth K 2 million to the storm victims in Hmawby Ward in Pyapon.

Medical team helps storm victims with medical treatment

YANGON, 19 May - A medical team led by Dr Daw Mya Mya Yi and Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Nyunt of Yangon General Hospital on 16 May opened a health care centre at the Dedanaw Home for the Aged in Dedanaw Village, Kungyangon Township, Yangon Division and gave medical treatment to storm victims and presented clothes donated by Myanmar Nurses and Midwives Association and University of Nursing (Yangon) to them.

The medical team also gave talks on use of purified water, personal hygiene and systematic disposal of garbage to local people.

Next, they opened a health care centre at Gangaw Monastery in Ingalon Village and provided storm vistims with health care services.

The team is made up of doctors, nurses and technicians from the Central Women's Hospital and University of Medicine-2, North Okkalapa and gave medical treatment to 104 storm victims.

A&I Minister inspects embankments in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 19 May - Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo together with Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint on 16 May inspected Alekyun and embankment Nos 1, 2 and 3 in Ngapudaw Township and presented relief supplies to the storm victims at Hsinchaya village in the township.

The minister looked into embankments and sluice gates in Labutta Taungkyun and Labutta Myaukyun, Uthayaw and Ugaungpu embankments and presented relief supplies to storm victims in Pyinsalu Township. He also inspected embankment Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Betukyun.

Next, the minister met with personnel in Bogale and gave instructions on rehabilitation tasks, reconstruction of embankments, growing of monsoon paddy and oversaw Daunkgyikyun embankment, Ashaykyun and Anaukyun of Daunkgyikyun by helicopter and presented relief items to storm victims at Htawpaing relief camp.

At Pyapon Township Audit office, the minister together with Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing met with chairmen of Pyapon District and Township PDCs and departmental personnel and gave necessary instructions.

Next, they inspected water purifying machine that can provide 2000 bottles of purified drinking water per hour.

Industry 1 Minister inspects factories

YANGON, 19 May -Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected the damages due to the storm-hit No 2 Soap Factory under the Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries here on 17 May.

After preparing the damages, the factory restarted 60 percent of its production process. Next, the minister inspected production process of Diamond Soft Drinks and Ice Factory of Myanma Foodstuff Industries, Paint Factory of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries, the printing section of No 1 Cigarette Factory of Myanam Foodstuff Industries and No 2 Textile Mill of Myanma Textiles Industries.

The minister visited No 2 Flour Mill (Yangon) of Myanma Foodstuff Industries, Finishing Wood-based Factory (Bayinnaung) of Myanma General and Maintenance

Industries, Marble Slab (Phawkan) of Myanma Ceramics Industries, production of lamp-posts at Concrete Factory and Packaging Paper Factory of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries. At the factories, the minister gave instructions to officials to make more effort for the production process of the factories.

Navy extends helping hand to storm victims

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May -Officers and other ranks from two naval vessels of Tatmadaw (Navy) based in Pyapon and Dedaye Townships together with doctors, nurses and local Red Cross members went to Hteinwaing, Don-chaung, Tamangyi, Kyaikkatha, Payleik, Tatme, Gaygu, Thnhtat and Kyatphamwetaung Villages by boat and participated in the health care services in storm-hit areas and in clearing of fallen trees in the compounds of monasteries and schools on 17 May.

Likewise, a naval vessel based in Yangon carrying CI sheets, robes, tarpaulins, school uniforms, bottles of drinking water, barbed wires, edible oil, utensils and kitchen items weighing 20 tons left here for Hainggyigyun, Ayeyawady Division yesterday.

Relief aids donated to storm victims

YANGON, 19 May-As wellwishers and donors have been donating cash and supplies to storm victims, Humanitarian Coordinator for Southeast Asia Mr Jean Michel Jordan, on behalf of Swiss Agency and Development and Cooperation (SDC) donated 5 multi-purpose tents, 2 rolls of Tarpaulin and 2 generators worth US dollars 2,5190 and Muslim Aid (Serving Humanity) US dollars 3000 worth water purifying tablets through acting Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Aung Tun Khine at Fire Services Department(Head Office) in Mayangon Township here this afternoon. The acting Director-General accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

Laotian medical service team arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 19 May-A medical service team of the Lao People's Democratic Republic arrived at Yangon International Airport in a flight Y7-100 yesterday.

The 23-member team, led by Professor Dr Bounthaphany Bounxouei and Professor Dr Vanliem Bouravong, was welcomed there by Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet, the director-general of department of fire services and officials concerned.

Relief supplies shipped to Mawlamyingyun

YANGON, 19 May- The vessel 'Thanpaday-tha' left No 1 Jetty of Phonegyi Road, here, for Mawlamyingyun, Ayeya-wady Division, today after loading 159 tons of relief supplies donated by international and internal well-wishers.Relief sup-plies onboard the vessel were foodstuff, clothes, blankets, canvas tents, tarpaulins, roles of tarpaulin, galvanized iron sheets and construction materials, bottles of purified water, generators and water purified machines.

Chinese medical team arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 19 May-A medical service team of the People's Republic of China arrived at Yangon International Airport with two IL-76 flights yesterday.

The 50 member team, led by Dr Xiang Shi Ping, was welcomed there by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and officials concerned of the Ministries of Health and Foreign Affairs.

Two ambulances, two minibuses, medicines and foodstuff weighing 32 tons were on the same flights.

Telephone service in Pyapon under repair

YANGON, 19 May- Employees of Myanma Posts and Telecom-munications in Pyapon and Nay Pyi Taw have repaired communication cables in Pyapon Township.

Out of 750 telephone lines, over 100 telephone services and 450 CDMA mobile phones are in good condition. About 400 telephone lines are expected to be on service in a week.

Public com-munication phones in Pyapon have already been repaired .

Relief aids for Bogale

YANGON, 19 May-A group of local companies and wellwishers donated the relief aid to storm victims in Bogale Township, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday.

Wellwhishers led by Thidagu Sayadaw Dr Shin Nannisara, local companies and Bogale Township Association (Yangon) donated rice, edible oil, chilli, food, clothes and others to storm victims in Pyapon and Bogale.

Staff of Htoo Co and Air Bagan assist relief works in Bogale Township

YANGON, 19 May The staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan have been assisting the storm victims in relief and resettlement tasks in Bogale Township since 6 May. They donated materials for relief and resettlement works to storm victims in Kyeingyichaung village on 18 May.

They also donated 900 bags of rice , 15 power tillers, 10000 baskets of paddy strains, foodstuff, 3 pumps, medicines and 3 toilets. They are also providing free health care service to storm victims with 10 doctors.

They have also repaired Bogale Township People's Hospital, BEHS Nos1,2, BEMS 1, BEPSs in Autpaing and Aung Thapyae villages, communication office, retransmititting station, Township Dhammayon, Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and 4 monsteries.

Relief supplies from foreign countries arrive

YANGON, 19 May - AN-12 flight carrying 10 tons of construction materials donated by Red Cross Society of Canada, five C-150 flights carrying about 50 tons of medical equipment, water bottles, purified water, blankets and plastics donated by the United State of America, MAI carrying 6 tons of dry noodles, purified water and clothes donated by Baiyoke Hotel Group of Thailand, AN-10 flight carrying 12 tons of clothes, blankets, tarpaulin sheet and medicines donated by the US, DC-8 aircraft carrying 24 tons of medicines and tents donated by IFRC and DC-8 flight carrying 38 tons of medicines and medical equipment donated by UNICEF arrived at Yangon International Airport today. The relief supplies donated by foreign countries have been transported to the storm-hit regions without delay.

Earthquake report

YANGON, 19 May - A moderate earthquake of intensity 5.9 Richer Scale with its epicenter (Region Indonesia) outside of Myanmar about 1100 miles south of Kaba-Aye Seismological obser-vatory, was recorded at 21 hr 01 min 50 sec MST today.