

Senior General Than Shwe receives UN Secretary-General



Nay Pyi Taw, 23 May-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10:30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Myanmar Permanent Representative to UN Ambassador U Kyaw Tint Swe and Director-General of the Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw.

The UN Secretary-General was accompanied by Mr Vijay Nambiar, Senior Adviser, Mr John Holmes, Senior Adviser, Mr Michael Meyer, Director for Communications of EOSG, Mr Bishow Parajuli, Resident Coordinator, Yangon and Mr Daniel B Baker, Representative of the United Nations Population Fund.

Prime Minister receives UN Secretary-General



Nay Pyi Taw, 23 May-General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, received United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyittha in Yangon yesterday morning.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Myanmar Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador U Kyaw Tint Swe, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies and ASEAN, donors, officials of int'l organizations tour storm-hit regions



Yangon, 23 May - Local and international diplomats, resident representatives and officials of UN agencies, representatives of ASEAN countries and officials of donor countries and international organizations in three groups viewed damage and rehabilitation work in the cyclone-ravaged regions in Ayeyawady Division this morning.

First, Group-1 arrived in Pyapon by helicopter and they were welcomed by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, officials and members of social organizations. Next, they looked into damage and rehabilitation work being carried out in Pyapon. On arrival at Pyapon Bridge, the group members viewed arrivals and departures of motorboats for mobile health care for the storm victims and reconstruction tasks being carried out in Pyapon. Then they raised questions, which were answered by Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials concerned.

In front of Sayar Zawgyi Library, officials concerned explained to the guests matters related to relief and rehabilitation work being carried out in cooperation with UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs. Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing also briefed them on loss and damage, availability of relief supplies, medical treatment being given to the victims by mobile medical teams, participation of private companies in reconstruction work and adoption of short- and long-term plans of rehabilitation work.

Afterwards, the guests visited Relief Camp No 1 in Pyapon where they looked into health care services and supply of relief goods. They then raised queries. They viewed repairs of No. 5 Basic Education Primary School and No. 1 Basic Education High School by car.

After that, they helicoptered to Satsan Village in Bogale Township and viewed loss and damage and rehabilitation work. They next proceeded to Kyonda Village in Dedaye

Township. At the briefing hall, officials concerned explained matters relating to Kyonda Relief Camp and damage that occurred due to the storm. The diplomats viewed solar power generators, fuel-powered generators, health care services, water purifier, dinning hall and kitchen room. They arrived back in Yangon in the afternoon.

Similarly, Group-2 arrived in Bogale by helicopter. They were welcomed there by No 66 LID Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung explained rescue, resettlement and construction work to the study group and replied to the queries raised by members of the study group.

Members of the study group later visited the People's Hospital of Bogale Township and met the patients there. They went round Bogale in a motorcade.

Next, they flew to Mawlamyinegyun viewing the storm-hit villages- Hlinebon and Kyahon by the helicopter. Lt-Col Tun Tun briefed the study group on rescue, supply and reconstruction work at the hall of local battalion.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt answered queries raised by members of the study group.

The study group went around Mawlamyinegyun and arrived back in Yangon.

Likewise, the study group No. 3 arrived at Myaungmya by helicopter.

The study group proceeded to the relief camps No. 1 at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Myaungmya, No. 2 at Sasana Beikman, No. 17 at Shwethalayaung Sutaungpyae Pagoda and No. 4 at No 4 BEHS. They observed accommodation, supply of relief supplies, health care services and preparing of meals and chatted with the storm victims.

At Labutta, Col Kyaw Lin Tun of South-West Command explained losses and damages, completion of rescue work and arrangements for reconstruction and resettlement to the study group and they raised queries at Bayintnaung Yeiktha. Later, the study group went to the People's Hospital in Labutta and observed treatment of the patients there. They viewed accommodations, health care services and supply of drinking water at the relief camp in Yadanadipa Sports Ground.

They viewed the storm-hit villages- Theikpangongyi, Hlinebon, Kyahon on helicopter and arrived back Yangon in the afternoon.

Prime Minister hosts dinner to UN Secretary-General



Nay Pyi Taw, 23 May - Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein hosted dinner to United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and party at the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, yesterday.

Before the dinner, the Prime Minister cordially met with the UN Secretary General. Afterwards, the Prime Minister hosted dinner to the guests.

Also present on the occasion were 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, Myanmar Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador U Kyaw Tint Swe, Director-General of the Government Office and departmental heads.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects clearing of debris, sanitation, repair of lamp-posts



Yangon, 23 May-Accompanied by 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 Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected clearing of debris on roads, sanitation for proper flow of drains and repair of lamp-posts in downtown Yangon this morning.

They viewed clearing of debris being carried out by servicemen of No 77 LID on Hline Campus of Yangon University.

Tatmadawmen of No 11 LID also undertook sanitation tasks along Pyay and Anawrahta roads, repair of lamp-posts and clearing of debris.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected participation of servicemen in clearing debris on roads, carrying out sanitation along drains and re-erecting lamp-posts in Ahlon, Pazundaung, Thingangyun and South Okkalapa townships.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye on inspection tour of Kalainaung Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 May-Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials on 20 May inspected maintenance of Ye-Dawei road section at Mahlwetaung camp in Kalainaung Township and heard reports on progress of road works presented by Senior Engineer U Kyi Soe of Mawlamyine District Public Works and officials.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions and looked into Mahlwetaung-Kalainetaung road section at mile posts 68/6 and 63/7.

At the briefing hall of Kanbauk oil palm farm in the township, the Project Director of the farm reported on cultivation and nursery of oil palms and operations of oil-palm factory. Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected thriving oil palm plantations, nursery of 50,000 saplings of oil palm and raw oil palm factory that can produce 10 tons of palm oil per hour. He left necessary instructions.

Later, Maj-Gen Tha Aye met with senior military officers and other ranks and their families at Mawyawady Hall of Kanbauk Station.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donation ceremony for storm victim



Yangon, 23 May -Myanma Economic Corporation and its related companies at home and from abroad donated cash and kind to the people in storm-hit regions, at the office of MEC in Mayangon Township yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by 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, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw of the Ministry of Defence.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepted K 500 million and plastic sheets,

disposable syringes worth K 121,265,900 donated by MEC, US\$ 250,000 by Tyazhpromexport, US\$ 125,000 by Daricle Corporation, US\$ 100,000 each by Italian-Thai Corporation and Daewoo International Corporation, US\$ 100,000 by SK Network Corporation of Myanmar Hyosing Corporation, US\$ 10,000 by Hyosung Singapore Pte Ltd, 5 million yen by Kawasaki Plant Systems Ltd, 2,000 euro by Sinaran Corporation, K 15 million by Dagon Win Win Co Ltd, K 10 million by Ngwe Hsin Co Ltd, K 7.5 million by Grade Nine Co Ltd, K 5 million by Pin Pin Co, K 3 million each by Myanmar Tractors Ltd, YMCC Yunnan and K-Y Kyaw Kyaw Co Ltd, K 2 million each by Zuri Co Ltd, Moon Ray Co Ltd and VSV Asia Co Ltd, K 1.5 million by Superium Interprise Co, K 1.2 million by JFE Co (Yangon Branch), K 1,129,000 by Marubeni Co Ltd (Yangon Branch), K 1.1 million by Sojit Co (Yangon Branch), K 1 million each by Polyice Co, GMT Co, Golden Star Co, Thanlwin Co, U Sein Aye Co, PEG Co, Myanmar Kaido Co, Diethelm Co Ltd and MCM, K 500,000 each by Chem Tech Co and IE Petroleum Products Co Ltd, K 300,000 each by Danamyay Co, Flying Sun Moon Co and Tractor World Co and 50 bags of rice worth K 900,000 by U Tun Myint-Daw Aye Aye Nyunt (KSS).

Later, the minister spoke words of thanks.

UN Secretary-General confers with ministers



Yangon, 23 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 held talks with United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon at the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, at 6.40 pm yesterday.

At the call, the ministers were accompanied by departmental officials, and the UN Secretary-General, with UN Senior Adviser Mr Vijay Nambiar and Under Secretary-General and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mr John Holmes and party.

The UN Secretary-General said that he mourned the victims to the cyclone 'Nargis' and felt sorry for the loss; he was greatly sympathetic to the nation because he witnessed the damage from the helicopter; that rehabilitation tasks after such a severe natural disaster was a long-term process; that even a developed country facing such a natural disaster was not capable of carrying out rehabilitation works alone; that international community including the UN was willing to provide relief supplies for Myanmar; and that in that regard, it was required to cooperate with the Myanmar government.

The ministers briefed him on the destruction caused by the storm 'Nargis'; relief, supply and rehabilitation tasks being carried out by the government; health care provided to the victims by local health staff reinforced with health care teams; health care contributed by medical staff from neighbouring countries; and measures coordinated for ensuring systematization in providing health care and carrying out rehabilitation undertakings in co-operation with international organizations.

UN Secretary-General arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 May - A delegation led by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon currently in Myanmar arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by special flight at 9 am today.

The UN Secretary-General and party were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and officials.

Foreign Minister hosts luncheon to UN Secretary-General and party

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 May - Accompanied by officials concerned, UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and party this afternoon observed the President's House, the Hluttaw Building, staff housing complexes here and development of Nay Pyi Taw in a motorcade.

At 2 pm, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win hosted a luncheon to the UN Secretary-General and party at Shwe Nandaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw hotel zone.

Also present at the luncheon were Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Myanmar Permanent Representative to UN Ambassador U Kyaw Tint Swe and Director-General of the Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw.

At 3.20 pm, the UN Secretary-General and party left here for Yangon by special flight.

Health Minister meets mobile medical teams bound for Ayeyawady Division

Yangon 23 May - Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint greeted mobile medical teams comprising specialists and health assistance trainees who will provide medical treatment to storm victims in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and another specialist group led by Rector of University of Nursing (Yangon) Dr Khin May Ohn who will perform health care in Maubin, Ayeyawady Division at Yangon General Hospital this morning.

Next, the minister and party looked into packaging and distribution of medicines by doctors, nurses and health assistants from states and divisions and attended to the needs.

The minister stressed the need to carry out public health care and preventive measures

against infectious diseases and urged the officials to fulfill requirements of the mobile medical teams.

A total of 73 health assistant trainees from the University of Primary Health (Magway) left for affected-villages in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

Commander inspects relief camps in Yangon North District

Yangon, 23 May-Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win this afternoon consoled storm victims at the relief camps in Insein Township.

In Hlinethaya Township, he viewed reconstruction of the two-storey building at Aungmingala Missionary Monastery in Ward 11.

The commander inspected repair of roofs at the monasteries in Hlinethaya and Bahan townships.

Turkish Ambassador calls on Health Minister



Yangon, 23 May - Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Ambassador of Turkey to Myanmar Mr Cinar Aldemir at Yangon General Hospital here today.

At the meeting, Mr Cinar Aldemir said Turkey was willing to provide health care service for storm victims and pledged US\$ 1 million- US\$ 500,000 through UNICEF and US\$ 500,000 through Orcha for the storm victims. Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint briefed on health care services being provided by Myanmar in cooperation with neighbouring countries.

More international aids arrive



Yangon, 23 May -IL-76 flight carrying 38 tons of tarpaulins and tents and accessories donated by IFRC, 747 flight carrying 52 tons of construction materials for schools worth US\$ 100,000 donated by Care group in Brunei Darussalam, IL-76 flight carrying 40 tons of biscuit donated by Pakistan, DC-8 flight carrying 33 tons of medicines, blankets, kitchen utensils, beds, tarpaulins, purified bottled water and toilet- used materials donated by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, three C 130 flights carrying 35 tons of mosquito nets, eggs, rice, blankets, plywood, purified bottled water and gloves donated by Thai government and people and two C-130 flight carrying 23 tons of tarpaulins and empty bottles donated by the US arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Similarly, TG-303 flight carrying 2 tons of personal goods donated by Red Cross Society of the Republic of Korea, TG-303 flight carrying 2 tons of personal goods donated by Red Cross Society of Switzerland, MI-512 carrying 0.08 ton of medicines donated by Singapore-Myanmar Christian Association, FD-3770 carrying 0.434 ton of foodstuff and medicines donated by wellwishers from Malaysia, DC-8 flight carrying 18 tons of kitchen utensils donated by Indonesia and IL-76 flight carrying 34 tons of medicines, foodstuff and tarpaulins donated by France Red Cross Society arrived at Yangon International Airport yesterday.

Relief supplies donated by wellwishers from foreign countries have been distributed to storm-hit regions by helicopter vehicle and vessel without delay.

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

Yangon, 23 May-The following is the lists of donations from abroad, local donations and relief goods that have been supplied to the storm-hit regions from 21 to 22 May.

List of donations from international donors

(from 21-5-2008 to 22-5-2008)

Sr.	Item	Total tonnage	Remarks
1.	Foodstuff	13.278	
2.	Consumer products	110.561	
3.	Construction materials	91.811	
4.	Medicines	33.318	
	Total	248.97	

**List of donations from local donors
(from 21-5-2008 to 22-5-2008)**

Sr.	Item	Total tonnage	Remarks
1.	Foodstuff	26	
2.	Consumer products	16	
3.	Construction materials	192.04	
4.	Medicines	0.42	
	Total	234.46	

**List of distribution of relief supplies to storm victims
(from 21-5-2008 to 22-5-2008)**

Sr.	Item	Foodstuff goods	Consumer materials	Construction tonnage	Total
	<u>Ayeyawady Division</u>				
1.	Pyapon**	2.5	5.5	4	12
2.	Mawlamyinegyun**	9	25	30	64
3.	Bogale**	10	25.2	30	65.2
4.	Labutta**	6.2	10	9	25.2
5.	Dedaye**	1.5	4.5	2	8
6.	Maubin*	1.5	3.5	3	8
7.	Myaungmya*	5	12.7	18	35.7
8.	Wakema*	2	4	6	12
9.	Kyondah	1	1.6	-	2.6
10.	Ngaputaw	2	4	6	12
	Total	40.7	96	108	244.7
	Yangon Division	18	30	40	88

Labour Minister inspects factories



Yangon, 23 May - Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi visited Hlinethaya and Shwepyitha industrial zones today and inspected running of some factories which were destroyed by the storm.

Out of 2,830 factories in industrial zones in Yangon, 550 were damaged by the storm on 2 and 3 May. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of owners of the factories, workers and employees of the ministries, 2,757 factories can run at full capacity to date. Almost cent per cent of labourers are working at the factories to boost productivity of the factories. Efforts are being made to run other seventy-three factories which were also damaged by the storm.

Shwe Pyi Aung heads for Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun

Yangon, 23 May- The vessel Shwe Pyi Aung carrying supplies left No 1 jetty of Phonegyi Street for Bogale and Mawla-mynegyun Townships yesterday.

The supplies weighing 128.52 tons include foodstuff, clothes, CI-sheets and construction materials, drinking water bottles, generators and water purifying machines donated by international and local wellwishers.

The supplies were loaded onto the ships today for delivery of the supplies to the storm-affected areas in Ayeyawady Division.

Head of Organizational Department of MAAF presents relief aid to victims in Thanlyin Township



Yangon, 23 May - Head of Organizational Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and party of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Thu of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and officials this morning presented household goods and medicines to storm victims at Shwebo Pariyatti Monastery in Thauktawtwin Ward of Thanlyin Township and comforted them.

People from states, divisions donate cash, relief aid to storm victims

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 May - Departments members of social organizations, families of Tatmadawmen and wellwishers from states and divisions continued to donate cash and kind and relief aid to storm survivors.

Today's donations for the storm victims were K 17,306,200 by the people from Shan State (North); K 438,200 and relief aids by the people from Shan State (South) and Kayah State; K 6.5 million by the people from Sagaing Division; construction materials and foods worth K 18,650,000 by the people from Taninthayi Division; 1,500 rice bags worth K 75,650,000, 127 cattle and clothes by the people from Mandalay Division; K 1,622,620 and rice and foods worth K 727,000 by the people from Bago Division and K 14.4 million and relief aids worth K20,139,800 by the governmental employees and the people from Magway Division. Today's donations including K 694,637,310 were K 850,071,130. The do-nations of cash and kind up to 23 May reached K 9,382,634,623 in total.