

Relief and resettlement tasks to be carried out in accordance with requirements of the region concerned
Senior General Than Shwe inspects relief and rehabilitation tasks, comforts victims in storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division



NAY PYI TAW, 21May-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, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, and officials of the SPDC Office, left Yangon by Tatmadaw special flight to inspect relief and rehabilitation works and console the victims in the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division and arrived at Patheingyi in Ayeyawady Division at 12.35 pm yesterday.

The Senior General and party were welcomed at Patheingyi Airport by senior military officers of South-West Command and Patheingyi Air Base Headquarters, division level departmental officials, the secretary and executives of Ayeyawady Division Union Solidarity and Development Association.

The Senior General and party, together with Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, proceeded by Tatmadaw helicopter to Labutta in Myaungmya District.

They were welcomed by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun who are closely supervising rehabilitation tasks in Labutta, district and township level service personnel, and national entrepreneurs.

Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted and comforted the storm victims at Yadanadipa relief camp in Yadanadipa sports grounds.

Next, he encouraged the physicians and health staff of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence, doctors of the Ministry of Health and medical team of Thailand who are providing health care in the camp.

The Senior General and party inspected the rehabilitation undertakings by car in Labutta.

On arrival at Labutta People's Hospital, the Senior General comforted the patients warded in the Outpatient Department and male ward.

At Bayintnaung Yeiktha Hall in Labutta Township, Minister Maj- Gen Tin Htut reported on measures for transporting as soon as possible the relief supplies donated by internal and external do-nors that came through Yangon, to the forward camps, distribution of the supplies, supply of clean water, works for fulfilling the basic needs of the victims, participation of Max (Myanmar) Co, Wah Wah Win Co, Zay Gabar Co and Ayeya Shwe Wah Co in reconstructing the township hospital, regeneration of farmlands including construction of embankments to prevent seawater from entering the lands, programmes to attend to the basic needs of those who are fit and want to resettle in their home towns of their own volition, and requirements for resettlement of the victims.

The Senior General gave guidance, saying that relief and resettlement tasks are to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the region concerned.

The central level body is now providing emergency supplies such as rice, foods, plastic sheets and medicines, he said, adding that arrangements have been made for delivering the supplies to the areas in time.

General Thura Shwe Mann said that the Senior General intended to make a trip to the storm-affected areas as soon as the disaster had abated, however he visited the areas only after the tasks are in full swing, taking the relief and rehabilitation works into consideration.

The Senior General has given guidance on compilation of a precise list of houses, religious buildings and government offices destroyed in the areas, and implementation of rehabilitation tasks and development undertaking according to the list, he said.

He said that now, there is no need to worry about food supplies such as edible oil, rice and salt for Labutta region; that regular supply routes will be set up; and necessary assistance will be rendered for regenerating the farmlands and construction of embankments.

On arrival at Yangon, the Senior General heard a report by the Prime Minister on progress of rehabilitation works, and the Senior General in response gave work guidelines, he said.

During the trip, the Senior General gave guidance on measures to upgrade Pyapon People's Hospital to a 200-bed facility, and Bogale, Myawlamyinegyun and Labutta people's hospitals to 100-bed ones, he said.

Seeing orphans at relief camps, the Senior General gave guidance on establishment of training centres for the orphans in Pyapon and Labutta, and for the time being, a list is to be compiled as a separate programme to care for the orphans in Maubin and Myaungmya.

He said duties were assigned to units and regiments that are carrying out rehabilitation

tasks. Arrangements are being made for reconstruction of basic education middle schools in some major village tracts, he said.

He also said arrangements are being made for the service personnel who lost their lives in the storm to enjoy their rights.

The Senior General said, the government has to take care of the orphans who were affected physically and mentally so that they would become good and able citizens who serve the interest of the State.

He said education and health levels of the region have to be upgraded at a time when the rehabilitation tasks for storm-hit areas and the people are being undertaken. He spoke of the need to build roads to the areas around the sea and raise the level of the road which can prevent the flood.

After the relief, rehabilitation and development tasks had been undertaken and disaster preparedness programmes carried out, the region would become the most developed one in economic, education, health and transport sectors, he said.

Achievements will be made with the cooperation of the three strengths-the government, the Tatmadaw and the people. Success has been achieved as all the people including national entrepreneurs are participating in relief and rehabilitation tasks in accord with the policy of the State.

Next, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on arrangements for construction of roads to the areas around the sea with the aid of the charts in accord with the guidance of Senior General Than Shwe.

Senior General Than Shwe gave a green light to the project and gave guidance on choice of axis. Roads to be built with the approval of Senior General Than Shwe are Maubin-Yaylaley-Shwetaungmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyainggyun Road, Mawlamyainggyun-Hlaingbone-Thitpoke-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu Road, Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu Road, Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani Road and Labutta-Thongwa-Oktwin-Htaikson Road.

Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Myaungmya from Labutta by car. They went to No. 4 Basic Education School and consoled the victims from Labutta. Senior General Than Shwe inquired daily health care services for the victims at the camps. Senior General Than Shwe and party cordially met members of social organizations and local people. They arrived back to Patheingyi in the evening.

Senior General Than Shwe went to Mawlamyainggyun and Bogale and inspected relief and rehabilitation for the victims and consoled them today.

General Thura Shwe Mann together with Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Vice Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun and officials met storm victims at the relief camps in Patheingyi today.

General Thura Shwe Mann and party consoled the victims from Ngaputaw, Labutta, Hainggyi Island, Pyinkhayaing District, Pyinsalu, Kwechaung, Thetkal Thoung and Phonehtawpyi Villages at the relief camps in Pathein University.

Next, they went to U Cho rice mill where rice miller U Myo Wai and Daw Aye Aye Lwin reported on milling of 30,000 bags of rice and delivery of bags of rice to Labutta, Myaungmya, Mawlamyainggyun, Hainggyi Island, Pyinkhayaing, Thingangon, Thetkal Thoung and Wakema.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Rice Millers Association U Myo Wai reported on regular running of rice mills in Hinthada, Maubin, Myaungmya Districts and sale of rice to Ayeyawady Division and regions in other divisions.

Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann looked into milling of paddy and storage of bags of rice to be sent to the relief camps and gave necessary instructions.

Altogether 32 rice mills are in operation in Pathein and the bags of rice are transported to the relief camps.

At Pinlon hall of No 5 Basic Education High School in Pathein, he met with victims from Phonegyigon, Sarchet, Amatkalay, Tharkhayangon and Thabaygyaing villages in Labutta Township and comforted them.

He asked farmers and fishermen in relief camp about restart of their work and attended to the needs.

He also instructed officials to take care of the victims.

Relief aids from abroad arrived



YANGON, 21 May- AN-12 flight carrying 17.12 tons of office equipment, generators, tarpaulin and racks donated by WFP, four C -130 flights carrying about 20 tons of plywood, water bottles, blankets, plastic, nylon ropes, hammers and nails donated by the United State of America, Y 7-100 flight carrying 3 tons of medicines for Laos medical team from Lao PDR, A-300 flight carrying over 22 tons of foods, cables, medicines and medical equipments donated by KOICA of the Republic of Korea, IL-76 carrying 35.75 tons of water purifiers and related equipment, medicines, tents, foods and plastic donated

by Doctors without borders of Belgium and IL-76 flight carrying 59.64 tons of construction material and tarpaulin donated by IFRC arrived at the Yangon International Airport today.

Similarly, IL-76 flight carrying over 40 tons of 4000 packages of tarpaulin and 2000 packages of construction material donated by Red Cross Society of Finland also arrived at the airport yesterday.

The relief aid donated from foreign countries have been distributed to the storm-affected regions without delay.

Energy Minister receives officials of Total E&P Myanmar Co



YANGON, 21 May- Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Vice-Chairman Mr Charles Mattenet of Asia and Far East Department of Total E & P Myanmar Co and Resident Representative Ms Martine Valeix at the hall of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise this morning.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, the managing directors and officials.

They held discussions on proposal of the company to contribute assistance to rehabilitation tasks in storm-hit regions.

Relief aids distributed to storm victims in Mingala Taungnyunt



YANGON, 21 May - Members of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi distributed relief aids to storm victims in Mingala Taungnyunt this morning.

During the visit, the ministers comforted the storm victims from four wards in the township at a relief camp set up at No 23 Basic Education Primary School and distributed rice and relief aids to the victims.

Afterwards, Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and U Aung Kyi went to Kandawgalay Ward in the township and met with storm victims from three wards. At the meeting, the ministers comforted the storm victims and distributed rice and relief aids to the victims.

Similarly, the ministers went to Kandawgalay South Ward in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and distributed rice and relief aids to storm victims from four wards.

At the meeting with the storm victims in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and U Aung Kyi briefed them on relief efforts and rehabilitation tasks being carried out by the Government, the tatmadawmen, police, members of social organizations and the people under the guidance of the Head of State. Moreover, relief aids contributed by donors at home and abroad are systematically and timely distributed to storm victims in the storm-hit areas.

Therefore, storm victims are not to trust the fabricated news made by destructive elements at home and abroad.

Health Minister meets ASEAN Secretary-General



YANGON, 21 May- Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan at Sakura Hall of Chatrium Hotel, here, yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Directors-General Dr Win Myint and Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein of the Health Department.

First, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo explained direct supervision of Chairman of the Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein on carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks for the storm victims in Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions, direct control of the health subcommittee for providing health care services, sending of specialists to the storm-hit regions, supply of medicines and sending of experts and technicians to the field trips for taking preventive measures against the outbreak of diseases.

ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan discussed the arrangements of the ASEAN to provide aid to Myanmar.

Lists of donations from abroad and at home, relief goods that have been supplied to storm-hit regions

YANGON, 21 May-The following are the lists of table on donations from abroad, the table on local donations and the table on relief goods that have been supplied to the storm-hit regions from 5 to 20 May.

**The table on donations from abroad for storm victims
(from 5-5-2008 to 20-5-2008)**

Sr.	Subject	Total (in ton)
1.	Foodstuff	276.428
2.	Consumer products	413.59
3.	Construction	519.06
	Total	1209.078

**The table on donations at home for storm victims
(from 5-5-2008 to 20-5-2008)**

Sr.	Subject	Total (in ton)
1.	Foodstuff	1780.408
2.	Consumer products	1656.986
3.	Construction	1985.58
	Total	5422.974

**The table on relief aid that have been supplied to storm-hit regions
(from 5-5-2008 to 20-5-2008)**

Sr.	Region	Foodstuff	Consumer products	Construction	Total (in ton)
	<u>Ayeyawady Division</u>				
1.	Pyapon**	184.5	210.9	220.54	615.94
2.	Mawlamyinegyun**	157	369	278.26	804.26
3.	Bogale**	353.945	438.055	598.15	1390.15
4.	Labutta**	495.5	269.5	641.53	1406.53
5.	Dedaye**	111.79	137.13	141.25	390.17
6.	Pathein	73.5	73	102.05	248.55
7.	Kadah	1.35	1	-	2.35
8.	Ayeya	1.61	1	-	2.61
9.	Kyaiklat	34.5	30.5	59.73	124.73
10.	Maubin*	3.7	7	5	15.7
11.	Myaungmya*	6.5	11	15	32.5
12.	Wakema*	1.5	2	1	4.5
13.	Theikpankongyi***	3.9	2	2	7.9
14.	Pyinkhayaing***	1.7	1	-	2.7
15.	Setsan***	2.9	-	2	4.9
16.	Kyondah	2.3	1	-	3.3
17.	Hlinebon***	2.46	2	1	5.46
18.	Hainggyikyun**	8	20	20	48
19.	Kyonkadoe	1.36	0.84	-	2.2
20.	Kadonkani***	1.145	0.055	-	1.2
21.	Ngaputaw	1	1	2	4
	Total	1450.16	1577.98	2089.51	5117.65
	<u>Yangon Division</u>				
1.	Twantay	3.22	4	-	7.22
2.	Kungyangon	28	28	84.4	140.4
3.	Kayan/Thongwa	6	5.15	-	11.15
	Total	37.22	37.15	84.4	158.77

Remarks: * Rear camps.
 ** Middle camps.
 *** Forward camps.

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Medical team from Bangladesh arrives



YANGON, 21 May- A C-130 plane from Bangladesh carrying the medical team arrived at Yangon International Airport this afternoon.

A 33-member medical team led by Dr Md Anwarul Kabir was welcomed at the airport by the Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar and officials concerned.

Relief supplies carried by the plane included varieties of medicines weighing 7.04 tons.

Diplomats sign the book of condolences for storm-victims



YANGON, 21 May- The storm Nargis hit Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions from 2 to 4 May. The storm hit Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions, claiming many lives and causing enormous destruction to houses, religious buildings, schools, hospitals, watercraft, animals, crop plantations, forests and food supplies and the three days from 20 May to 22 May 2008 inclusive were designated as the days of mourning for the loss of lives of the people.

Foreign Ambassadors to Myanmar, charges d' affaires, resident representatives of UN agencies and officials concerned signed the book of condolences at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Visiting ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan also arrived and signed the book of condolences.

NPED Minister hosts dinner to ASEAN Secretary-General

YANGON, 21 May-Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha hosted a dinner to ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and party at Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Road, here, yesterday evening.

It was attended by directors-general of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials.

Wellwishers continue to donate cash and kind to storm victims

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May-The Financial Subcommittee accepted cash and kind worth K 304,204,035 donated by wellwishers including K 2,167,400 and supply aid by people of Kayah State, K 32,364,835 by departments and people from Kayin and Mon states, home construction materials worth K 2.1 million by wellwishers from Taninthayi Division, 100 power-tillers, 522 bags of rice, clothes and foodstuff worth K 96,440,200 by families of servicemen and wellwishers from Mandalay Division, K 2.6 million and home construction materials and 22 draught cattle worth K 17,125,000 by people from Magway Division, and K 65.5 million for the third time by the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd today.

So far, the subcommittee has accepted cash and kind worth K 8,255,866,206.

Over 9200 storm victims resettled in native villages in Mawlamyinegyun Tsp

YANGON, 21 May - Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt has closely supervised the relief efforts for storm victims in Mawlamyinegyun Township. On 17 May, the minister welcomed the 83 households including 233 storm victims who arrived back from relief camps in Wakema to Mawlamyinegyun by ship and presented relief aids to them. Those victims were conveyed to their villages in Ayeyawady Delta region.

A ship carrying over 100 tons of relief aids and specialists stopped at Ngwezinyaw Village and Ngatan-ta-yar villages in Shaukchaung Village-tract on 18 May and officials concerned distributed relief aids to over 4000 storm victims and two 1000 KW generators to monasteries. Specialists provided treatment to over 100 patients on the ship.

Similarly, Shwemyineang Ship carrying over 100 tons of relief aids arrived at Myattha Ywama and Myattha Ywawa villages in the delta region. Officials distributed relief aids to over 5000 storm victims and specialists provided medical treatment to over 100 patients on the ship. They also donated one 1000 KW-generator to the monastery in the village of Myattha Ywawa.

Over 9,200 storm victims from 54 villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township arrived back to their native villages and officials concerned have been distributing relief aids to them.

Myanmar Ambassador U Khin Zaw Win presents credentials to King of Saudi Arabia

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May-U Khin Zaw Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, presented his credentials to His Majesty Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 11 May 2008 in Riyadh.

Chairperson& President of CAMCE donates cash to storm victims



YANGON, 21 May-Ms Luo Yan, Chairperson and President of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd (CAMCE), presented US\$ 100, 000 for the storm victims to Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Chairman of Funds Accepting and Distributing Sub-committee Col Hla Thein Swe at Central Bank of Myanmar this morning.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs signs Book of Condolences for Chinese earthquake victims



YANGON, 21 May -Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu signed Book of Condolences at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, No 1 Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, Dagon Township at 10.50 am today, opened for the victims of the recent earthquake in the People's Republic of China.

