

Prime Minister inspects repair of West Yangon General Hospital and Central Women's Hospital



Nay Pyi Taw, 24 May - Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspected measures taken for making Yangon City clean and pleasant and repair of West Yangon General Hospital and Central Women's Hospital this morning.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied 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, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental officials inspected removal of fallen trees and sanitation work on Baho Road in Ward 7 in Hline Township by Tatmadaw members of No. 77 LID with the use of heavy machinery.

Commander of No. 77 LID Brig-Gen Win Myint and senior military officers reported on sanitation and removal of fallen trees along Baho Road.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein went to the ward near Orthopedics Hospital in Kyimyindine Township where Commander of No. 11 LID Brig-Gen Hla Min reported on removal of fallen trees and sanitation work along the Strand Road in the township.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win gave a supplementary report on the measures taken for making Yangon clean and pleasant and community welfare services by the Tatmadaw members.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements and gave instructions on arrangements for systematic disposal of rubbish to the garbage bins.

The Prime Minister and party inspected removal of trees on upper Kyimyindine Road. Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin reported on implementation of the tasks for making Yangon clean and pleasant. They went to West Yangon General Hospital where Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and Medical Superintendent Dr Richard Bo Ni reported on destruction of the roofs of the wards of the hospital and repair.

U Khin Maung Aye of KMA Co reported on construction materials and repair of the hospital.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on priority to repair of roofs of the wards and housing quarters.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Central Women's Hospital and inspected roofing of the wards. Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Win and U Maung Maung Swe of Great Wall Co reported on repair of the hospital.

They also inspected removal of fallen trees and sanitation work on upper Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt by YCDC staff and sanitation work on Thayettaw Road in Thingangyun Township by Tatmadaw members.

Prime Minister oversees universities under repair



Nay Pyi Taw, 24 May - Accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Prime Minister General Thein Sein visited Yangon University of Computer Studies at 1.30 pm today.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung reported to the Prime Minister and party on damage to the roofs and windows of lecture halls; Rector Dr Daw Nilar Thein and Chief Engineer of Max Myanmar U Soe Hlaing on damage to the lecture halls and repair work. The Prime Minister saw to the availability of construction materials and repair work and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the Prime Minister and party went to Yangon (West) Technological University where Rector Dr Zaw Min Aung reported on damage to the lecture halls, efforts made to repair the halls before the exams and 90 percent completion of repair work.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspected the workshops of departments concerned. Minister U Thaung and the rector conducted the Prime Minister around the workshops.

On arrival at Yangon University, the Prime Minister was briefed by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt and officials on fallen age-old trees on the campus and damage to the roofs of lecture halls. The Prime Minister viewed the fallen trees and damaged roofs. They also reported on condition of tiles of the Science building and the convocation hall of Yangon University.

Next, Minister Dr Chan Nyein, and Pro-rector Dr Tun Khin reported on loss and damage that occurred on the campus. Public Works Managing Director reported on plans for reconstruction tasks. The Prime Minister looked into damage to the roofs of lecture halls and repair work. He also inspected the cleaning of the roof tiles and left necessary instructions.

Maintenance tasks and repairing of historical buildings of Yangon University and greening and cleaning tasks are being carried out.

At 3 pm, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party visited Yangon University of Foreign Languages where the minister, the deputy minister and Rector Dr Myo Myint reported on damage to the roof of the main building and repair work being carried out. The Prime Minister attended to the needs.

Myanmar to host IPC for storm victims

Yangon, 24 May-Myanmar will be hosting an International Pledging Conference declaring financial and other forms of assistance from international donors for the victims of Cyclone Nargis that struck Myanmar on the 2nd and 3rd May 2008, at Sedona Hotel here on 25th May 2008.

The ASEAN-UN International Pledging Conference will be attended by the UN delegation led by United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon, delegations from UN Agencies, International Organizations, International Financial Institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations. The ASEAN Secretary-General and Cabinet Ministers from ASEAN member states, Ministers and Deputy Ministers from China, India, Republic of Korea, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway, France, Germany, Sweden, United Kingdom and diplomats will also be at the Conference. About 360 participants will be represented at the gathering.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe casts vote in referendum for approval of draft constitution



Yangon, 24 May - The referendum for approval of the draft constitution was held beginning 6 am today at the polling booths of 40 townships in Yangon Division and seven townships in Ayeyawady Division. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay cast vote at the polling station No 2 opened at Anawrahta Hall in Ward-7, Mayangon Township at 7 am.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, servicemen and their family members also cast vote.

Mayangon Town-ship opened polling station No. 1 at BEMS No. 1 on Thalawady Street in Ward-7, polling station No 2 at Anawrahta Hall, polling station No. 3 at the Foodstuff and Technological De-partment on Thalawady Street, polling station No. 4 at No. 972 construction unit (Engineering), and polling station No. 5 at the Religious Affairs Department.

Before opening the booths, polling station officer and members inspected the polling booths, polling lists and ballot boxes and ballot papers. As soon as the polling booths had been closed, 'yes' votes, 'no' votes and cancelled votes were counted and recorded.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) inspects rehabilitation tasks in Hainggyigyun Region

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 May - Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, accompanied by Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Chaiman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, on 23 May morning airlifted relief supplies from Pathein airport to Ottwin Village.

On board the helicopter en route for Ottwin Village, they inspected the rehabi-litation of Thongwa, Kyakan, Pauktan, Thingangon and Thetkethaung villages.

Next, they greeted the medical team of Directorate of Medical Services at the relief camps and heard a report presented by an official on accommodation of storm victims of Phonedawpyi, Khongyi and Thechaung villages, arrival and delivery of relief supplies and water supply.

After that, they looked into the set-up of shelter boxes for storm victims and attended to the needs. In meeting with the storm victims, they explained relentless efforts made by the government for rehabilitation of storm-hit regions.

On arrival at Didugon Village-tract, they viewed the rehabilitation tasks, water supply and medical treatment given to storm victims by those from Directorate of Medical Services and the Ministry of Health.

Next, they pro-ceeded to Hainggyigyun where they inspected rehabilitation tasks, arrival of construction materials and renovation of Hainggyigyun BEHS and the station hospital.

Vice-Admiral Soe Thein then arrived at Kyonku Village and observed the rehabilitation of the village.

In the evening, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe accepted K 7.5 million for purchase of 500 bags of rice donated by Yadanawin (Thonze) Co Ltd.

National referendum held in 40 townships in Yangon Division, seven townships in Ayeyawady Division

Yangon, 24 May-The State Peace and Development Council is striving together with the people for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

In the process, the seven-step Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented. At present, the approval of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar by holding national referendum in line with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention, the fourth step of Road Map, has taken shape. The National Referendum was held on 10 May for approval of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the respective polling stations across the nation at the same time. The national referendum took place at the same time today in 40 townships in Yangon Division and seven townships in Ayeyawady Division where it was postponed due to natural disaster.

At 6 am, the people in queue drew ballot papers and put them into the ballot boxes. Members of Red Cross and officials aided the sick, the disabled and the old so that they can cast votes in comfort.

Polling station officers and members made arrangements for voters of some polling stations to cast vote although the time of voting was up.

At 4 pm, polling stations were closed, and polling station officers and members counted votes in the presence of officials.

There were 3,147 polling stations-2,437 in Yangon Division and 710 in Ayeyawady Division.

Referendum in 40 townships in Yangon Div



Yangon, 24 May-The referendum for approval of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was successfully held in 278 townships nationwide except 47 townships- 7 in Ayeyawady Division and 40 in Yangon Division on 10 May.

The referendum for approval of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held at the respective polling stations at 6 am in those 40 townships in Yangon Division today.

There are 682 pooling stations in 267 wards and village tracts in 14 townships in Yangon East District, 345 pooling stations in 159 wards and village tracts in 13 townships in Yangon West District, 906 pooling stations in 483 wards and village tracts in 9 townships in Yangon South District and 504 pooling stations in 109 wards and village tracts in 4 townships in Yangon North District

First, polling station officers, members of polling station and officials inspected polling booths, ballot boxes, voting rolls and ballot papers.

As soon as the polling stations were opened at 6 am, voters cast the votes.

Member of the Commission for holding referendum U Thaung Nyunt and U Myat Thu, Chairman of Yangon Division Sub Commission for holding referendum U Hla Soe and Secretary U Khin Maung Thein and members, Chairmen of District Sub Commissions Yangon East District Peace and Development Council U Than Aung, Chairman of Yangon West District PDC U Aung Myin, Chairman of Yangon South District PDC U Zaw Win, Chairman of Yangon North District PDC U Thein Naing and members supervised the voting.

Members of Red Cross Brigade and officials helped ailing persons, the disabled and the elderly person in casting the votes.

At 4 pm, the polling booth officers and the members of polling booths counted the ballot papers in the presence of the voters and they sent the ballot papers to the respective sub-commissions.

Members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club covered news on holding of the referendum in Yangon Division.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects regional development tasks

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 May- Maj-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win met departmental officials, members of the social organizations and local people at township meeting hall in Khawrsa on 20 May.

The township officer U Kyaw Moe reported on data of the township and regional development tasks. Maj-Gen Tha Aye called for cooperation of departments concerned for success of five rural development tasks hand in hand with local people. He presented supplies to departments and social organizations.

They inspected the township hospital and provided cash assistance to the patients.

Next, they donated cash and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vamsadipa of Khawsa old monastery.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw views thriving of rubber plants in Buthidaung Tsp

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 May-Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence, Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein and officials concerned inspected thriving of rubber nursery plants at the camp of Myanmar Industrial Crops Development Enterprise (Perennial Crops) in Buthidaung on 20 May.

At the briefing hall, assistant supervisor U Htun Aye Maung and Manager of Rakhine State Perennial Crops Enterprise U Naing Oo explained thriving of rubber plants in the township and 100,000 acres of rubber plants in Mayyu Hill. Maj-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions compilation of the cultivation cost per one acre in a year and minimizing of loss and wastage and attended the needs.

Altogether 1,488 plants have been grown since 2005-06. Efforts are being made for reaching the target of 2,500 acres.

Next, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party left for Maungtaw by motor car and arrived at 4 pm.

Minister calls for ensuring better telecommunication systems



Yangon, 24 May - Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected work at the areas of Bahan Exchange, Mayangon Exchange, Hanthawady Exchange and Insein Exchange on 22 May.

He attended the meeting for renovating telecommunication machines and lines at the ministry in Yangon yesterday.

He made a speech on the occasion calling for ensuring better telecommunication systems.

At Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, the minister inspected renovation to damaged telephone lines and attended to the needs. He proceeded to Shwepyitha Auto Exchange and instructed the officials to make efforts for ensuring better telecommunication links and maintenance of machines.

More international relief supplies arrive



Yangon, 24 May-Over 38 tons of tarpaulin, water purifiers and accessories from Danish Red Cross and Australian Red Cross arrived by IL-76 at Yangon International Airport at 8.10 am today; over 18 tons of bags, construction materials, water purifiers and tarpaulin from ICRC based in Indonesia by AN-12 at 9.55 am; over 35 tons of purified drinking water, wood, food, tarpaulin and health care items from the US by C-130 at 11 am, 12.20 pm, and 1 pm; about 32 tons of biscuits and assorted foods from the Doctors Without Borders based in Switzerland by DC-8 at 12.45 pm; about 42 tons of plastic, mosquito nets, blankets and kitchen utensils from UAE-based UNHCR by IL-76 at 12.50 pm; and over 23 tons of tarpaulin and water containers from Save the Children of the US by two C-130 at 2 pm and at 2.55 pm.

Similarly, about 29 tons of tarpaulin and household utensils from Save the Children of the US arrived at the airport by DC-8 at 9.05 pm yesterday.

International relief supplies are flowing into Myanmar by air and by sea continuously. Respective relief accepting teams are accepting the donations and distributing them by helicopter, by car and by boat as soon as possible to the storm-hit areas.

Mr Bishow Parajulli presents credentials to FM

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 May -Mr Bishow Parajulli, newly appointed Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme and Resident Coordinator of the United Nations to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs, today.

Also present on the occasion were persons concerned from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

UN Secretary-General leaves



Yangon, 24 May - UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and party paid tribute to the tomb of ex-UN Secretary- General U Thant on Shewdagon Pagoda Road here yesterday evening.

Next, the UN Secretary-General met with resident re-presentatives of UN Agencies and staff members at Sedona Hotel at 5 pm.

At 6.30 pm, he met with correspondents of foreign news agencies in Myanmar, editors and reporters of journals and magazines and held a press conference.

The UN Secretary-General and party left here in the evening, and they were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and officials.

Mines Minister inspects salt industry in storm-hit regions

Yangon, 24 May - Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Chairman of Salt Industry Rehabilitation and Construction Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met local authorities, salt entrepreneurs and workers of the salt industry at the hall of Labutta Township Peace and Development Council on 21 May.

The minister explained arrangements for running of the salt industry as usual in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

While in Labutta, Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint discussed the future tasks for rehabilitation and reconstruction with Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut and U Zaw Zaw of Max Myanmar Co who are supervising rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in the storm-hit region of Labutta Township.

Yesterday morning, the minister inspected salt fields, and met salt entrepreneurs at Thahmebyu salt field.

At the office of Ngapudaw Township PDC, the minister met local authorities, salt entrepreneurs and workers and discussed arrangements of the government to provide relief goods to them.

Energy Minister attends supply of relief aid to victims in Kungyangon

Yangon, 24 May - Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi discussed rehabilitation tasks at the relief camp opened in Aung San Thuriya Hla Thaung Sports Ground in Kungyangon Township on 21 May.

At the relief camp of East Kyaunggyi Monastery, the minister accepted US\$ 50,000 donated by Malaysia-based Rinbunam Petrogas Oil Gas, K 50 million by UNOG Co, K 1 million and relief supplies by Myanmar Engineering Society, one Solar Power Supply System worth K 5 million, K 200,000, food and medicines by UE Group and donations from other wellwishers.

The minister viewed supply of relief goods to the victims at Kyaunggyitaik relief camp in Kungyangon. He also viewed donations to older persons at the Home for the Aged in Dedanaw Model Village and provision of relief supplies to the victims at the central relief camp in Kawhmu Township.

Health care provided to storm victims in Kungyangon Township

Yangon, 24 May - Under the joint efforts of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Red Cross Society, a medical team led by Head of Administration Department of MWAFF Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe provided health care to the storm victims in Kungyangon Township yesterday.

The medical team comprising Eye Specialists Dr Nilar Thein, Dr Aung Ne Oo, Dr Yin Kyi Oo and Dr Shwe Wah Aye, Pediatricians Dr Kyu Kyu Win and Dr Zarni Aung, Pathologists Dr Swe Zin Myint (Magway University of Medicine) and Dr Myat Myat Hnin (University of Medicine-2), General Practitioners Dr Kyaw Soe Win, Dr Tin Hnin Thu and Dr Khin San Mu, Dr Nwe New Hlaing and one nurse and three Red Cross Society members performed medical treatment to 244 patients with eyes complaint, 81 children and 464 patients totaling 789 patients at Ashae monastery in the township and presented glasses and medicines. They also presented rice bags, clothes, personal goods and Golden Cow milk powder donated by wellwishers to the In-charge of Kungyangon Township central relief camp and Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Bawga.

U Aung Myat (Mother Trading Co), Dr Maung Maung Aye and Daw Khin Mi Mi Hlaing (Moe Htet Kaba Co) and Children Hospital provided the medicines for health care.

States and divisions donate cash and kind to storm-hit areas

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 May - Today, wellwishers from Shan State (East) donated K 211,055 to the storm victims through the Funds Accepting and Distributing Subcommittee; from Shan State (South), cash and supplies worth K 1,021,700; from Mon and Kayin states, K 5,025,600 plus supplies worth K 2,850,580; from Taninthayi Division, housing materials, clothes, assorted medicines and foodstuff worth K 17,482,500; from Sagaing Division, K

3,345,545; and from Mandalay Division, 437 bags of rice, clothes, and food worth K 24,151,696. Up to 24 May, the cash and kind from states and divisions is valued at K 9,445,833,299.

Thai health care team gives medical treatment to storm victims

Yangon, 24 May- A health care team of Ministry of Health of Thailand gave health care services to 916 patients from Labutta from 19 May to 21 May.

The team is based in Myaungmya under the arrangement of Ministries of Health and Foreign Affairs of Myanmar.

On 21 May, Director Dr Khin Maung Lwin of Ministry of Health, Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Nyunt of medical unit of Ministry of Defence and Dr Kyaw Soe, head of health department of Myaungmya District, discussed cooperation in health care services with health workers led by Dr Pichit of the team.

The Thai team gave medical treatment and health education talks to the patients in the relief camps in the precincts of Shwethalyaung Pagoda and in Myaseinyaungtaung U Kuthala hall in Myaungmya Township from 21 to 22 May respectively.

MAWFA donates cash for victims



Yangon, 24 May-Head of Inter-national Communication Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and member of the Panel of Patrons of Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, accompanied by members of the Panel of Patrons of MAWFA, wives of Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs Daw Lei Lei Kyi and Dr Khin Mya Win, and Executive Committee members, wives of departmental heads of the Ministry, and wives of Ambassadors of ASEAN nations in Yangon and members of the association donated K one million for the storm victims undergoing treatment in Yangon General Hospital to the Medical Superintendent Dr Nu Nu Tha this morning.