Plans under way for settlement of storm victims in new places or native lands
Prime Minister visits Ayeyawady Division

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 June - Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Central Committee member ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and officials, left Yangon by helicopter for Myaungmya of Ayeyawady Division this morning.

At the helipad, the Prime Minister met Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Chairman of Myaungmya District PDC U Aye Han and officials.

Next, the Prime Minister greeted members of No 4 special medical team led by Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Nyunt of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence, members of the medical team led by Dr Min Min Myo Lwin of the Ministry of Health and another medical team led by Dr Kanrom of Thailand.

The Prime Minister and party viewed health care services being given by the medical teams to the storm victims.

They also greeted storm victims from Pyinsalu and its surrounding villages and heard reports on conditions of health and accommodation and delivery of relief supplies.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that after the storm, the government gave priority to undertaking relief task as soon as possible. He added that arrangements were made for carrying out the tasks for storm survivors. Now, more than a month had passed. If the victims want to live in the regions where relief camps are being opened, arrangements will be made for resettling them there. In addition, the government will fulfil the requirements of basic needs for them to a certain degree for some time, he said.

The Prime Minister continued to say that arrangements are being made for fulfilling the requirements of those who want to live in native regions in the temporary and permanent settlements. Furthermore, temporary tents will be built for the victims in their regions. After construction of the temporary tents, the victims will be transported from the relief camps to their native regions. If the native regions are in good conditions to build permanent houses, the government will make plans for construction of their houses, he said.

He said rations for one week will be provided for those who would like to return to their places from the relief camps. Moreover, the nearest relief camps will make arrangements for fulfilling food requirements in the long run. Officials concerned of the camps have fulfilled the needs such as clothing, utensils, mosquito nets and blankets.

He said arrangements will be made for those who are engaged in agriculture to supply power tillers and paddy strains and for fishermen fishing equipment. The government, on its part, will provide assistance for the storm victims for more improvement of their living standards than ever before, he added.

Despite the supply of basic needs of the people including transport, untrue news stories regarding the government's measures are being broadcasted by some unscrupulous persons and organizations with negative views, he said.

The Prime Minister spoke of the need for the victims to work hard relying on their own strength.

The Prime Minister and party went to Myaungmya Agricultural Institute and greeted the orphans. The Prime Minister gave instructions on bringing up the orphans and creating new happy life.

They went to Saluseik Village by helicopter in Labutta Township. The Prime Minister together with the region in-charge Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut met village people and asked them about supply of goods and their living conditions and health care services.

The Prime Minister inspected the conditions of Saluseik village, and repair to the wells into which seawater entered.

He also inspected the temporary shelters and comforted the victims in the village, saying that the government would continue to carry out rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks including rescue works.

More roads would be built in the areas in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State. The roads would contribute not only towards regional development but also towards disaster preparedness measures, he said.

The government would take measures to improve the living standards of the storm victims, he said.

The Prime Minister presented a CDMA 450 telephone of the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications to the secretary of the Village USDA for better communications. Then he also presented cash assistance to the officials of the village USDA to open a foodstuff shop for the convenience of Saluseik and Migyaungaing villages.

The Prime Minister left the village by helicopter at 12.30 pm.

On arrival at Hsincheya Village in Labutta Township, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the villagers, the doctors and nurses who are providing health care to the villagers, service personnel, and members of social organizations.

He touched upon the programmes for rehabilitating the storm-hit areas including Hsincheya Village, and presented a CDMA 450 telephone of the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications to an official of the Village USDA for the convenience of the village.

The Prime Minister proceeded to Third Mile relief camp in Labutta Township, and inspected the camp by car.

At the control office, Director-General of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win reported on his survey at the places, 3 miles, 5 miles and 7 miles from Labutta for extension of Labutta Myothit, conditions of the places, and potential for establishing a new town.

Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut who was supervising the tasks for enlarging Labutta reported on the lands chosen for the new town, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, on the places where offices, departments and buildings could be built.

In response, the Prime Minister asked some questions about the plan and fulfilled the requirements.

He viewed the sample of school buildings for the education of the students. Next, he viewed the sample of the temporary school building built of local products, and a make-shift school building built of tarpaulin and gave instructions to officials concerned.

The Prime Minister greeted the officials from various organizations who are engaged in the reconstruction tasks, and doctors and health staff who are giving health care to the victims in Labutta Township.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greeted the members of the Japanese medical team led by Dr Kanai Kaname, and had a look at the medical treatment to the victims.

The Prime Minister and party left the Third Mile relief camp in Labutta Township by helicopter and arrived at Pathein at 2.10 pm.

Medical teams provide health care to storm victims

Yangon, 7 June - A medical team comprising specialists, doctors and nurses led by Professor Dr Kyaw Swa Lin of North Okkalapa General Hospital on borad Taing Aye floating hospital are providing health care to storm victims at the villages in Bogale Township.

On 5 June, the medical team gave medical treatments to 175 general patients and 22 dental patients at Ywathit and Kyeechaung villages provided pre-natal care to 21 pregnant women and inoculated 40 children.

Similarly, a specialist team led by Professor Dr Thein Nyunt of Toungoo People's Hospital provided health care to 200 out-patients and some in-patients at Bogale People's Hospital and performed surgical treatment to needy patients. They also opened clinics in the wards and gave vaccines to the children.

Doctors and the health assistant trainees of University of Community Health in Magway led by Dr Khin Maung Lin chlorinated drinking water, gave health knowledge to social organizations in the region and took preventive measures against DHF.

MRCS, ICRC supply drinking water to Dedaye Township

Yangon, 7 June- The Myanmar Red Cross Society joining hands with the International Committee of the Red Cross is supplying drinking water processed by LMS water purifiers that were donated by the France Red Cross Society to urban and rural areas of Dadeye Township in Ayeyawady Division.

No. 1 Water Purifier can produce 10,000 litres of drinking water per hour and it can run 10 hours a day. Ten litres bags of water are being delivered to 80 villages of 23 village-tracts on Sukalut and Kyonda islands in Dadeye Township.

Likewise, No. 2 Water Purifier can produce 40,000 litres of drinking water per hour and it can operate 10 hours per day. At present, the drinking water is being supplied to the villages on either side of Dadeye-Pyapon-Kyaiklat Road.

Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport meets

Yangon, 7 June-The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held a meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters, here, yesterday evening.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win viewed city taxies that will run in downtown Yangon at fair prices and 12 XG JAO 150-8 brand motorcycles to be used by Yangon Division Traffic Police Force for enforcing traffic rules.

Next, the commander gave instructions on secure and smooth transport.

Those present reported on ferries for university students and matters related to traffic rules. After attending to the needs, the commander made conclud-ing remarks.

Deputy Minister views salvage work

Yangon, 7 June- Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung on 5 June heard reports on salvage of ships and tub boats, which sank and piled onto the banks, by Managing Director U Soe Tint of IWT at the hall of IWT.

The Deputy Minister inspected conditions of damaged and sunk ships, Myat Thanda ship which was swept onto the bank at Myanma Industrial Port, repairing and docking of tub boats and ships at Ahlon Shipyard and pulling back three ships RoRo-2, Z-105 and Yaykywe into the river from Gyaungwaing Village, and left necessary instructions.

Myitzima Gonyi Sayadaw makes more donations

Yangon, 7 June-Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kovida of Myitzima Gonyi Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha near National Races Village in Thakayta Township has so far donated cash and kind worth K 700 million to the victims of various storm-hit regions.

On 5 June, Daw Aye Yi, on behalf of the Sayadaw, donated 100 sets of robes, 100 umbrellas, 100 slippers, 70 fans and 100 CI sheets worth K 1.1 million to storm victim monks to the Ministry of Religious Affairs, here.

Renovation of Kyaikkasan Pagoda coordinated

Yangon, 7 June - A ceremony to seek the Ovadakatha for all-round renovation and re-hoisting Seinbudaw (diamond orb), Hngetmyatnadaw (pennant-shaped vane) and Htidaw (umbrella) atop Kyaikkasan Pagoda hit by the storm was held at the pagoda in Thingangyun Township on 5 June.

Joint Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Dvipitakadhara Dvipitakakovida Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Kalewa Tawya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhi-vamsa gave an opening Ovadakatha. Kyaikhtih-saung Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddham-majotika Bhaddanta Pannadipa explained the tasks for the pagoda.

Ovadacariya Sayadaws of the pagoda gave speeches and reviewed the supplication of the members of the pagoda board of trustees and officials.

Next, they viewed the damaged Seinbudaw, Hngetmyat-nadaw and Htidaw.

Also present on the occasion were Adviser to the State Peace and Development Council U Arnt Maung, Chairman of the pagoda board of trustees Thiha Thud-hamma Manijotadhara U Tin Shwe (Hsinmin) and well-wishers.

Zay Gabar Co Ltd will sponsor the all-round renovation of the pagoda.

Yangon Division MCWSC donates cash and kind to storm-hit nunneries

Yangon, 7 June - Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held a ceremony to donate nun robes and provisions to storm-hit nunneries in Yangon East and South Districts at Sasana Gonyi nunnery in Thingangyun Township this morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai and party presented K 100,000 and 500 nun robes worth K 3.5 million donated by Yangon Division MCWSC, 80 bags of rice worth K 2,725,550, 80 viss of salt, 80 viss of gram, 180 viss of edible oil, 182 viss of onion donated by Yangon East District and 18 bags of rice worth K 1,015,000, 50 viss of edible oil and 250 viss of salt donated by Yangon South District to nunneries through the Presiding Nayaka Nun of Sasana Gonyi nunnery.

Next, they asked after the health of the nuns in the nunnery.

More relief aids arrive at Yangon International Airport

Yangon, 7 June - Two IL-76 and one AN-12 flights carrying 75.226 tons of milk-powder, tents, office-used materials, tarpaulins, energy biscuit donated by Thai-based WFP arrived at Yangon International Airport at 7.45 am, 10.35 am and 3.17 pm. Jet star flight carrying 45 boxes of variety medicines donated through Myanmar Embassy in Singapore,

four C-130 flights carrying 28.02 tons of candles, spoons, curry-pots, blankets, mosquito nets, soaps, fiber cups, plastic buckets, fiber water-bags, two water purifiers and two 10,000-litre water tanks donated by USA, AN-12 flight carrying 6 tons of nylon robes, plastic buckets and mosquito nets donated by Switzarland-based Doctors Without Borders, IL-76 flight carrying 38.67 tons of tarpaulin donated by Indonesia-based doctors without borders arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

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

Agricultural facilities, feedstuff, paddy strains supplied Schools, offices and religious buildings under repair in Dedaye Township

Yangon, 7 June - The measures to restore agricultural development in Dedaye Township are closely being supervised by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min.

A total of 196 agricultural facilities have been provided to the 88 villages out of 93 in the township. More facilities will continue to arrive there. Until 3 June, a total of 4765 acres have been ploughed in the township.

Moreover, draught cattle and feedstuff are also being provided to the region. Tasks for giving vaccines to the draught cattle are carried out in the township.

Myanma Agriculture Service of Dedaye Township has distributed 6520 baskets of various kinds of paddy strains to 40 village tracts. The township has had a target to grow 1,82,143 acres of paddy in the rainy season of 2008-2009. And plans for supplying paddy strains from the states and divisions to the storm-hit regions are under way.

Likewise, 30 schools and health facilities including township hospital, station hospital, rural health care centre were repaired and so were the offices and religious buildings.

The damaged drinking water lakes and the rest of damaged buildings are under repair.

Construction of schools in Hainggyigyun, Ledaw, Thetkethaung completed by 100%

Yangon, 7 June - Local and foreign well-wishers, national entrepreneurs and construction companied joining hands with the government are carrying out reconstruction of storm-hit regions with added momentum.

Moe Kyei Sin Construction Co has completed cent per cent reconstruction of storm-hit Basic Education High School in Hainggyigyun Township, BEPS in Ledaw Village and Basic Education Post-Primary School in Thetkethaung Village.

In addition, the company donated relief supplies worth K 130 million to the storm victims of the regions.

Donations for storm victims

Yangon, 7 June -Wellwishers from abroad and at home are donating cash and kind to storm victims in storm-stricken regions.

Chairman of fund accepting and issuing sub-committee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe accepted K 55 million, Euro 6390 and US$ 49984.22 donated by wellwishers at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) in Yankin Township, here, today.

Repair work of damaged power lines inspected

Yangon, 7 June-Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials inspected repairs of damaged power lines and maintenance of power lines in Kawhmu Township yesterday.

The minister and party also inspected the repairs of power lines along Kawhmu-Kungyangon motor road and gave instructions to the officials.

At Township Electric Engineer's Office in Kungyangon township, the minister inspected 33/11 KV (2.5 MVA) transformer and 300 KVA transformer, office building and construction of new staff quarters and attended to their needs.

Farmers get power tillers

Yangon, 7 June -A total of 60 drought cattle and 198 power tillers have been sent to storm-affected Mawlamyinegyun Township up to yesterday.

Power tillers were being delivered to the farmers without delay.

Rehabilitation materials for storm victims

Yangon, 7 June - Mawlamyinegyun Township Red Cross Society has provided clothes, household goods, foodstuff and water purifying tablets to storm victims in 12 villages in the township until today.

Two blankets, two tarpaulins measuring 18ft x 12ft and materials to be used in rehabilitation works have been presented to each household in the respective villages.

Provision of health care services supervised

Yangon, 6 June - A medical team led by Dr Mya Than Nwe (Infectious Disease/ Lower Myanmar) yesterday supervised health care services for the victim families being provided by Dr Nan Mon Sai and party at the relief camp in the sports ground in Seikgyi Khanungto Township, Yangon South District.

The medical team provided demonstration of using chlorine tablets to the health personnel and inspected putting of chlorine tablets into drinking water and prevention against cholera.

It also comprised Assistant-Director U Htay Win, Dr Khin San Oo of the Ministry of Health and Dr Ohn Ma Aye, Head of Township Health Department.