

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Portuguese Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 10 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 Mr Anibal Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2008.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Portuguese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June - General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jose Socrates Carvalho Pinto De Sousa, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2008.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets USDA reconstruction volunteers to Ayeyawady Division



NAY PYI TAW, 9 June-Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein met with members of State and Division Union Solidarity and Development Associations who are going to help in reconstruction of storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division at the meeting hall of the association on New University Avenue, Yangon, this afternoon.

In his meeting with members of State and Division USDAs, the Prime Minister said that the government, the people and the Tatmadaw managed to successfully undertake rescue works in the storm-hit regions of Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions in a short time. Continued rehabilitation tasks are being carried out. The USDA was set up with the aims of protecting and safeguarding the interests of the people.

In such a situation of encountering the natural disaster, members of USDAs in cooperation with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are to help solve the problems the people have faced. As the project sites of Ayeyawady Division are located in coastal areas, members of USDAs may encounter some difficulties during their travel and others. It is known that the USDA Headquarters has already fulfilled all the needs of the members who are going there. The members are to help the storm victims with basic needs such as accommodation, food and health out of goodwill. The community welfare

is the foundation of social sector. The members are to make all-out efforts to undertake welfare of the community in accord with the basic principles of the association.

The meeting was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min, Secretaries U Aung Thaung and U Thein Zaw, CEC Members, Ministers, officials concerned of the SPDC Office and USDA Headquarters and members of State and Division USDAs.

Next, the Prime Minister cordially greeted members of USDAs. Afterwards, officials concerned explained the items the members will bring along to the storm-hit regions to the Prime Minister.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister inspected the sample of a tent at which the members can temporarily camp in the storm-hit regions and gave necessary instructions.

USDA youth members to take part in tasks of reconstruction in villages of Labutta, Bogale Tsps

YANGON, 9 June - A team comprising 264 youth members of State/Division Union Solidarity and Development Associations will leave for Labutta and Bogale Townships on 10 June to take part in the tasks of sanitation, health and reconstruction.

The programme was arranged under the leadership of Youth Affairs Group of USDA and the tasks will be carried out in Hlaingphone, Pyinsalu, Sinchayyar and Saluseik villages in Labutta Township and Kyeingyaung and Setsan villages in Bogale Township.

In the time of fostering help and aid to the storm-hit regions, USDA Headquarters will see to the general expenses of the members and will furnish them with pots, plates, and food in addition to canvas tents enough for their accommodation.

Fallen trees removed, power supply tasks under way in Dedaye

YANGON, 9 June - Fallen trees in Dedaye have been cleared by Tatmadawmen and volunteers. Officers and other ranks of the No. 66 Light Infantry Division, members of Myanmar Police Force and social organizations have removed fallen trees from religious buildings, offices, hospital, schools and roads in Dedaye. They had also carried out rescue efforts in Dedaye and villages after the storm hit the areas.

Similarly, 176 staff of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise have repaired the 33KV cable linking Kungyangon and Dedaye. They re-erected 20 pylons for connection of 11-KV cables between the two towns. The 100-KV generators have been used to supply power to religious buildings, offices and hospitals.

Concerning the reconstruction tasks in Dedaye, Farmer Phoyazar Co Ltd have renovated the Sasana Beikman Religious Building, No. 2 Basic Education High School and the primary school in the village of Tawkyaik . Schools in the town and villages in Dedaye Township will be renovated by Farmer Phoyazar Co Ltd. The company donated K 10 million to storm victims in Kungyangon Township.

Medical team leaves for Bogale, Labutta and Pyapon Townships

YANGON, 9 June-Specialists and health workers left for Ayeyawady Division on 7 June. They will give health care services in Bogale, Labutta and Pyapon Townships. They were seen off by Deputy Director-General Dr Mya Win and officials on 7 June.

The specialists team includes ophthalmologists, paediatricians, psychiatrists, dentists, assistant surgeons and nurses led by specialists Dr Min Zaw Oo, Dr Moe Naing and Dr Kaung Myat.

The members of the specialists of the floating hospital will provide health care services to the people in the township and villages nearby.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects construction of runway of Kengtung Airport



NAY PYI TAW, 9 June-Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by officials of SPDC Office and heads of departments arrived in Kengtung by air yesterday.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, senior military officers, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

At the briefing hall of the airport, Shan State Superintending Engineer U Thaung Htay and senior engineer U Thein Zaw reported on extension of the 4,700 feet long runway to 8,000 feet one, cooperation with special groups 1 and 3 and Thawda Win Construction Group and progress of work.

The commander gave a supplementary report and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on filling of earth in the low ground.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected extension of the runway which is 150 feet wide and can withstand 62 tons of loads. The total cost of the construction of the runway is K 4,039.009 million.

Industrial zones management committee holds coord meeting

YANGON, 9 June-Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the work coordination meeting organized by Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee held at the meeting hall of Yangon Command in Konmyinthta, here this afternoon and delivered an address.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech saying that there were a lot of losses and damages caused by the storm. However, much success has been achieved in the drive to turn the condition into normal as soon as possible due to all-out efforts made by the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. In the drive for carrying out rehabilitation and reconstruction, he thanked entrepreneurs and companies for contributing much towards the speedy measures for regenerating of businesses. Factories are to boost their production of construction materials to assist the reconstruction work, he said. Officials concerned are to coordinate each other to fulfill the requirements of the entrepreneurs. Private entrepreneurs on their part are to make more efforts to improve their production for the development of industrial sector.

Next, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Then Lin briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe on efforts being made and assistance provided for the development of the industrial sector in Yangon Division.

Afterwards, chairmen of the industrial zones management committee, officials and entrepreneurs briefed on sector-wise measures and requirements. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin fulfilled the needs.

It was also attended by heads of departments, chairmen of Yangon Division industrial zones management committees, secretaries and members, entrepreneurs and guests.

International Relief Supplies continue to arrive at Yangon Airport

YANGON, 9 June-As the international community has been donating relief supplies to the storm-hit regions, IL-76 and An-12 aircraft carrying 19.54 tons of mosquito-nets, medicines, water purification materials, disposable cups donated by Thai-based WFP, two C-130 aircraft carrying blankets, grains, medicines, clothing, purified water, soft drinks, rice, milk powder weighing 24.46 tons donated by Thai Red Cross Society, two C-130 aircraft carrying 14.68 tons of longyis, blankets, tarpaulins, fibre cups donated by the USA, PG-710 aircraft carrying 280 packages of clothing, purified water donated by Bangkok Airways of Thailand, C-130 aircraft carrying water proof tents weighing 7 tons donated by UNICEF arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Minister receives ICRC official

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June-Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Director of ICRC in Geneva Mr Krahenbuhl and party at the ministry here today.

Also present were Director-General of General administration Department U Myat Ko, Director-General of Bureau of Special Investigation U Aung Saw Win, Deputy Director-General of Correctional Department U Zaw Tun, Police Brig-Gen of Myanmar Police Forces Khin Maung Si and head of the office U Nay Myo.

Kachin State donates over K 690 million

YANGON, 9 June-Departments, social organizations, Tatmadaw families and wellwishers at districts and townships in Kachin State donated K 695,224,610 to Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Sub-committee in Yangon for the second time today.

Kachin State has already donated a total of K 1,702,129,610 including cash and supplies up to 9 June.

Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Portuguese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June - U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Luis Amado, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2008.

Private media donate cash and kind to storm victims in Kawhmu, Twantay townships

YANGON, 8 June- Under the leadership of the Ministry of Information and under the supervision of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, publishers of private media this afternoon donated cash and relief items to the storm victims of Kawhmu and Twantay townships.

First, MWJA Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Takkatho Tin Kha) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo and CEC members, chief editors of private journals and magazines and artistes arrived at the office of Kawhmu Township Administrative Department where Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Myint Swe explained relief and reconstruction works.

Next, MWJA Vice-Chairman-1 U Tin Kha and Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo explained matters related to the donation. Then they presented K 500,000 and stationery to the township PDC chairman.

The MWJA group proceeded to the basic education schools in Natsingon and Painhnegon villages in Kawhmu Township and Phayagyi and Kyaikkale villages in Twantay

Township. CEC members U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and U Kyaw Win (Manoktha Kyaw Win) cordially greeted the students and the local people and donated exercise books and stationery. The writer-cum-doctors gave free medical treatment to the locals and artistes personally donated food gifts and household items to the storm victims.

The private media group donated relief supplies and medicines worth K 8.5 million and K 0.5 million in cash to four storm-affected villages in Kawhmu and Twantay townships. In addition, the group will set up a fund of K 5 million for the affected areas in Yangon Division through Yangon Division PDC. The donations totaled K 14 million including cash and kind.

Today's donations were K 750,000 and relief items worth K 450,000 by MWJA; relief items worth K 1200000 by Kyaw Nyunt Ye Sarpay; relief items worth K 1200000 by Sweson Media Group; relief items worth K 1000000 by Myanmar Times; relief items worth K 850,000 by Yangon Media Group; relief items worth K 2 million by Snap Shot Journal; K 500,000 by Weekly Eleven Journal; K 500,000 each by Popular; Rati and Angel media groups; K 500,000 by Kyaunghankaung Sarpay; K 100,000 and relief items worth K 300,000 by palmist Dr San Tin Aung (Shwebo); K 300,000 each by 90:00 Minutes Journal, Health Digest Journal and 7 Day News Journal; K 261,000 by Press Scrutiny and Registration; K 200,000 each by Shwe Parami Sarpay, Action Times Journal, Connect Journal and Shwesin Printing House, K 150,000 by Aung Myin Sarpay; K 109,000 by Shwehti Printing House; K 100,000 each by other journals and book shops such as Today, Nanatkhin, Seikku Cho Cho, Modern, Opportunities, Quality, Crown, Natkhata, Innwa, Ever Win Media, 24/7 News, In-er, Cetana, Soe Moe, Wunna Tun, Shwethamin, Pyinnya Shwetaung, Putat, Ayawin and Seinnaga; clothes worth K 100,000 by Nyeinchanyay Billboard; household items worth K 100,000 by Current News Magazine; household items worth K 70,000 by Football Planet; K 50,000 each by Forever, Marketing and Reporter Journals and Pandaing Sarpay and Thein Min Sarpay; K 30,000 each by Grand, Shesaung and Po Pyae printing houses; K 20,000 by Thazin Printing House and Shwe Pon Printing House and K 10,000 by Takkatho Sein Tin (Seint Education); and medicines and medical equipment worth K 700,000 by Dr Moe Nyan Kyaw of Bumrungrad International Hospital based in Thailand.

Minister gives instructions on rehabilitation tasks in Kungyangon

YANGON, 9 June - Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with members of the rehabilitation committee, sub-committee and officials concerned in Kungyangon on 7 June and gave instructions on rehabilitation tasks in the town.

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay also attended the meeting. After the meeting, the minister and party visited Myoma Market in Kungyangon and briefed vendors and owners of shops of the market on renovation tasks of the market.

The minister inspected removal of fallen trees and debris on the entrance to the town by volunteers including Tatmadawmen and members of Myanmar Police Force the next day.

Afterwards, the minister viewed the ploughing in Kamapar Village in the township with the use of power -tillers and fulfilled the requirements.

Post-Nargis Joint Assessment teams to make field trips to storm-affected areas

YANGON, 9 June – Under the cooperation of the Myanmar Government, ASEAN and the UN, a ceremony to send off PONJA teams (Post Nargis Joint Assessment) to undertake field assessments in the Ayeyawady Delta and Yangon Division for the rescue and resettlement works took place at the Grand Ballroom of the Chatrium Hotel here this afternoon.

The Tripartite Core Group (TCG) chaired by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and members attended the ceremony.

The PONJA teams comprising the VTA teams (Village Tract Assessment) and the DaLA teams (Damage and Loss Assessment) will start assessment for the 30 selected townships including 11 in the Ayeyawady Delta and 19 in Yangon Division. The assessment that lasts 10 days will be carried out by six separate groups and will be compiled as a report.

The sending off ceremony for the PONJA teams was also attended by the Ambassador of Singapore and TCG members.

Staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd take part in reconstruction works

YANGON, 9 June-As the repair of Bogale People's Hospital in Bogale Township Ayeyawady Division had been completed, staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd donated medical equipment to Bogale People's Hospital on 8 June.

Staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd donated 20 beds, 2 Air-cons and an oxygen machine through Superintendent Dr Daw Hla Hla Kyi (Head of Bogale Township Health Department). Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd has donated compressor, water pumps, fibre tank, batteries and medicines and is donating new building for the hospital.

Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd has rebuilt 7 BEPS, 7 government offices, 17 religious buildings so far and is presenting the storm-hit villages with power tillers and paddy strains. They are also repairing Sadhamahidakari monastery, Myoma market, 88 village schools. Staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd, based in Bogale, are giving a helpful hand in relief and rehabilitation tasks and also providing health care to the storm victims.