

# Information bulletin



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Myanmar: Tropical Cyclone

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The Myanmar Red Cross Society is actively monitoring Tropical Cyclone Nargis and has initiated preparedness and response activities for the possible effects of the cyclone.

The Myanmar national society, with the support of the International Federation, has determined that external assistance is not required at this time, and is therefore not seeking funding or other assistance from donors.

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### The Situation

Tropical cyclone Nargis was forecasted to intensify in strength from a category 3 to a category 4 cyclone on 2 May 2008. Currently, Nargis lies approximately 265 km to the southwest of Yangon, Myanmar. Weather forecasts also indicate that the system will rapidly weaken and the storm itself is expected to completely dissipate after making landfall.

Areas that will possibly be affected include the Ayeyawady division (Dedaye, Labutta, Pyapon, Ngaputaw and Pathein townships), Rakhine state (Sittwe, Kyauk Phyu) and the Thanintayi division (Myeik). Present weather remains clear and dry in other parts of the country.

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) has alerted areas that may be affected by the cyclone. Current relief supplies in the national society's warehouses include 300 family kits in Ayeyawady, 150 in Kachin and 200 in Rakhine.

The International Federation's Southeast Asia regional office in Bangkok has also alerted the national societies of neighbouring countries that may also be affected by the cyclone. MRCS' Local Disaster Response Team branches that lie in the expected path of the cyclone remain on alert. The national society is currently maintaining close coordination with the ministry of social welfare and resettlement.

Three response teams comprising disaster management, health, communication and first aid specialists from the national society's headquarters are on stand-by to support local Red Cross branches. An internal communication 24/7 hotline has been established for local branch assessment team communication. The International Federation's country office has updated the media on the

national society's preparedness activities. Updates on the situation have also been announced and early warnings have been made through national public radio.

The regional office continues to share weather information bulletin warnings with the MRCS and country office. The head of the country office also participated in the interagency standing committee (IASC) coordination meeting. The MRCS will meet tomorrow morning in order to review assessment team plans and confer with other organizations regarding subsequent plans of action and coordination strategies.

The MRCS, International Federation country office and the Southeast Asia regional office are maintaining close coordination and communication in order to ensure necessary action is carried out as smoothly as possible. Full alert status is observed, despite weather forecasts that indicate Nargis will diminish in strength over the next 48 hours.

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### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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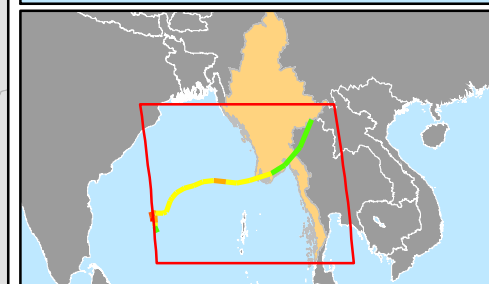
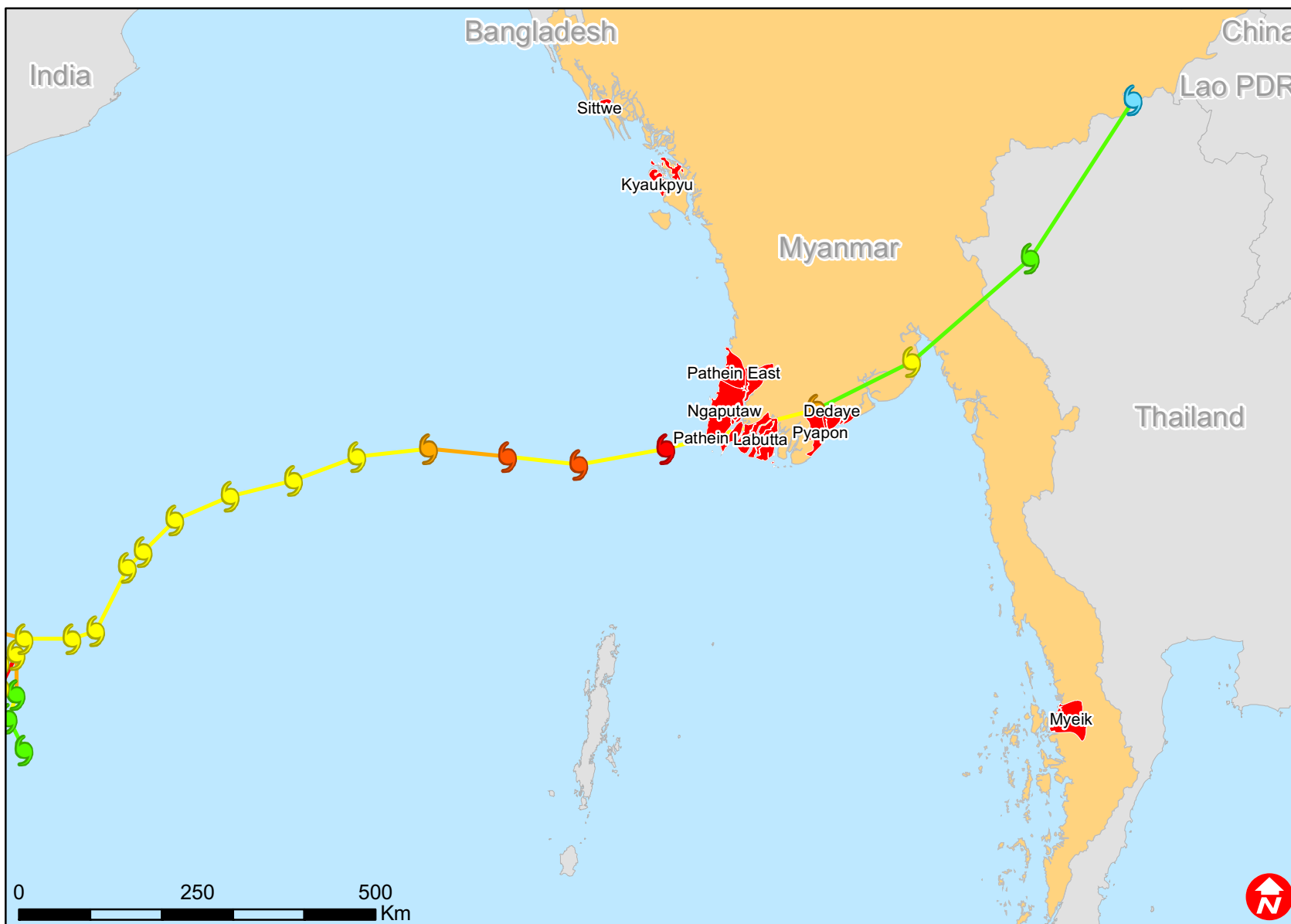
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