



Cargo Flight Arrival from UK holding 14 Aluminium Motorised Boats

At 7:20 am this morning we assisted with the clearance of a second cargo flight from United Kingdom landed at Yangon International Airport transporting 14 of the latest aluminium boats fitted with 40 HP Mercury outboard motors for Save the Children. Each of these 14 boats has a length of 30 ft long and a beam of 6½ feet, and is flat-bottomed craft suitable for navigating the Delta, and landing up on beaches. With a payload of up to 6½ tons, these boats can also transport from 40 to 60 persons.

Such craft will be essential to transport water and food, and clothes and emergency aid which Save the Children are distributing out to isolated villages in the Delta. This waterborne lifeline will also enable medical teams to bring injured and sick survivors in to the four pre-fabricated hospital centres under construction in Thingangone, and planned for Hainggyi Island, Magyipin and Kyonku.

In the immediate term, the 500 tents air-freighted in from the UK last night, are currently on the docks at Pathein waiting for an available vessel to take them down to Hainggyi Island, Thingangone, and the other villages in the Delta, could go down to the Delta. These tents are urgently needed at ground zero, as are the plastic sheeting which also came in with recent air shipments.

Another UK cargo flight, originating from Dubai, UAE, also contained donated materials for Save the Children, landed with loaded with a cargo-hold of much-needed plastic sheeting. 7,000 of these plastic are already en route this evening to Pathein by truck to be shipped down to the Delta.

The flights we have assisted in clearing on behalf of Save the Children at Yangon International Airport have all been unloaded smoothly and swiftly, and with a total absence of interference or bureaucracy. This morning's flight landed at 6:20 am, and all 14 the boats had be unloaded and dispatched out of the airport by 9:30 am. Members of Operations Team of Engineers who came with the shipment are overseeing the assembly and water trials of the boats. In addition, they are training crews to man these craft, before they are sent down to the Delta for deployment by Save the Children.





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Serge Pun, Chairman of the SPA/FMI Group of Companies, a Myanmar representative of Save the Children, along with the UK Operations Team from the United Kingdom at Yangon International Airport receiving the UK Government's donation of 14 motorised 40 foot aluminium emergency relief boats



14 motorised 40 foot aluminium boats in the cargo hold along with 40 HP outboard motors, full sets of spare parts, life vests, and other equipment for the craft in the hold the cargo plane from the UK at Yangon International Airport prior to unloading these urgently needed items



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Serge Pun along with the Operations Team Engineers from the United Kingdom Yangon International Airport who accompanied the flight from the UK unloading the 14 motorised 40 foot aluminium boats for Save the Children



Members of the UK Operations Team at Yangon International Airport unloading Save the Children's 14 motorised 40 foot aluminium boats from the UK cargo plane with the press photographers recording the flight's cargo discharge



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Members of the Operations Team Engineers from the United Kingdom unloading Save the Children's 14 motorised 40 foot aluminium boats from the UK cargo plane at Yangon International Airport



The forward bow half of the 14 motorised 40 foot aluminium boats showing the mid-ship bulkhead where the rear after section bolts the whole craft together. 7 of these boats will arrive in Patheingyi by road this afternoon, ready for assembly or transshipment down to the Delta



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Jacqui Gavin, Logistics Specialist from the Operations Team from the UK on the tarmac organizing the dispatch by truck of Save the Children's 14 motorised 40 foot flat-bottomed aluminium emergency relief boats at Yangon International Airport



USAF C-130 transport plane flown in by US Air Force pilots on the tarmac at Yangon International Airport to deliver plastic sheeting for the relief effort in Myanmar