Donors may go right down to storm-hit areas of their choice

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May- The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee today issued the News Release No. 8 dated 27 May 2008.

The full text of the news release is as follows:

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1. Wellwishers from the states and divisions have made donations in cash and kind out of generosity to storm victims individually or in groups, and provided them with all the necessary assistance. The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee accepted the donations with thanks and delivered them to the storm victims in a speedy and systematic manner.

2. It is learnt that some donors wish to make donations personally to specific persons and regions. Individuals and organizations wishing to do so may go right down to the storm-hit towns, wards and villages of their choice so that the donation operation can be carried out more effectively. In that regard, assistance may be sought from the National Disaster Preparedness Committees at different levels.

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The National Disaster Preparedness
Central Committee

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects removal of trees, repairing of state-owned buildings

YANGON, 27 May - Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspected removal of fallen trees in compounds of the state-owned buildings and repairing of the buildings here today.

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 went to Institute of Education Practising School on Hline Campus and called for timely completion of repairing of the lecture rooms.

He also inspected removal of fallen trees on the campus by the Tatmadawmen from Taikkyi Station and urged them to choose some fallen trees which can grow and to plant them.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party went to Yangon University and inspected removal of fallen trees due to the storm in the compound of Takkatho Dhammayon by the Tatmadawmen of No 77 Light Infantry Division.

The fallen trees were also cleared from Chancellor Road on the campus of Yangon University by the Tatmadawmen of No 11 Light Infantry Division. On the inspection tour of Yangon University, Lt-Gen Myint Swe also urged officials concerned to complete repairing of lecture halls and buildings before the coming academic year.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party proceeded to Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road and inspected removal of trees fallen in the compound of the building.

On inspection tour of Myakyuntha amusement park on KabaAye Pagoda Road where fallen trees have been cleared from the park by the Tatmadawmen of Hmawby Station, Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged officials concerned to erect some century-old trees.

Adjutant-General meets with companies engaged in rehabilitation of storm-hit regions

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May- Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence yesterday met those from private companies that are engaged in rehabilitation of storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division at the meeting hall of South-East Command in Pathein.

At the meeting, the Adjutant-General said that officials have made arrangements to provide all necessary assistance in rehabilitation of storm-hit regions, to collect village-wise data on villagers who are in storm-free townships and to contact those villagers together with lists of missing persons. He stressed the need for the companies to lay emphasis on building of schools, hospitals and religious edifices in cooperation with local authorities.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe reported on rehabilitation measures and taking care of orphans.

After that, Ayeyawady Division Education Officer U Khin Maung Yi reported on opening of schools in the division, condition of storm-struck schools and reconstruction of damaged schools with the aid of the government and UNICEF.

Those from the companies reported on work being carried out, acquisition of construction materials, structures under repair and difficulties encountered.

Next, the Adjutant-General fulfilled the requirements.

122 power tillers to be distributed to farmers in Dedaye Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May - Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspected assembling of 122 power tillers in Dedaye Township yesterday.

Out of 122, 102 power tillers with 6/8 horse power were donated by the government and 22 by Eden Co. The power tillers will be distributed to the farmers in storm-stricken villages in Dedaye, it is learnt.

On 25 May, he also viewed health preventive measures being taken for the storm victims by Myanmar doctors and Chinese doctors in the township.

The minister looked into medical treatment and health care services of the doctors from the two countries to the storm victims at the People's Hospital and at the relief camp in Dedaye and fulfilled the needs of the patients.

Myitta Centre DBO supplies CI sheets for monasteries

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May-Wellwisher U Win Pe, on behalf of Myitta Centre Dhamma Brother Organization in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand, donated 5,500 CI

sheets worth K 27.5 million and Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Than Tun and wife Daw Mya Thwe also donated 200 CI sheets worth 1 million for monasteries in storm-hit areas. CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted the donations at his office on 24 May.

Donations for monasteries pouring in

YANGON, 27 May - CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted donations to monasteries at his office here yesterday.

A religious association led by a Sayadaw of Sri Lanka Monastery in Singapore donated1,000 sets of robes for novice, K 700,000 to be spent on buying zinc sheets and stationery and clothes for children through the minister yesterday. Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung also accepted 5,00 sets of robes donated by Thiri Thudhamma Mani Jotadhara Dr Kyaw Saw and wife Daw May Myo Myat (Sar Pan Ein) of PyinOoLwin yesterday.

The minister went to Hlegu yesterday and donated 270 sets of robes to monks, 39 sets of robes to nuns and offertories worth over K 2.1 million to storm-hit monasteries in Hlegu.

During the tour of Hlegu, the minister looked into damages of the religious buildings in town.

Htantabin Township reconstruction in progress

YANGON, 27 May-Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein on 24 May inspected progress of reconstruction of schools before school opening season, hospital and clinics damaged by the storm in Htantabin Township and attended to the needs.

Feedstuff for cattle arrive

YANGON, 27 May - To feed cattle in storm-hit areas, 30 tons of mixed feedstuff donated by (World Society for the Prevention of Animals- WSPA) through FAO arrived at Yangon International Airport here by three C 130 aircraft on 26 and 27 May.

Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and FAO acting resident representative Mr Leon Gouns received the feedstuff and sent them to storm-hit areas.

Minister gives instructions on power supply to industrial zones

YANGON, 27 May - Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with members of the supervisory committees for industrial zone Nos 1, 2 and 3 and businessmen on 25 May and fulfilled the requirements for reconstruction of cable connection and supply of power to the zones.

After the meeting, the minister went to the sub-power station in Dagon Myothit (South) and inspected power supply from the station and conditions of transformers at the station.

Afterwards, the minister went to Asia World Jetty in Ahlon Township and inspected unloading of materials from a vessel to be used in power supply projects. Over 1110 tons of electrical equipment to be used in installation of the 230-KV grid linking Yeywa, Bilin and Meiktila, 2,980 tons of cables to be used in installation of 230-KV power grid linking Shweli, Mansan and Shwesaryan and 100-MVA transformer and 562.77 tons of equipment for the main power station in Nay Pyi Taw were unloaded yesterday and transported to the respective projects.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint also inspected repairing of lamp-posts in Dagon Myothit.

SWRR Minister receives UNFPA Resident Representative

YANGON, 27 May- Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe

received Mr Daniel B Baker, Resident Representative of UNFPA, at Maykhala Hall of the Fire Services Department here yesterday.

Minister receives UNICEF Official

YANGON, 26 May-Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Bangkok-based UNICEF EAPRO Regional Director Ms Anupama Rao Singh at temporary control division of Yangon General Hospital here this morning.

At the meeting, the minister said that he was heartened by the aid such as medicines and medical equipment provided by UNICEF, adding that water guard, tablets, DDT and rehydration salt are indispensable for storm-hit regions. And he thanked the organization for its assistance given to health staff working at front-line camps and dealt with matters on cooperation.

Staff of Htoo Trading and Air Bagan participates in rehabilitation tasks

YANGON, 27 May-Staff of Htoo Trading and Air Bagan Co Ltd participated in relief and rehabilitation tasks at Bogale starting from 6 May. Two water purifiers donated by Technisches Hilfswerk Co Ltd of Germany were presented to Col Tin Aung of No 66 LID and Chairman of Bogale Township Peace and Development Council through Htoo Trading Co Ltd on 26 May.

Htoo Trading and Air Bagan Co Ltd constructed a building at a cost of K 30 million to put two water purifiers and transported machines and installed them. Drinking water produced by two water purifiers is supplied to the storm victims two times a day by three vehicles.

Htoo Trading and Air Bagan Co Ltd started repairing damaged buildings caused by the storm commencing on 10 May. Mahamuni Tazaung, Township Dhammayon, Zeyamaydini monastery, Yadanapon monastery, Kyunnyo monastery, Maggin monastery, Kyawzan monastery, Myaseinyound monastery, Dwara monastery, Sitagu home for the aged, People's hospital, education college, No 1 Basic Education High School, No 2 BEHS, No 1 BEMS, BEPS (Aukpaing), BEPS (Aungthapyay), Posts and Telecommunications Office, TV Relay Station, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Office, Agricultural Office, Land Records Office have already been repaired up to 26 May. Thatamawadi monastery, Sitagu Pawtawmu monastery, clinic of Gangaw Tahtaung

monastery (Gangaw Tahtaung village), BEHS (Myinkakon) and Myanadi guest house are under repair.

The company will donate one hundred power tillers and paddy strains to the storm victims soon to reestablish villages.

Minister and officials of UN Agencies and NGOs tour storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 27 May-Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, accompanied by resident representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker and officials of UN Agencies and INGO arrived at Bogale of Ayeyawady Division by Tatmadaw helicopter this morning.

At the relief camp, the minister briefed the members on blowing of Nargis in Ayeyawady Division with the use of charts. Next, Mr Daniel B Baker and members viewed relief tasks being carried out by Doctors Without Border and WFP in Bogale.

Afterwards, the minister and party viewed progress in building temporary school making use of tents donated by foreign countries, opening of temporary clinic and arrival of relief supplies.

Next, the minister asked officials concerned about the requirements for rehabilitation tasks and made negotiations with the members to fulfill the needs.

Upon arrival at Kyeinchaung village of Labutta, the minister and party asked officials concerned about the relief and rehabilitation tasks. Next, the minister and party held discussions on rehabilitation tasks and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Mr Daniel B Baker and members viewed distribution and stockpile of relief supplies, arrival of relief supplies and transportation of relief supplies to nearby villages in Labutta.

On arrival at Hlinephone village of Labutta, the minister and party viewed arrival of relief supplies at the relief camp and delivery of relief supplies to surrounding villages by boats, village dispensary and patients and gave instructions on sanitation tasks to be carried out speedily.

Next, the minister and party viewed building of temporary school making with tarpaulin tent and asked officials concerned about the requirements for the rehabilitation tasks and explained further requirements to be fulfilled and arrived back here by helicopter in the afternoon.

Laotian Prof visits relief camps in Kyauktan Tsp

YANGON, 27 May-Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo welcomed Deputy Minister for Health Professor Dr Eksavang Vongvichit of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at Yangon International Airport today.

Before looking over health clinics run by the Ministry of Health and Lao PDR at Hsinkan relief camp in Kyauktan, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo gave his Laotian counterpart an account of storm-hit areas and health care measures.

The Laotian Deputy Minister left here for home at 3 pm after meeting with people at the relief camp and viewing around the township.

Rehabilitation work under way in Bogale, Dedaye

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May -Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence yesterday went to Bogale from Pathien Airport by Tatmadaw helicopter carrying clothing, medicines and 200-gallon tarpaulin tanks. At the office of the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials reported on rehabilitation tasks.

Next, the adjutant-general gave instructions on day by day collecting of data of the population to be resettled in the storm-hit villages and of the increased population, reclamation of land with the cattle that survived the storm, arrangements to be made for paddy cultivation upon arrival of paddy strains, making records of relief items provided for households and arrangement for supply of drinking water by pumping from the lakes and wells.

On arrival at Dedaye, the adjutant-general heard reports by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min on repairs of the schools, hospitals and religious buildings in the township, arrival of power tillers and plans to mill rice at the rice mills in the township.

Later, the adjutant-general left necessary instructions and inspected rehabilitation work being carried out in the township.

Medical team of France arrives

YANGON, 22 May-A medical team led by Dr Tierre Souilland of France arrived here by TG-305 this evening.

NPED Minister meets assistant administrator and director of UNDP

YANGON, 27 May - Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha met with assistant administrator and director Ms Kathleen Cravero of UNDP in New York and resident representative Mr Bishow Parajuli of UNDP in Yangon and deputy resident representative Mr Sanaka Samarasinha at National Archive Department of the ministry on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha road here yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on the projects being undertaken in cooperation with UNDP and further cooperation to be done in rehabilitation works for the storm victims.

More international relief aid arrive

YANGON, 27 May- Four C-130 flights carrying 32.58 tons of relief aids including purified drinking water, chlorine tappet, water purifiers and related equipment, timber, blankets, tanks and tarpaulin contributed by the United State of America at 08:58 am, 09: 55 am, 11:45 am and 13:05 pm, C-130 flight loaded with 13.08 tons of medicines, foods and blankets contributed by Red Cross Society of Thailand at 09:50 am, Y.7-100 C flight with 2.65 tons of medicines and drinking water for the medical team of Lao PDR at 10.30 am, C-130 flight with 10 tons of feedstuff for animals contributed by FAO at 10:50 am,

IL-76 flight with of 35 tons of biscuits contributed by Pakistan at 12:20 pm, IL-76 carrying 34.84 tons of tents, medicines, canvas and foods contributed by India at 13:15 pm, A-300 flight with 38.52 tons of plastic contributed by Republic of Korea at 13:50 pm and A-310 flight with 34.5 tons of blankets contributed by Britain at 15:00 pm arrived at Yongon International Airport today.

The relief supplies donated by foreign countries have been distributed to the storm-hit regions without delay.

Anti Narcotics Extempore Talk to be held in June

YANGON, 26 May - Myanmar Anti Narcotics Association will organize the first Anti-narcotics Extempore Talk in both Myanmar and English on 22 June at the Basic Education High School No 6 in Botahtaung Township.

The event, which hails International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking which falls on 26 June, opens for youths between the age of 17 and 25 for senior class and between 14 and 16 for junior class.

The extempore talk in Myanmar will be held in advance on 19 June and the talk in English, on 21 June at the training hall of MANA on Kyuntaw Road in Kamayut Township.

Application forms for the contest will be submitted to Building No 3, Room No (101/102), MANA (Head Office) in Myaing Haywon Housing on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township and Building No A, Room No 404, MANA (UNICEF Project) in Pannyawady Housing in Yankin Township, Ph; 550466, not later than 12 June along with member number if applicant is a member of MANA and if not, with membership application forms.

MEGA Co donates medicines to YGH

YANGON, 27 May-Managing Director Mr Dirish Wadhwa of MEGA Co donated medicines worth K 8,978,356 to be used at Yangon General Hospital to medical superintendent Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha at the hospital this afternoon.

Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha presented certificate of honour to the company.

Max Myanmar, Ayeya Shwemyay take part in rehabilitation works

YANGON, 27 May - Max Myanmar and Ayeya Shwemyay on 8 May delivered 100 staff and 15 vehicles to the storm-affected area of Labutta Township to take part in the rehabilitation works.

They also delivered 400 staff and 32 vehicles to the township to participate in the rehabilitation tasks.

The officials of Max Myanmar donated K 200 million and relief aids worth K 300 million to the victims in Labutta Township and Ayeya Shwemyay K 100 million and relief supplies worth K 200 million.

They also donated rice, edible oil, medicines, robes, food, clothes, raincoats to the storm-hit monasteries and relief camps in the township since 6 May. 8500 bags of rice, 100 bags of gram, 100 bags of onion, 100 bags of potato, 100 bags of vermicelli, 30 pumps, 150000 CI sheets, 10 tons of timber, 10000 of water bottles, 1000 of first aid kid and 50000 of clothes had been donated to Ayeyawady Division up to 19 May.