

News Release (May-20)
Situation in Kyaik Latt Township (May 20, 2008)

Kyun Ka Lay village, Kyaik Latt Township

It is reported that 95 out of 100 houses were destroyed. The only school in the village and the monastery are also badly damaged. No help is received so far. Authority said temporary school will be reestablished on May 18 to accept enrollment and registration soon. Township Peace and Development Council delivered aids with lucky draw system. They only allow farmers to draw but not owner of farms or paddy fields. Those who won the draw received a packet of instant noodle (or) a packet of biscuits and a plate. Some people received one small packet of rice. People used palm leaves for roofing. I D E (International Development Enterprise) distributed roofing sheets on May 18, 2008. Food and clothes remain out of items.

Ahuu village

Since the storm has hit the village, no aid or assistance come to the village except two packets of rice (*two pyay*) for each household. There are about 70 households in the whole village. 855 acres of paddy fields were damaged. If farmers can not grow rice in the coming season, they assess they might surely be facing starvation in the next year. No help comes to the village except some tarpaulin sheets.

Gway chaungkyi village

Most of over 100 houses in the village were destroyed. Some of them could not be rebuilt. Schools and monasteries are among them. No help received so far except two small packet of rice.

Mezzali Gon village

70 out of 100 houses including schools collapsed. Most of villagers are farmers and could not reconstruct their house. People stay together in other people's house who could rebuild theirs. No help except two packets of rice from Township Peace and Development Council.

Gwaychang Lay village

All 100 houses including monastery except three collapsed. People stay in the school but were forced by authorities to go back to their damaged houses for the reason of referendum. Therefore they have to stay in nearby houses in their neighborhood. No help except two small packets of rice delivered by Township Peace and Development Council come to the village.

Thabyu Sate village

Most of 50 houses were destroyed. Most villagers could not rebuild their houses so have to live in nearby houses of those who could rebuild theirs. No help except two small packets of rice delivered by Township Peace and Development Council, come to the village.

Meikthalin village

All 70 houses in the village collapsed. Most of villagers are random workers. Some villagers received two packets of rice with instant noodle and a packet of snack delivered by authority with lucky draw system.

Phayargyi Kwin village

Most of 50 houses collapsed. Most villagers are farmers. Only two packets of rice or one instant noodle packet with lucky draw system were distributed so far.

Mayan Kalay village tract

Mayan Ywar Ma, Kala Lay, Patote , Yakkani and Chauk Ein Tan villagers are included in the Mayan Kalay village tract in Kyaik Latt Township. There are altogether 1826 acres in the village tract. Most houses in the whole village tract were destroyed by the storm. No assistance except two packets of rice delivered by Township Peace and Development Council come to the villages. There are 3 primary schools in the whole village tract; Mayan Ywar Ma primary school with 5 teachers and 170 students, Patote and Kala Lay primary school with 3 teachers and 230 students, and Yakkani and Chauk Ein Tan primary school with 3 teachers and 180 students. All schools were badly damaged by the storm. The school from Chauk Ein Tan village will be removed to the monastery and authority said students can enroll on May 25. The school in Mayan village will be used for polling station on the day of referendum. Most of the victims accepted 2 packets of rice.

Kungyangon situation update

According to a doctor who went to some villages by boat and witnessed troubles of villagers, a lot of dead bodies of human being and animals like cows and buffalos remained in the water making bad smell around Lunthee and Chaung Gyi villages.



Refugees live outside the monastery with makeshift shelter.



Dead bodies remain uncollected so far in Nha Pudah Township



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Photos in Pyinsaluu Township



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