

Senior General Than Shwe inspects relief and rehabilitation measures in storm-hit Mawlamyinekyun, Bogale
Government taking relief, rehabilitation and preventive measures against natural disasters for storm-hit regions and victims



NAY PYI TAW, 22 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, 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 of the Ministry of Defence and officials of the SPDC Office, left Patheingyi by Tatmadaw helicopter yesterday morning and arrived at Mawlamyinekyun of Myaungmya District at 9.30 am to comfort the storm victims there, after inspecting relief and rehabilitation activities in storm-hit regions of Ayeyawady Division.

The Senior General and party were welcomed by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, who is closely supervising the relief and rehabilitation tasks in Mawlamyinekyun region.

At the hall of the local battalion, Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported to the Senior General on relief and rehabilitation measures being taken in Mawlamyinekyun region, distribution of relief supplies, supply of water through three methods namely, rain water storage lakes, pumps and tube-wells, timely repairing of schools, departmental buildings, hospitals, dispensaries and religious buildings, contributions of A-1 Co, TZTM Co and Original Group Co to reconstruction tasks, arrangements being made for supply of foods and temporary shelter for resettlement of the victims in their native regions of their own accord, providing of implements to the people for agriculture and fisheries industries, giving of health care services to the local people by opening the health care clinic on board the vessel and requirements.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General gave guidance, saying that the government is taking relief, rehabilitation and three-step preventive and preparedness measures against natural disasters for the storm-hit regions and the victims. He said that the current floating hospital programme is an effective one in providing health care services to the people. In addition, the plans are under way to upgrade the hospitals in the region and open the rural dispensaries in the long term, he added.

The Senior General continued to give guidance that arrangements are being made to construct roads leading to the coastal villages and build 20-30 feet high embankments for preventing floods to be able to take development and natural disaster prevention and preparedness measures. He stressed the need to open tractor camps in the main regions and provide paddy strain, draught cattle and agricultural equipment to the local people for rehabilitation of their livelihoods.

SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann instructed local authorities to coordinate relief and rehabilitation tasks without dividing administrative areas of districts and townships, provide draught cattle to the local farmers who will work in the farmlands where tractors cannot enter, supervise suitable agricultural tasks of the local farmers, fulfill the requirements of local fishery industry and timely submit the requirements of the region to the State.

After cordially greeting the family members of the local battalion, Senior General Than Shwe and party in a motorcade viewed rehabilitation tasks in Mawlamyinegyun and keeping the urban area clean.

At the Township Hospital, they were welcomed by Head of Township Health Department Dr Aung San and doctors, members of the specialist team from Yangon General Hospital and North Okkalapa People's Hospital.

They comforted storm patients being warded at the hospital. After looking into rehabilitation measures of Mawlamyinek yun, they cordially greeted the local people. On arrival at Bogale at 11.20 am, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung who is closely supervising relief and rehabilitation tasks there, Commander of No 66 LID Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye and officials.

At the control office, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung reported on progress in taking relief and rehabilitation measures in Bogale, sending the storm victims from the relief camps to the rear camps in Maubin, supply of drinking water, sending those wishing to go back to their native villages of their own accord, carrying out of resettlement task, contributions of Htoo Trading and Air Bagan Family and Diamond Mercury Co in relief and rehabilitation tasks, progress in reconstruction of education, health and civil buildings, providing of agricultural and fishery equipment for those who go back to the native regions and repair of the embankments.

In his guidance, the Senior General urged officials to systematically take measures on relief, rehabilitation and prevention against natural disasters by adopting the steps of the plan and construct the roads leading to the coastal regions as soon as possible.

In his speech, General Thura Shwe Mann said that Head of State Senior General Than Shwe adopted the policies and work plans in detail to carry out relief and rehabilitation tasks and to prevent natural disasters in the long run. The successful implementation of the plans in accord with the guidance depends on the collection of accurate and correct

facts and figures in the respective regions. Indeed, the rehabilitation tasks are more numerous and extensive than that of the relief works. Therefore, regiments and units and local authorities need to systematically perform the rehabilitation tasks.

He stressed the need to set up the regular supply route to be able to continuously provide rations and supplies to the people who have resettled in their native regions. The government has sufficiency of food and funds and planned to fulfill the requirements. Therefore, it is necessary to take care of supply and use for the people.

He continued to say that with a view to nurturing the children who had become orphans due to the storm and turning out the outstanding persons, the Senior General has given guidance to open the orphanages in Pyapon and Labutta, and to organize them in Maubin and Myaungmya under separate programmes. Therefore, it is necessary to collect the correct list of the needy children in the respective regions. He said that he explained the arrangements made by the State level officials for enabling the local level authorities to realize the work plans and aims and collect facts and figures.

Afterwards, the Senior General and party inspected the scale model of low-price housing for the storm victims.

At Bogale People's Hospital, they were welcomed by the head of Township Health Department, the specialist team from North Okkalapa General Hospital, nurses from University of Nursing and health staff.

The Senior General and party comforted the patients at the outpatient department, the male ward and the female ward.

They went to the relief camp opened at Bogale Basic Education High School No 1 and cordially greeted the storm victims. They also inspected the dispensary. After that, they looked into progress in rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in storm-hit Bogale by car. In the afternoon, the Senior General and party flew to Pathein from Bogale by Tatmadaw helicopter. Next, they left Pathein by Tatmadaw special flight and arrived back here in the evening.

International humanitarian assistance should not be politicized Prime Minister addresses briefing on relief and rehabilitation measures



NAY PYI TAW, 22 May – Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivered an address at the briefing on the relief and rehabilitation measures in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis at the Mindon Hall of Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yangon this morning.

It was also attended by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads, diplomats, donors and delegates from 39 countries, officials of 12 international organizations and guests.

Before the briefing, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and those present make a one-minute silence to mourn the storm victims.

Next, Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivered an address. In his address, the Prime Minister said: at the outset, on behalf of the Government of the Union of Myanmar and on my own I would like to extend a warm welcome to all distinguished delegates from the donor countries and organizations.

We are very much grateful to you for your presence here today amid your very heavy schedule. Your visit to Myanmar at this particular time clearly demonstrates the importance the international community attaches to alleviating the sufferings of the people affected by cyclone Nargis.

On behalf of the victims of the cyclone, I would like to take this opportunity to express our profound thanks to the international organizations and community for the outpouring of messages of sympathy and condolences for the tragic loss of lives and extensive damage of property due to cyclone Nargis in Myanmar as well as for the immediate response and generous humanitarian assistance rendered to victims of the cyclone Nargis.

Moreover, I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the member countries of ASEAN and neighboring countries for dispatching their medical teams to assist in our national efforts in providing health care for the people affected by the cyclone.

The cyclone Nargis that struck Myanmar on 2 and 3 May was unprecedented natural disaster that brought massive loss of life and extensive damage to property in the country. As such a powerful storm never hit Myanmar in its past history; no one expected it will be that much strong or devastating. I will not dwell on in detail to the extent or impact of the cyclone Nargis as you all may have already learnt it from the media coverage. After my brief remark, the Minister for National Planning and Economic Development will brief in detail on our relief and rehabilitation efforts in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis.

As we have now completed the first phase of rescue works, we are now emphasizing on the implementing the rehabilitation measures such as providing health care, food and temporary shelter to the survivors. The next step will be rebuilding homes for the survivors and assisting them in rehabilitating their livelihoods mainly in agriculture, fisheries and salt industries. In order to recover from the present tragedy, our Head of State Senior General Than Shwe had urged to take necessary prompt actions in carrying out relief and rehabilitation efforts relying on our internal capacity with the close collaboration of the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Senior General Than Shwe had also emphasized to carry out the relief and rehabilitation in three phases. The first phase is providing food, clothing, temporary shelters, and medical care to the victims, which is now almost complete at this stage. The second phase which is reconstruction of the villages, renovation of damaged roads, bridges and communication links, regeneration of agriculture, fishery and salt-making works, and in the third phase, efforts will be exerted to take preparedness measures and arrangements for the victims to return to normalcy. The second and third stage will need time and more technical and material assistance from the international community.

Therefore, in all these phases, we heartily welcome the humanitarian assistance from the international organizations and community. We are very much appreciative and glad to see that humanitarian aids have been continuously arriving at the Yangon International Airport. These supplies are being directly and systematically transported and distributed to the victims of the storm. In doing so, we have mobilized our own human resources including the members of Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, NGOs and local people. In the earlier days, there were rumors that we were denying international assistance and that we were selectively accepting outside relief aids. It is absolutely untrue. On the contrary, we have accepted with appreciation all relief goods and financial assistance offered by any country. However, international humanitarian assistance should not be politicized. So far, we have received a total of over 2700 tons of relief supplies from various organizations and countries and also received over 130 flights carrying relief goods.

In light of monumental task of relief operation which requires more cooperation with international community in our rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts, we welcome the establishment of ASEAN led mechanism which will closely cooperate with our already existing national mechanism.

We are also pleased to host the ASEAN-UN International Pledging Conference on Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar in Yangon on 25 May 2008. I hope that some of

you will also take this opportunity to participate in the Pledging Conference, which, I am confident, will generate additional resources to our relief and rehabilitation efforts. We have also organized a tour for all of you to visit the disaster-stricken areas including the Ayeyawady delta. It will provide you the opportunity to witness yourselves that how your relief assistances have proved to be immensely useful for the storm victims who are in dire needs for assistance. Your finance and materials have not only benefited the storm victims but also being a source of consolation and added strength to them at this difficult time.

In conclusion, I would once again like to take this opportunity to express our profound thanks to the international organizations and community for their timely response and urgent humanitarian assistance rendered to victims of the storm. I also wish to assure you that the international assistance provided by the donor countries has been properly recorded and systematically distributed to the affected people of the cyclone-stricken areas.

UN Secretary-General tours Kyonda relief camp in Dedaye Tsp, Mawlamyinekyun



YANGON, 22 May-UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and party, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Ambassador to the UN U Kyaw Tint Swe, acting UN resident representative Mr Daniel B Baker and officials concerned left here for Kyonda village relief camp of Dedaye Township in Ayeyawady Division by Tatmadaw helicopter at 3.15 pm today.

They were welcomed there by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and officials concerned. At the relief camp, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi briefed them on blowing of the storm in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, losses and damages caused by the storm in Dedaye Township, field trips to all storm-hit regions led by the Prime Minister who is the Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, ministers and deputy ministers and officials concerned, accomplishment of the relief tasks through their close supervisions, priority being given to relief supplies and reconstruction tasks, arrival of relief items from internal and external donors and systematic distribution of relief supplies phase by phase.

Next, Mr Ban Ki-moon and party together with Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi observed communication links, supply of power through solar system, accommodation of families of the storm victims and consoled them.

Afterwards, Mr Ban Ki-moon and party together with Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and officials concerned flew to Mawlamyinekyun by helicopter, where they were welcomed by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

At Dhammayon of the Local Battalion, Lt-Col Tun Tun briefed them on losses and damages caused by the storm in Mawlamyinegyun, accomplishment of the relief tasks, relief supplies, resettlement and reconstruction works, measures for growing monsoon paddy in time while Minister Col Thein Nyunt gave a supplementary report.

Next, Mr Ban Ki-moon and party made observations on piles of relief supplies to be distributed to the storm victims and then arrived back in Yangon from Mawlamyinegyun by helicopter at 6 pm.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe oversees measures for complete clearance of fallen trees



YANGON, 22 May - Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, inspected measures being taken by Tatmadawmen and YCDC staff to completely clear the trees fallen due to the storm and to drain the ditches in Yangon city.

First, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party looked into measures being taken by military servicemen of local units and regiments for proper drainage at 8th Mile Junction in Mayangon Township and went to the junction of Parami Road and Waizayanda Road where Tatmadawmen cleared the fallen trees and carried out the tasks for proper drainage. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party also inspected the similar tasks carried out on the roads and streets in South Oakkalapa, Dagon Myothit (North), Thingangyun, Mingala Taungnyunt, Tamway and Dagon townships.

Afterwards, they oversaw the clearing of rubbish by Tatmadawmen of local regiments in front of the National Museum on Pyay Road in Dagon Township.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected the clearing of the fallen trees and rubbish near Hanthawady Roundabout on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township and along University Avenue Street and Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

Minister briefs on relief efforts in storm-hit areas



YANGON, 22 May - A ceremony to brief on relief and rehabilitation efforts aftermath the Cyclone Nargis was held at Sedona Hotel here today.

It was attended by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, departmental officials, diplomats, representatives of 39 donor countries and officials of 12 INGOs.

Minister U Soe Tha briefed on formation of Cyclone Nargis which had 200 miles in radius and had a wind speed of 145 miles per hour. He also briefed on conditions of storm-hit areas including Haigyigyun, Ngapudaw, Labutta, Mawlamyine-kyun, Pyapon, Bogale, Kyaiklat and 40 townships in Yangon Division and loss of people in Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions due to the storm. Cyclone warnings were issued in newspapers and broadcast in radio and TV as from 24 April. After the storm hit the delta region and Yangon Division on 2 and 3 May, the emergency meeting was held on 3 May and it was chaired by the Prime Minister, Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, he said. Ministers concerned have supervised the relief efforts after the storm and armed forces have been participating in rescue and relief work in storm-hit areas of Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions. The Prime Minister also supervised the rescue and relief works in Yangon Division on 4 and 5 May and in delta region on 6 and 7 May, he added. The central committee and sub-committees have been carrying out rescue works and providing medical care to survivors. He also showed the death toll, the number of injured victims and damages caused by the storm on a chart.

Minister U Soe Tha also briefed on rescue and rehabilitation tasks and distribution of relief foods, drinking water and relief aids to storm-hit areas in the delta region by helicopter and three phases of the relief work. Altogether 419 relief camps have been set up. Over 59.63 % of power consumption rate of Yangon is now being supplied to Yangon and 76.28 % of communication lines out of over 150,000 lines are now in good condition. Water supply to Yangon by the Yangon City Development Committee has reached 98.5 %, he said.

Minister U Soe Tha said the total amount of cash and relief aids reached 7.378 billion up to 16 May and the committee had received 2960.31 tons of relief aids donated by UN agencies, INGOs and donor countries up to 19 May. Those relief aids are distributed to storm-hit areas by helicopter daily and medical teams were dispatched to the areas to

provide medical treatment to survivors. Medical teams from neighbouring countries and local health employees are providing medical care to survivors, he said. He also briefed on amount of budget to be spent on the rehabilitation work and projects for preparedness against disaster in the future.

Ministers U Soe Tha, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Dr Kyaw Myint replied to queries raised by those present.

Also present on the occasion were 158 representatives from UN agencies, donor countries and ASEAN nations and departmental officials.

Afterwards, representatives of UN agencies, donor countries and ASEAN nations visited Atwinpadan relief camp in Hlinethaya Township and relief camp in Dagon Myothit (North).

Maj-Gen Tha Aye looks into regional developments in Ye Township

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May - Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win held a meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people in Khawza of Ye Township on 20 May.

Having heard a report by an official on measures taken for the development of the region, Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave an account of the government making necessary efforts for the development in all sectors, and then presented provisions to departmental officials and social organization members.

He visited the People's Hospital in Khawza and presented cash assistance to the patients. Later, he inspected development of Khawza by car.

UN Secretary-General arrives



YANGON, 22 May - A delegation led by Mr Ban Ki-moon, the UN Secretary-General, arrived here by air today.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department, UN Acting Resident Representative Mr Daniel B Baker and officials concerned.

The UN Secretary-General signed the Book of Condolences opened for damages and losses of life due to the storm 'Nargis' at Shin Dithapamauk Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Later, the UN Secretary-General and delegation members paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda and made cash donation.

Planting of rubber plants inspected in Buthidaung

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May-Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of the Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein inspected planting of rubber plants at the forward camp of Myanma Industrial Crops Development Enterprise (Perennial) in Buthidaung on 20 May.

At the briefing hall, they heard reports by officials on cultivating of rubber plants in the township and planting of 0.1 million rubber plants at Mount Maru. Maj-Gen Khin Zaw stressed the need to have records on expenses in a year and to make arrangement not to let the saplings waste.

Buthidaung Township starts planting of rubber plants since 2005-2006 fiscal year. So far, the township has planted 1488 rubber plant against the target of 2500 and is trying to meet the target.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party arrived in Maungdaw in the evening.

MRPA meets Japanese Counsellor



YANGON, 22 May-General-Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Chairman of Myanmar Rice Producers Association U Sein Win Hlaing received Counsellor of Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mitsuji Suzuka and Second Secretary Mr Atsushi Igarashi at the office of the federation this morning.

Also present at the call were Association Secretary U Hlaing Soe, Joint-Secretary U Sein Htwe and CEC members U Thaung Win, U Saw Mya Din and U Kyaw Hlaing.

They discussed matters related to rendering relief aid to the storm victims by the Japanese Government and the people, distribution of seeds and farm equipment for land reclamation and crop cultivation in the affected areas and cooperation between the two countries for continued assistance.

Appointment of ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May-The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of HE Mr Yaron Mayer as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Israel to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Yaron Mayer was born on 9 September 1959. He holds a B.A Hons. (Political Science) from Haifa University. From 1978 to 1982, he served in the Israel Defense Forces. Mr Yaron Mayer worked at Kibbutz Ein-Hashofet from 1982 to 1989. He served briefly as a teaching assistant at Haifa University from 1992 to 1993.

Mr Yaron Mayer joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel in 1993. He has served at various capacities at Israeli Embassies in Hungary, and India. Mr Yaron Mayer is currently a deputy director at Southeast Asia Department, Asia and the Pacific Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel.

Wellwishers from states and divisions continue to donate cash and relief items to storm victims

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May-Departmental officials, members of social organizations, families of Tatmadawmen and wellwishers from the states and divisions continued to donate cash and kind and relief items to storm victims through national spirit.

Today's donations for the storm victims were K 26,972,100 and relief supplies worth K 16,843,700 by wellwishers from Nay Pyi Taw ; K 24,011,366 by families of Tatmadawmen and wellwishers from Shan State (North) and Kayah State; K 941,900 and relief supplies worth K 1,077,300 by families of Tatmadawmen and wellwishers from Shan State (South) and Kayah State; K 1,472,540 and relief supplies worth K 31,839,250 by families of Tatmadawmen and wellwishers from Kayin and Mon States; K 20,865,770 and relief supplies worth K 31,893,600 by families of Tatmadawmen and wellwishers from Sagaing Division; relief supplies worth K 24,317,400 by families of Tatmadawmen and wellwishers from Mandalay Division; K 69,595,250 by families of Tatmadawmen, departmental officials and wellwishers from Bago Division; and K 4,800,000 by wellwishers from Magway Division.

Today's donations including K 22,067,111 were K 276,697,287 in total. The donations of cash and kind until 22 May were K 8,532,563,493 in total.

More relief aids arrive



YANGON, 22 May -AN-12 flight carrying 17 tons of plastic sheets, blankets, mosquito nets and kitchen utensil donated by UNHCR arrived at Yangon International Airport at 7.30 am, C-130 flight carrying over 11 tons of rice, medicines, empty bottles of purified water, water purifiers, blankets and foodstuff donated by Thailand at 10.18 am, another AN-12 flight carrying over 15 tons of personnel health care supplies, kitchen utensil and tarpaulin donated by Spain Red Cross Society at 11.30 am, another C-130 flight carrying 12.5 tons of plastic sheets donated by Save The Children at 1.06 pm. Moreover, C-130 flight also arrived carrying over 23 tons of blankets, plastic sheets, bottles of water, plywood, two lifeboats and health supplies donated by United States of America four times.

Likewise, 1.5 tons of medical supplies donated by Denmark-based UNICEF, over 2 tons of medical supplies donated by Indonesia, 0.445 tons of relief supplies donated by Netherlands, 1.62 tons of relief supplies donated by Republic of Korea Red Cross Society, over 3 tons of bottles of purified water donated by Singapore Christian Association, 1.56 tons of 22 packing of mosquito nets donated by IFRC, 1.35 tons of 110 packing of personnel supplies donated by Myanmar Embassy in Thailand arrived. The relief aids donated from foreign countries have been distributed to the storm-affected regions without delay.

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee issues News Release No. 7

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May-The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee issued News Release No. 7 today.

The full text of the News Release is as follows: -

News Release No. 7

1. The Union of Myanmar invited health care teams from neighbouring countries to provide health care to the victims to the storm 'Nargis' that hit the nation. The 47-member team from the Republic of India that arrived on 17 May is providing health care with heart and soul in Pyapon and Bogale region; the 50-member team from the People's Republic of China that arrived on 18 May, in Kungyangon region; the 30-member team from Thailand that arrived on 17 May, in Myaungmya and Labutta region; the 23-member team from the Lao People's Democratic Republic that arrived on 18 May, in Kyauktan region; and the 33-member team from Bangladesh that arrived on 21 May, in Maubin region, totaling 183 members from five countries.
2. Health staff from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Defence, and medical experts from NGOs, totaling 2029, and members from various private enterprises, private medical experts, members of Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, and other health care and relief groups totaling about 36,000 in the aftermath of the storm headed for the storm-affected areas as soon as possible, and they are providing health care to the victims. Now, the medical teams from neighbouring countries are working in cooperation with them, thereby strengthening the health care to the victims.
3. In the meantime, internal and international donors are continuously donating medicines and relief supplies, which are being used effectively in the health care services.
4. Therefore, we hereby announce that we heartily thank the countries, governments and their people for contributing to the health care of the victims to the storm 'Nargis'.

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee

Dated: 22-5-2008

Place: Nay Pyi Taw

Singapore medical unit arrives



YANGON, 22 May-The 15-member medical team led by Dr Arif Tyebally of Singapore arrived at Yangon by C-130 aircraft here this afternoon.

The medical unit brought along a total of 1.27 tons of medicines and medical supplies. They were welcomed by the Singapore ambassador to Myanmar and officials at the airport.

Minister supervises relief, rehabilitation works in Pyapon, Kyaiklat

YANGON, 22 May - Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min met with medical teams on board the floating hospitals at the jetty in Pyapon on 21 May.

The four medical teams comprise specialists, physicians and nurses from Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Services, Ministry of Health, India and Amara Health Care Foundation and they will provide medical care to storm survivors in villages in Pyapon, Kyaiklat and Dedaye townships.

On 17 May, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing went to the temporary relief camp in Pyapon and accepted relief aids donated by private donors and distributed them to storm victims at the camp. He also accepted relief aids donated by NGOs and organizations in Nyaungdon Township and Hinthada District Peace and Development Council on 18 and 19 May. On 16 May, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min held talks on distribution of furniture, exercise books and prescribed text books to schools in Pyapon. After the meeting, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing went to the relief camp No 1 and fulfilled the requirements of the camp.

Royal Thai Army donates relief supplies

YANGON, 22 May - A ceremony to hand over the relief items worth baht 40 million donated by Royal Thai Army was held at Michaunggon Monastery in Myawady yesterday.

At the donation ceremony, the military officers of the Royal Thai Army explained the purpose of the donation and made a speech.

Brig-Gen Aung Naing of Myawady Station accepted relief aids and spoke words of thanks.

Private companies participate in rehabilitation tasks in Hainggyikyun

YANGON, 22 May-AyonOo, FMI Co, Shwethanlwin, Moekyesin and Tetlan have organized Cape Nargis Committee to carry out the rehabilitation works in Hainggyikyun in Ngaputaw Township.

The office of the committee has been opened at No 309 in Grand Meeyahta Hotel here.

The Cape Nargis Committee has carried out the distribution of relief aids and shelter tents, aluminum boats donated by INGOs to the storm-affected regions. The committee conducted a joint training for the local medical team and medical assistants from INGOs and transported them to Hainggyikyun, Ngaputaw, Alegyun, Thingangon, Makyeein and Kyingu via Yangon-Pathein motor road.

The committee organized a mobile team comprising doctors and nurses from Panhlaing International Hospital and Save the Children based in Ngaputaw to give medical treatment to the survivors who need treatment. The committee has set up prefabricated houses and shelter tents, provided medical treatment, distributed drinking water, rice, edible oil, salt, instant foods, plastics and clothes to the victims and transported the construction materials to storm affected areas by car and by boat to reconstruct the buildings and schools before the academic year.

MMCWA Vice-President presents cash and kind to storm victims in Kawhmu, Kungyangon Townships



YANGON, 22 May - Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and members, Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai and members and wellwishers presented K 500,000 and relief supplies donated by MMCWA, Yangon Division MCWSC and wellwishers Major Pyi Aung and Daw Nanda Aye and family to 156 storm-affected households at Letkhibaho Relief Camp in Kawhmu Township this afternoon.

At the relief camp opened in Kungyangon Township Sports Ground, Daw Tin Lin Myint and party presented K 500, 000 and relief supplies donated by Major Pyi Aung and Daw Nanda Aye and family to 33 storm-affected households.

Next, the vice-president and party proceeded to Kungyangon Township People's Hospital and presented medicines and medical equipment to the hospital and diaper and milk powder to township MCWA. They also presented mosquito-nets to the patients.