

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Italy

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June-Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2008.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends felicitations to Italian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June - General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2008.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe looks into repair of power lines, removal of fallen trees in downtown Yangon



YANGON, 1 June - Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, this afternoon, attended the ceremony to hand over the relief supplies for the storm victims and inspected repair of power lines and clearing of debris in downtown Yangon.

At Bo Aung Kyaw Port in Seikkan Township, 17.6 tons of foodstuffs, purified water, clothes, medicines, blankets, mosquito nets, stationery, crutches and wheelchairs donated by disciples of Man Fut Tong Welfare Society led by Sayadaw Rev Chen Tuen of Singapore were handed over.

It was attended by the commander, Joint Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freight-handling and Operating Full Capacity Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Secretary Maj-Gen Win Myint and departmental heads.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Resettlement Department and Director-General U Myint Tun of the Fire Services Department accepted the supplies donated by the disciples of Rev Chen Tuen through Managing Director U Kyaw Khin of KJS International Co.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander inspected repair and installation of power lines and clearing of debris along Yangon-Nyaungdon Road.

At the power station in Hlinethaya Township, they heard reports on availability of electricity and supply of it. They also viewed participation of the Tatmadawmen from No. 77 LID in removing the fallen trees in the compound of Pyithu Hluttaw on Pyay Road, trees replanting tasks, clearing of debris on the campus of Yangon University being undertaken by the Tatmadawmen from No. 11 LID.

At Kanbawza Avenue in Bahan Township, they together with Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected clearing of debris.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the mayor also viewed sanitation tasks on Thukhawady Road in Yankin Township, along the road to Yangon International Airport being carried out by the Tatmadawmen from Mingaladon Airbase and staff of Asia World Co Ltd.

A&I Minister meets Saudi Arabian Ambassador



YANGON, 1 June - Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the Union of Myanmar Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali at Yuzana Hall of the ministry on Natmauk Street in Bahan Township, here, this morning.

They held discussions on fulfillment of fertilizer for the agricultural works being carried out in storm-hit regions and investment and cooperation matters in the agriculture sectors between the two nations.

Thai medical team recounts experience to Thai Health Minister

YANGON, 1 June-Under the program of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visiting Thai medical team of the Thai Ministry of Health met with Thai Health Minister Mr Chariya Sasomsub, Deputy Minister Dr Prat and members at Chatrium Hotel, here on 29 May and recounted their experiences.

At the meeting, the Thai Health Minister made a speech on the occasion. Next, the leader of the team Dr Pichit Siriwan and Director Dr Khin Maung Lwin of the Ministry of

Health explained experience and proposals during their field trip to Myaungmya and Labutta Townships.

At 7 pm, officials of Thai medical team explained experiences to new arrival members and discussions were made.

Deputy Health Minister meets medical teams head for storm-hit regions



YANGON, 1 June-Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo met with house surgeons of Universities of Medicine Nos 1 and 2 of Yangon and specialist teams led by surgeon Dr Moe Hein of Yangon General Hospital to make field trip and carry out health care services in the storm-hit regions in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions at the lecture hall of YGH this morning.

During the meet-ing, the Deputy Minister gave instructions on medical treatment to be given to patients through goodwill, educative knowledge on outbreaks and spread of cholera and DHF to be provided to the patients, drinking bacteria free water, use of flying-proof, washing hands before and after meals, avoiding meals with flies, systematic disposal of rubbish, measles vaccination to the children under 5 and lockjaw vaccination to pregnant women.

At Lanthit Jetty, the Deputy Minister met and greeted specialist teams led by surgeon Dr Moe Hein who are going to carry out field trip health care services to the storm-hit regions by Pa Pa Win vessel.

The medical teams will provide medical treatment to the patients in turns at nearby villages of Mawlamyinegyun for ten days.

Minister for Foreign Affairs sends felicitation to Italian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June - U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2008.

Charity Golf tournament held



YANGON, 1 June - The Cyclone Nargis Golf Tournament, organized by Singapore Association, Malaysian Association and Thai Association in Yangon, was held at Punhlaing Golf Club in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

After the tournament, FMI Co Chairman U Theim Wai accepted K 30 million donated by Singapore Association, Malaysian Association and Thai Association in Yangon and K 2.5 million by U Aung Soe Win, wife Daw Nwe Nwe Hsint (a) Ma Moe and family of NNS Pulses and Beans Trading for taking relief and rehabilitation measures in Ngaputaw and Hainggyikyun Townships.

Wellwishers invited to donate cash and kind to storm victims

YANGON, 1 June - Those from at home and abroad may donate cash and kind to the storm victims at the following addresses.

Wellwishers may donate cash to Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue, at No16/A, Ministry of Finance and Revenues, Setmu Street, Yankin Township, Yangon (Ph: 09 8600109), U Maung Maung Win, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar (Ph: 09 8600102), Director U Maung Maung (Ph: 01 543757) and Deputy Director U Kyaw Win Tin (Ph: 01 543765) directly or in person.

Wellwishers may donate relief supplies to U Than Oo, Director-General of Relief and Resettlement Department, at Trade Warehouse in Ward-3, Mayangon Township, near Kyaikwaing Pagoda (Ph: 09 8600025, 09 8600526, 09 8600701) and U Aung Tun Khaing, Acting Director-General of Social Welfare Department(Ph: 09 8600702), at Fire Services Department (Head Office), Mayangon Township, near Tooth Relic Pagoda, Yangon.

MRCS donates medicines, relief supplies to storm victims



YANGON, 1 June - A team led by President of Myanmar Red Cross Society Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe presented Ovaltine packets, tinned meat and canned fish and medicines worth K 3 million to storm victim patients who are receiving medical treatment at Maubin Township People's Hospital to Township Relief and Rehabilitation sub-committee Chairman Dr Khin Maung Htay.

Next, they presented relief supplies worth K 2 million to the storm victims of Ngagyi Gayat village in the township.

The president of MRCS presented tarpaulins, buckets, kitchen utensils and personal goods worth K1.7 million to the members of Maubin Township Red Cross Society.

Relief supplies from abroad arrive at Yangon International Airport



YANGON, 1 June - Five C-130 flight carrying 50.476 tons of medical equipment, rain coats, plastic rolls, three life-boats, blankets, two water purifiers, empty bottles and water purifying tablets donated by the USA, IL-76 flight carrying 13.89 tons of medical equipment, empty bottles and water purifying tablets donated by WFP, Y 7 100 C flight carrying 2.5 tons of clothes and bottled water donated by Lao People's Democratic Republic, AE-837 flight carrying 0.4 ton of five water purifiers and its accessories donated by a missionary monastery in China (Taipei) and Tomoko Co, DC-8 flight carrying 37.995 tons of tarpaulins donated by Relief Supplies Co Ltd of People's Republic of China, TG-701 flight carrying 0.74 ton of 183 bags of rice donated by Bangkok Airline, AN-12 flight carrying 54.188 tons of three water purifiers, blankets, plastic rolls, computers and its accessories, two vehicles, jerkins, helicopter used equipment and mosquito nets donated by Thailand-based WFP and A-130 flight carrying 29.406 tons of blankets donated by UK arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Relief supplies donated from abroad have been distributed to storm-hit areas by helicopter, vessel and vehicle without delay.

Medicines and medical equipment for storm victims

YANGON, 1 June-A ceremony to donate medicines and medical equipment to be used in giving health care to storm victims was held at the hall of Yangon General Hospital this morning.

Governor Mr Chohei Hasimoto of Rotary International District 2650 from eastern Japan presented medicines and medical equipment worth K 27440000 to Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

Deputy Foreign Minister receives WFP official



YANGON 1 June-U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Chairman of Tripartite Core Group (TCG) founded with Myanmar Government, ASEAN and UN received Executive Director of United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) based in Rome Ms Josette Sheeran at the ministry here yesterday.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and Country Director and Representative of WFP Mr Christopher Kaye.

Ms Sheeran, Executive Director of WFP said that she felt terribly sorry for loss of lives and property damages caused by the storm, that WFP is founded with members of UN and WFP is directed to provide food for storm victims, that WFP had formed teams with regional experts in order to give assistance to Myanmar. She said she was delighted with Myanmar Government's measures for founding organizations to perform reconstruction tasks systematically, that WFP would also arrange short-and long-term aid programmes to give necessary assistance and that there is sympathetic assistance for the victims from all over the world.

In his speech, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu said that Executive Director of WFP was welcomed and the thanked for aid and assistance of WFP. ASEAN Task Force and Tripartite Core Group (TCG) have been founded through Pledging Conference held by ASEAN and UN recently. Myanmar Government would carry out relief and reconstruction tasks based on assistance of respective UN agencies and of donor countries with un-derstanding .