

**Aim to be set for gaining greater progress in reconstruction of storm-hit regions
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye tours relief camps in Ngapudaw, Hainggyikyun,
Pyinsalu, Labutta**



NAY PYI TAW, 4 June- Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Vice-Chairman of the NDPCC Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC members Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, NDPCC member ministers, the director-general of the Government Office, departmental heads, flew to Ottwin Village of Ngapudaw Township from Patheingyi by helicopter yesterday morning.

First, they viewed damages of Ottwin Village and its surrounding areas and reconstruction tasks by helicopter.

They, accompanied by Commodore Myo Myint Than of the local station and officials together with those of Shwe Thanlwin Co and AryanU Co inspected the relief camp in the village.

At the relief camp, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greeted the storm victims from Ottwin, Phonedawpyae and Thechaung villages and explained the arrangements to be made by the government for rebuilding the storm-hit regions and enabling the victims to resume their livelihoods. In his instructions, he urged them to remain united and amicable while staying at the relief camp.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party flew to Hainggyikyun of Ngapudaw Township and viewed progress in rehabilitation of Hainggyikyun by car.

At the hall of the local station, Commodore Myo Myint Than reported on damages in Ngapudaw and Hainggyikyun townships hit by the storm, reconstruction and requirements.

After hearing the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye stressed the need to set the aim for gaining the greater progress in reconstruction of the storm-hit regions. Arrangements are being made to keep the relief camps clean and tidy and it is necessary to organize the victims to always follow the above practices. He pointed out that the plans are to be implemented to carry out cultivation tasks without decreasing the original sown acreage through the agricultural mechanization method, and it is necessary to provide equipment and boats for the fishery industry.

He said that priority is to be given to uplift of the living standard and economic sector. In addition, officials are to explain the aim of the State to those who are working at the grassroots-level.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party proceeded to Pyinsalu by helicopter. They inspected opening of departmental offices accommodated in tents and greeted the service personnel.

After hearing reports on condition of Pyinsalu by Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave necessary instructions.

Next, they looked into storm victims accommodated in tents. He asked about living conditions of storm victims in the relief camp, their business and health matters and comforted them.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that storm victims are our own people and the government will fulfill their requirements for rehabilitation tasks and raising their living standards.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party went to 3rd-mile relief camp in Labutta Township.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party together with Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut who is making close supervision in rehabilitation tasks of the township and officials comforted the storm victims.

Next, they greeted Japanese medical team and observed giving medical treatments to storm victims. They also greeted specialists, doctors and nurses of 300-bed Teaching Hospital in Mandalay.

Medical teams of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) and Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence are giving health care to storm victims at 3rd-mile relief camp.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected equipment for storm victims to be used in fisheries arranged by Myanmar Fisheries Federation entrepreneurs under the arrangement of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Next, they proceeded to Labutta. After hearing reports on losses and damage in Labutta caused by the storm, rehabilitation works in the township, contributions of Max Myanmar Co, Ayar Shwe Wah Co, Zaykaba Co and Wah Wah Win Co in rehabilitation works, progress of repair of schools, hospitals, clinics, religious buildings and departmental buildings, arrangements being made for cultivation of monsoon paddy and requirements by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions on rehabilitation tasks.

Afterwards, they looked into progress of rehabilitation tasks in Labutta in a motorcade.

They also inspected completion of repair works of the township hospital.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party greeted health staff of the hospital and specialists and nurses of 300-bed Mandalay Teaching Hospital and comforted the patients.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party left Labutta for Patheingyi by helicopter.

**State puts on record efforts and contributions of wellwisher people, Red Cross, entrepreneurs, social organizations to relief tasks
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye fulfils requirements of rehabilitation in Ngapudaw, Labutta townships**



NAY PYI TAW, 4 June - Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions to officials including ministers and national entrepreneurs concerning rehabilitation tasks in Ngapudaw and Labutta townships at Mya Eya Hall in Patheingyi yesterday afternoon.

In his instructions, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that when storm 'Nargis' hit the regions of Myanmar, the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee that had already been formed commenced to run its functions. Due to concerted efforts of the ministries concerned, the people and private entrepreneurs, the relief task for the first phase has been completed in a short time and the rehabilitation task is in progress for the second phase.

The people from other States and Divisions are making cash and kind donations to the storm-hit regions of Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions with sympathy, national spirit

and Union Spirit. Therefore, the State put on record of the efforts and contributions of the wellwisher, people, members of the Red Cross Society, entrepreneurs and social organizations to the relief tasks.

He added that in reconstructing the storm-hit regions, it is necessary to render assistance to change the conventional method to the agricultural mechanization that is one of the aims of the State in the agricultural sector. He stressed the need to grow the crops on the full sown acreage and to make the plans for increasing the per-acre yield in the fertile areas. He said that Head of State Senior General Than Shwe had given guidance that the arrangements are to be made for ensuring sufficiency of the staple food such as food, edible oil and salt in the respective regions and for ensuring some regions to become the basic food producing regions of the State. As the all-round arrangements had been made for the long term in accord with the guidance, the region that is facing the emergency condition can overcome the anxiety.

Concerning the agriculture sector, the number of acres of rain-fed paddy and irrigation water-fed paddy reached 19.99 million in the country last year including 4.95 million acres in Ayeyawady Division. A total of 0.18 million acres in Ayeyawady Division was destroyed by the storm. The number of destroyed acres in Ayeyawady Division is equivalent to 0.009 per cent of the cultivation acreage of the country and 0.036 per cent of the cultivation acreage of the Ayeyawady Division.

However, if the government fulfils the requirement and local people in the division make efforts for growing paddy, the acreage in Ayeyawady will reach nearly the previous level.

Therefore, there is no need to worry about food in Ayeyawady Division and efforts should focus on providing power tillers, fertilizer, fuel, motorized boats and fishing nets for rehabilitation of the storm-hit areas.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted responsible personnel of UMFCCL, Myanmar Rice Millers' Association, Myanmar Rice Dealers' Association, Myanmar Fishery Federation and businessmen.

After the meeting, Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Prime Minister General Thein Sein held a meeting with officials concerned and discussed matters related to rehabilitation and development tasks in Ngapudaw and Labutta Townships.

Chairman of NDPCC Prime Minister General Thein Sein said the Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and party visited storm-affected areas in Ayeyawady Division beginning 1 June for providing assistance for the storm victims.

The NDPCC and ten subcommittees fulfilled the requirements of the storm victims effectively and speedily, he said.

He said the government successfully carried out relief, health care services and rehabilitation works in damaged areas in cooperation with the people, the Tatmadaw, social organizations and national entrepreneurs.

Endeavours are to be made for more development of the storm-hit regions than before and improvement of living standard of the storm victims in accord with the guidelines of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

He said it can be seen that the storm victims are farmers, those engaged in fisheries, salt-makers and those engaged in general trading.

As the cultivation season sets in, arrangements are to be made for providing the farmers with power tillers, paddy seeds and fuel effectively and speedily.

Similarly, necessary assistance is to be provided to the persons who are working for making salt and marine to be able to regenerate their businesses regularly. It is necessary to carefully collect facts and figures in fulfilling relief supplies to the storm-victims.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Secretarty-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo briefed the Prime Minister on reconstruction tasks of Ngapudaw and Labutta Townships.

Afterwards, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein briefed on conditions of regions, accommodation, food, agricultural services, breeding tasks and assistance for regeneration of businesses of the storm victims in Ngapudaw Township and so did Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut in Labutta Township.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and ministers concerned briefed on ministry-wise measures and the Secretary-1 gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions on tasks to be carried out and fulfillment of the strength of staff to run operational functions and the meeting ended in the evening.

Relief aids from abroad arrive at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 4 June - AN-12 flight carrying 16.34 tons of medicines, life boat-used engines, stretchers and tarpaulins donated by Malteser International, two AN-12 flights and two IL-76 flights carrying 83.49 tons of plastic rolls and mosquito nets donated by Thailand-based WFP, two C-130 flights carrying 20.28 tons of drinking water, blankets, milk powder, towels, bulbs, foodstuff, medicines, clothes and rice donated by Buddhist University in Thailand, 8M-332 flight carrying 2.79 tons of 70 bags of rice and packages of clothes donated by Baiyoke Hotel Group, three C-130 flights carrying 12.79 tons of plastic mats, plastic rolls and mosquito coils donated by the USA, IL-76 flight carrying 35.69 tons of tarpaulins and medicines donated by India arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Relief supplies donated from abroad have been sent to storm-hit regions by helicopter, car and ship.

Moneyin dam in Namtu Township, Shan State (North) commissioned

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June - An opening ceremony of Moneyin dam was held at the dam near Moneyin village in Namtu Township of Kyaukme District, Shan State (North) on 31 May, attended by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint, Director-General U Khin Zaw of Irrigation Department and officials, senior military officers of the command, departmental officials, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, national race groups, traditional cultural troupes and local people.

Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut delivered an address at the ceremony. In his address, the commander urged the local farmers to strive for development of agriculture works with the use of water from dams and reservoirs in the region. Moneyin dam will supply drinking water, generate hydro power and will irrigate farmlands, he added. He also stressed the need for durability of the dam.

Next, the director-general explained purpose of opening of the dam and a member of township USDA spoke words of thanks.

Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut pressed the button to unveil the stone inscription of the dam and the commander and the director-general sprinkled scented water on it.

Next, the commander and the director-general opened the dam.

After the ceremony, the commander and party viewed the entertainments of cultural troupes and presented cash awards to them. They also looked into conduit, control tower and spillway of the dam.

At the briefing hall of the project, officials reported on facts related to the project, progress of the project and irrigation system of the dam to the commander and party.

Moneyin dam is 211th dam of the State and the third one for the Shan State (North). It is situated on Namsum creek near Moneyin village in Namtu Township. The dam is 1700 feet in length and 100 feet in height. The storage capacity of the dam is 28420 acre-feet. The dam is earth embankment type. The government has spent K 1690 million on construction of the dam to irrigate 2600 farmlands in the township the whole year.

Survivors in Maubin receive dental care

YANGON, 4 June-A medical team comprising dentists of International College of Dentists, Myanmar dentists and dentists of Directorate of provided dental care to storm survivors in Maubin, Ayeyawaday Division, on 31 May.

The team comprises 22 dentists and seven staff and gave dental treatment to 144 survivors at People's Hospital in Maubin.

The team also donated 100 blankets and K 300,000 to the hospital and distributed relief food and clothes to survivors at relief camps.

Donors contribute relief aid to storm victims

YANGON, 4 June- Wellwishers donated relief supplies to victims at the Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township today.

Mother Teresa Children's Foundation (MTCF), World Children's Fund, Medical Mission International(MMI) presented Yuan 120,000 worth of bed sheets, candle, soap and slippers to the victims in the storm-hit areas.

Similarly, Miss Dr Thanyaluk Pitisetakarn and Solex International (Thailand) Co Ltd also contributed 16,000 tins of canned fish worth K 7.2 million to the victims in the storm-affected regions.

Director U Myint Thein and officials of the Social Welfare Department accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

DMS teams participate in health care services

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June-The State is carrying out rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in the storm-hit regions.

Special medical team-1 from Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence carried out spraying of pesticide, pesticide blowing, check on sample of drinking water and sanitation tasks in Yadanadipa sports ground, 3rd mile and 5th mile camps yesterday.

In Htinponseik village, special medical team-1 together with Belgium medical team carried out prevention of diseases and medical treatment.

Similarly, the special medical team together with Indian and Thai medical teams, and the medical team of the Ministry of Health undertook health care services in Bogale and Myaungmya.

The special medical teams continued to carry out health care services in cooperation with officials in Kungyangon, Kawhmu, Dedaye, Ngapudaw and Haing-gyigyun.

Guess who'll be Euro champ

YANGON, 4 June - Euro 2008 Football Championship will be held in Australia and Switzerland from 7 to 29 June 2008. Football fans not only on the planet but also in Myanmar can't wait to see the event. To make it more alive, T-Home electronic sales centre, one of the branches of TMW, plans to hold a match.

T-Home has made an arrangement for the football enthusiasts to forecast the champion team. T-Home will present one 29'' Super Slim TV for the first prize, two 21'' Super Slim TV for the second, three 21'' Pure Flat TV for the third, one Water Cooler for the fourth and three DVD for the fifth to the winners.

Detail programmes will be stated in journals. So do the names of the winners after holding the ceremony to pick them.