

92.48 percent approve Constitution

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May- The Commission for Holding the Referendum of the Union of Myanmar today issued Announcement No. 12/2008 dated 26 May, 2008.

The full text of the announcement is as follows:

Union of Myanmar
Commission for Holding the Referendum
Announcement No. 12/2008
7th Waning of Kason 1370 ME
(26 May 2008)

Announcement on results of the referendum held in the whole country

1. The referendum for approval of the draft constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held successfully in 278 townships out of 325 townships in the whole country on 10 May, 2008 and the commission announced the results of the referendum with the Announcement No. 10/2008 dated 15 May, 2008. In accord with the Announcement No. 8/2008 dated 6 May, 2008, the referendum was held on 24 May, 2008 in 40 townships in Yangon Division and seven townships in Ayeyawady Division that were hit hard by Cyclone “Nargis”. The commission announced the results of the referendum held on 24 May, 2008 with the Announcement No. 11/2008 dated 26 May, 2008.
2. The population of the country is 57,504,368 and the number of eligible voters is 27,369,957. Due to the severe Cyclone Nargis, 77,738 people were killed and 55,917 went missing totalling 133,655 in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and Mon State. According to the Data Collecting Committee, 81,130 eligible voters were among the dead and missing. Therefore, the population of the country now stands at 57,370,713 and the number of eligible voters 27,288,827.
3. Therefore, the aggregate result of the referendum held in 325 townships-278 on 10 May, 2008 and 47 on 24 May, 2008-is as follows:
 - (a) Number of eligible voters in the entire Union 27,288,827
 - (b) Number of those who cast vote 26,776,675 (98.12 percent)
 - (c) Number of those who cast “Yes” vote 24,764,124 (92.48 percent)
 - (d) Number of those who cast “No” vote 1,631,712 (6.1 percent)
 - (e) Number of cancelled vote 380,839 (1.42 percent)

4. According to the Paragraph 3, the following table shows the voting of 26,776,675 voters in the referendum in the whole country:

(a) Number of those who went to the polling stations to cast vote	22,154,970 (82.74 percent)
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(1) Number of those who cast “Yes” vote	20,215,637
(2) Number of those who cast “No” vote	1,575,257
(3) Number of cancelled vote	364,076

(b) Number of those who cast vote in advance percent)	4,621,705 (17.26
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(1) Number of those who cast “Yes” vote	4,548,487
(2) Number of those who cast “No” vote	56,455
(3) Number of cancelled vote	16,763

5. Therefore, 26,776,675 voters out of 27,288,827 eligible voters cast their votes in the referendum held in the Union of Myanmar accounting for 98.12 percent. Out of 26,776,675 who cast their votes, 24,764,124 cast “YES” vote. According to the Section 23 of the Referendum Law 2008, we hereby announce that 92.48 percent of the voters cast “YES” vote for the approval of the draft constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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Over 92 percent in remaining Tps cast “Yes” vote

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Announcement on results of the referendum held in 47 townships in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions

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country on 10 May, 2008 and the commission announced the results of the referendum with the Announcement No. 10/2008 dated 15 May, 2008.

2. In accord with the Announcement No. 8/2008 dated 6 May, 2008, the referendum was held on 24 May, 2008 in 40 townships in Yangon Division and seven townships in Ayeyawady Division that were hit hard by Cyclone “Nargis”. The following is the results of the referendum:

- (a) Number of eligible voters 4,580,393
- (b) Number of those who cast vote 4,280,015 (93.44 percent)
- (c) Number of those who cast “Yes” vote 3,977,528 (92.93 percent)
- (d) Number of those who cast “No” vote 256,232 (5.99 percent)
- (e) Number of cancelled vote 46,255 (1.08 percent)

3. The commission hereby announces that 3,977,528 of 4,280,015 voters cast “Yes” vote, accounting for 92.93 percent in the referendum held in 47 townships in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

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Commission for holding Referendum holds meeting (10/2008)



NAY PYI TAW, 26 May-The meeting (10/2008) of Commission for Holding Referendum for approval of draft constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held at the meeting hall of the Commission for Holding Referendum at Building No 22 here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Commission for Holding Referendum Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Secretary, Joint-Secretary and members of the Commission.

The Chairman of the Commission for Holding Referendum presided over the meeting and Secretary U Win Ko acted as master of ceremonies.

First, the Chairman delivered a speech.

Next, those present touched upon work done and took part in the discussions on matters relating to holding referendum for approval of the draft constitution.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the Chairman of the Commission.

Mandalay Div PDC provides storm victims with 100 power tillers

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May- Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe on 14 May morning inspected power tillers, cargo motorcycles, threshers and Htawla-Gs displayed at the Mandalay Power Tiller Plant of Good Brothers Co Ltd in Industrial Zone-1, Pyigy Tagun Township, Mandalay.

At the briefing hall, Marketing Manager U Myo Hsaung reported on work power tillers to the commander who gave necessary instructions.

Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council purchased 100 units of power tillers worth K 70 million. The power tillers will be delivered to storm-hit regions. The power tillers can be used for generating electricity. They can be used for other purposes such as water pumping. The company offers free services under its two year-guarantee.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects work in Dawei District

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May - Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo inspected physic nut plantation and rubber plantation of Kanbauk station on 21 May.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye met servicemen of Kanbauk station and provided cash assistance for them.

He paid homage to Kalein Aung Pagoda, made cash donation and inspected renovation to the pagoda. He also visited Yanaung Myin Pagoda.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye met with departmental officials and staff at Township Administration Department. Officials reported on regional food sufficiency and development and the commander gave supplementary reports.

At Kalein Aung station, he met families of Tatmadawmen and rendered cash assistance to them.

Later, Maj-Gen Tha Aye visited Oil Palm Factory of Kaung Htet Co Ltd in Yayphyu Township. At the construction site of three-story main building of Technological

University (Dawei), Principal Dr Tun Naing Htwe and the project engineer reported on teaching and learning, and construction of the university. Maj-Gen Tha Aye called for timely completion of the university. Technological University (Dawei) lies near Maungme Shaung village on Yangon-Dawei highway in Dawei. It is the kind of three-story building and nearing completion. Over 3,000 students can learn there.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye also met with servicemen of Aung San station and their families, and presented cash assistance to them.

NPED Minister and Swedish Minister of IDC inspect relief and rehabilitation tasks in Pyapon Township



YANGON, 26 May - Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for International Development and Cooperation of Sweden Ms. Gunilla Carlsson and Swedish Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Lennart Linner and party left Yangon International Airport for Pyapon by helicopter this morning.

In Pyapon, Minister U Soe Tha together with Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspected health care services for the storm victims at the clinic jointly opened by India-Myanmar mobile medical teams and they consoled them.

Next, Minister U Soe Tha, Minister Ms. Gunilla Carlsson and party consoled the storm victims at No 1 relief camp in Pyapon and Kyonda village relief camp.

They inspected the measures for relief and rehabilitation tasks.

They also inspected storm-hit Kungyangon and Twante Townships by helicopter and came back to Yangon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects clearing of fallen trees and debris, reconstruction of buildings in Yangon



YANGON, 26 May - Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence yesterday inspected clearing of fallen trees and reconstruction of buildings ravaged by the storm.

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 officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into removing of fallen trees and debris along Kyaunggyi Street, Bo Thura Lane and Yongyi Street in Kyimyindine Township being carried out by staff of YCDC and Tatmadawmen of No. 11 LID.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe stressed the need to replant the fallen trees that can survive, to remove fallen trees and debris as soon as possible and to educate the people to systematically dispose garbage.

On arrival at U Wisara Housing compound, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed the clearing of fallen trees and debris by Tatmadawmen of No. 77 LID and heard a report presented by Commander of No. 77 LID Brig-Gen Win Myint on work carried out.

After hearing the report, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party looked into the clearing of debris in the compound of No 1 BEHS and renovation of the school's roofs Lanmadaw Township and were conducted round by Director-General of No. 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Kyu and the school head.

Next, they proceeded to Yangon General Hospital on Bogyoke Aung San Road where they inspected the clearing of debris by Tatmadawmen of Indaing Station and repair of the roof of the hospital's main building.

After that, they inspected the clearing of fallen trees and debris carried out by Tatmadawmen of Hmawby Station and Taikkyi Station along Pawhsan Road and Pyithaya Road in Thingangyun Township and along Gandama Road in South Okkalapa Township and gave necessary instructions.

Likewise, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected the removing of fallen trees and debris along streets in Kyimyindine, Dagon, Lanmadaw, Latha, Pabedan, Kyauktada, Pazundaung, Tamway, Thingangyun and South Okkalapa Townships.

Minister for Foreign Affairs meets Japanese Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs



NAY PYI TAW, 26 May – Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win met Japanese Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs Mr Osamo Uno who attended the ASEAN-UN International Pledging Conference at his office this morning.

The minister and the Japanese Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs discussed providing relief and technical assistance for rehabilitation to the storm victims.

Present were Director-General of Political Department U Pe Thann Oo and Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Tin and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa.

Minister U Nyan Win meets Minister of State of Ministry of Commerce and Power of India

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May – Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win met an Indian delegation led by Minister of State of Ministry of Commerce and Power who attended the ASEAN-UN International Pledging Conference at the former's office this morning.

They discussed providing additional assistance for storm victims and other assistance in electric power sector and issues of mutual interest.

Present were Director-General of Political Department U Pe Thann Oo and Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Tin and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar K Mitra.

SWRR Minister meets UNICEF regional director



YANGON, 26 May - Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe met regional director, Ms Anupama Rao Singh of UNICEF EAPRO based in Bangkok at the Maykhala hall of Fire Services Department (headquarters) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

Also present at the meeting were deputy director-general U Aung Tun Khine of Social Welfare department.

Health Minister receives guests from WHO



YANGON, 26 May-Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Assistant Director General from Head Office World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva Dr Eric Jaques Laroche and resident representative Professor Adik Wibowo at temporary control department in Yangon People's Hospital today.

In his speech, the Assistant Director General of WHO said that WHO would continue providing medicines and medical appliances for storm victims and external medical teams providing health care service in Myanmar are to perform in accordance with the standard of health policies of Myanmar.

Giordano provides relief aid to victims in Pyapon



YANGON, 26 May - Personnel of Giordano presented relief aids worth K 5 million to the victims in the storm-affected regions yesterday.

The donation ceremony was held at the library of Saya Zawgyi in Pyapon Township yesterday.

Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing accepted the donations. The personnel of Giordano also donated relief items to the victims of Dedaye Township.

More supplies for storm victims arrive in Yangon



YANGON, 26 May - International communities are providing the storm victims with relief supplies. IL-76 Plane carrying constructional materials, tarpaulins, kitchen utensils, and canvas tents weighing 39.629 tons donated by Malaysia-based IFRC arrived at Yangon International Airport at 8.25 am today.

Similarly, five C-130 planes carrying foodstuff, plastics, tarpaulins, empty water bottles, life boats, health facilities and water purifiers weighing 44.8 tons donated by US reached the airport at 8.55 am, 10.10 am, 10.55 am, 1.34 pm and 2.45 pm.

Likewise, TG-303 plane carrying 37 packages of personal goods donated by the Republic of Korea's Red Cross Society got the same airport at 8.40 am, TG-303 plane carrying nine packages of personal goods donated by Switzerland RCS at 8.40 am, 3K-585 plane carrying medicines and 30 bags of variety of foodstuff donated by Myanmar Embassy in Singapore at 9.35 am, 8M-332 plane carrying 23 packages of clothes donated by Baiyoke Hotel Group at 10.48 am, IL-76 plane carrying plastics rolls, blankets, medicines and

taraulins weighing 37.78 tons donated by Dubai-based UNHCR of UAE at 10.05 am, MH-740 plane carrying 156 packages of personal goods donated by Malaysia RCS at 11.20 am, AN-12 plane carrying 2.64 tons of energy noodle donated by Thailand-based WFP at 11.30 am, PG-701 plane carrying 14 packages of water-purifying tablets donated by Myanmar Embassy in Thailand at 12.20 pm, A-300 plane carrying 900 rolls of plastics weighing 38.9 tons donated by Britain-based Doctors Without Border at 2.10 pm, and DC-8 plane carrying constructional materials weighing 13.61 tons donated by France-based Doctors Without Border at 4.05 pm.

The relief supplies donated by international communities are being distributed to the storm-hit areas for the victims without delay by means of helicopters, motor cars and vessels.

Medical team leaves for Bogale, Kyaiklat Tsps

YANGON, 26 May-A 12-member medical unit, led by Dr U Thaw Zin, Director (Research) of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) of the Ministry of Health, left here for Bogale and Kyaiklat Townships to provide medical treatment and health care services to storm victims there yesterday.

Thai medical team giving medical treatment in Myaungmya

YANGON, 26 May-Under the arrangement of Ministry of Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health of Thailand Dr Siripon Kanshana, Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag and party went to Myaungmya on 22 May. They handed over 19 kinds of medical appliances sent again from Thailand to medical team of Ministry of Health of Thailand led by Dr Pichit who were giving medical treatment to storm survivors at the relief camp opened in the compound of 250-ton rice mill.

Staff of Ministry of Health, medical team of Directorate of Medical Services under Ministry of Defence led by Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Nyunt and medical staff of Ministry of Health of Thailand are giving medical treatment to storm victims.

Repair of universities supervised

YANGON, 26 May-Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun met senior engineers of Special Construction Groups in Yangon Division and district senior engineers at the head office of Public Works on Shwedagon pagoda Road, here, on 24 May.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of repairing the damage of buildings and universities in Yangon Division hit by the storm before their opening day.

The managing director, directors-general and chief engineers enterprises and departments under Ministry of Construction reported on their respective sectors.

Afterwards, the minister inspected repair of roofs at Yangon University and the University of Foreign Languages.

Korean wellwisher donates supplies worth \$ 14,000



YANGON, 26 May-Mr Sung Su Yong of the Grand Nation Party of the Republic of Korea donated over two tons of towels and energy milk powder worth 14,000 US dollars to the storm victims at a ceremony held at Yangon International Airport on 24 May.

On behalf of the donor, Manager U Hsan Tun Aung handed over the donations to Director-General U Myint Tun of the Fire Services Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

JLC donations for victims in Bogale, Pyapon

YANGON, 26 May - Jewellery Luck Co Ltd (JLC) family and entrepreneurs donated cash assistance to storm victims in Bogale and Pyapon Townships, Ayeyawady Division, on 23 May.

In Bogale, Chairman of Bogale Township Peace and Development Council U Soe Thein accepted K 82,497,150 donated by Jewellery Luck Co Ltd (JLC) family and other entrepreneurs. Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended the ceremony.

In Pyapon, the wellwishers donated K 15,210,100, clothes and medicines to the victims through Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing.

So far, Jewellery Luck Co Ltd (JLC) has donated cash and rice, medicines, robes, clothes amounting to K 195,907,250 to storm victims.

Fire breaks out at Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May-A fire broke out at the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, this morning. The fire started due to short circuit on the ceiling of the Myanmar Embassy's two-storey main building. However, with the help of fire engines, the

Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand and staff were able to extinguish the fire that caused damage to only the first floor and some office equipment. There was no deaths or injuries, it is learnt.

Medical team of the Philippines arrives

YANGON, 26 May - A medical team led by Dr Arnelz Rivera of the Republic of the Philippines arrived here by C-130 flight this afternoon.

The medical team brought a total of 9.176 tons of drinking water, food, blankets, medicines and medical supplies, clothes and plastic sheets along. They were welcomed by the Philippines ambassador to Myanmar and officials at Yangon International Airport.

Wellwishers donate cash and kind to storm victims

YANGON, 26 May - The meeting on building and land allotment of new Yadanabon city construction project was held at the minister's office yesterday.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Minister for Livestock and Fishery Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein made speeches.

The manager of new Yadanabon city construction project reported on allotment of land and investor companies on their investment. The ministers called for timely completion of the buildings in accord with the set standard.

Next, the ministers accepted K 1,45.5 million and US \$ 3.713 million donated to the storm-hit areas.

The donations were K 10 million donated by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, K 100 million by Myanmar Teleport, K 10 million by Myanmar Info-Tech, K 10 million by Tarmonye Chantha Tun Wai Tha Company, K 5 million by Myanmar Computer Federation, K 5 million by Myanmar Computer Industry Association, K 3.5 million by computer companies, K 1 million by Computer Professionals Association, K 1 million by Yadanabon Cyber Corporation, US \$ 3.3 million for telecom equipment and blankets worth US \$ 10,000 by ZTE Co Ltd, emergency car mobile SCDMA system worth US\$ 150,000 by FISCA Co Ltd, communication equipment and medicines worth US \$ 93,000 by Alcatel Shanghai Bell Co Ltd, communication equipment worth US \$ 100,000 by Sum Moon International Pte Ltd and communication equipment worth US \$ 60,000 by IPTel Co.

CI sheets dedicated to storm victims and monasteries

YANGON, 26 May-Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Thet Htay presented 330 CI sheets worth K 1,617,000 donated by MWAFF and wellwishers for storm victims and monasteries at the Ministry of Religious Affairs this afternoon.

CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko accepted the donation.